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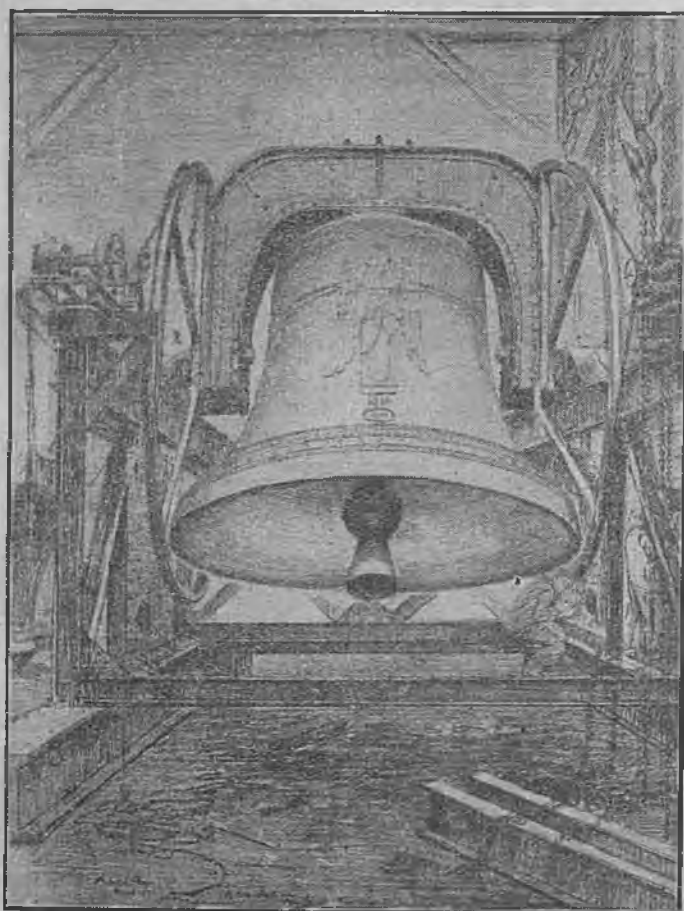
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DIOCESAN ADVISERS.

Diocesan Advisory Committees are not an unmixed blessing. They have an immense amount of influence, which, of course, they use according to their lights; but the difficulty is that in the case of bells their lights are not always backed by knowledge. In Suffolk a recent action by the Advisory Committee for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich has caused the Suffolk Guild to enter an indignant protest. The committee, according to report, advised the recasting of Cavendish bells without taking proper steps to find out whether this was the best course to pursue. As a rule, if there is any trouble, it is because when recasting is thought by the experts to be necessary Advisory Committees are reluctant to acquiesce; but here the boot appears to be on the other foot. Whether that is so or not — we are not fully acquainted with the facts—it is, as a general principle, a dangerous thing to advise on a technical matter without first consulting expert opinion if it is available. For this reason efforts have been made in recent years to secure the appointment on every Diocesan Advisory Committee of someone with a practical knowledge of bells and bell ringing to assist the committees. While in a number of dioceses the authorities have gladly accepted this proffered help, there are unfortunately some of those responsible who still prefer to ignore the representations of the ringing organisations.

Bells are a subject which laymen know very little about, and there have been some conspicuous examples of mistakes being made in regard to bells from failure to call in competent advice. In several dioceses, however, a leading ringer now has a seat on the Advisory Committee, and in others the committees make a practice of calling in the opinion of an independent authority from the diocesan ringers' organisation whenever they have a bell restoration or augmentation under consideration. Such action has been of advantage to all concerned, because the hands of local and diocesan bodies have been strengthened by practical views and this independent opinion has often been helpful also to the bell founders who have made recommendations as to necessary work. It is, therefore, all important that the county and diocesan guilds of ringers should, where there has as yet been no recognition, continue to impress upon the church authorities the value of having at their disposal advice from someone with a personal knowledge of bells and bell ringing. It is to be regretted that there are still some clergy who decline to realise that a ringer can know anything about bell hanging, and that there are in high places some who, either from ignorance or perversity,

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will not recognise the value of getting this practical advice. Associations, in these dioceses, should use persistent endeavours to overcome these prejudices, and in the meantime it might be of advantage to remind the parochial church councils, through such channels as are available, that they can have the advantage of independent opinion when any matter which directly or indirectly affects their bells is under discussion, because in practically every diocese in these days there can be found men qualified to give competent advice.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	*FRANK SMITH 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	*GEORGE W. STEERE 8
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	WALTER AYRE 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	GEORGE A. CARD 10
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 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 Twelve. First Surprise peal on the bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt. in B.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	*JAMES HEMMING 7
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	*CLIFFORD SIDMORE 8
*SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
JOHN BASS 5	ROBERT MATTHEWS 11
JAMES E. GROVES 6	*CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman as conductor. The first peal on the recast ring of twelve, for permission to ring which the band wish to thank the Dean and Chapter.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

WILLIAM C. COOPER Treble	*JOHN ROUND 6
JOHN PRICE 2	WILLIAM GREEN 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
SAMUEL BAKER 4	JOHN GOODMAN 9
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

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

* First peal of Grandsire Caters and first attempt. Great credit is due to this ringer for the style in which he rang his bell, he not having rung on ten bells previously. 50th peal of Caters conducted by John Goodman. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bessie E. Sheppard (eldest daughter of Mr. Herbert Sheppard, the esteemed hon. secretary of the above Guild), on the eve of her 21st birthday.

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THE FUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lambert,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	THOMAS W. LAST 7
*GEORGE PRYKE 3	JAMES BETTS 8
ALBERT A. FLEMING... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT 9
*GEORGE BENNETT 5	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by H. J. TACKER. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal by all the band, also on the bells and on tower bells by the above Guild. A birthday compliment to Leslie Brett and Leslie Wightman.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	JOSEPH S. CARTER 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	† J. FREDERICK MILNER 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 9
*JOSEPH T. DYKE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First 'touch' in the method. * 350th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal and 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JOHN KIDD Treble	WILLIAM HAIGH 5
HARRY SPRINGATE 2	WILLIAM WALKER 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	CHARLES NORRIS 7
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 4	FRANK BELSEY Tenor

8 Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

* First of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. William Walker's 260th peal, and rung on his birthday.

GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

WALTER J. SIMMONS... .. Treble	*RICHARD BELL 5
*FREDERICK ALLEWAY 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
*JOHN ROOTES 3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 7
CHARLES DYKE 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, and also on the anniversary of the opening of the bells.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM BRISON 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	FRANK CORKE 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This composition contains the full combination of 4th, 5th, 6th in 5.6, in natural courses.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CLARENCE BLACKBURN Treble	HARRY MARSDEN 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	ARNOLD BLACKBURN 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
FRED HODGSON 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 2½ cwt.

ARCHIBALD C. KAY Treble	*JAMES BASSETT 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	PHILIP HODGKIN 6
THOMAS E. SONE... .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
PERCY PAGE... .. 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (281). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*CECIL WALMSLEY Treble	THOMAS CALDERBANK 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	JOHN BROWN 6
JAMES HARRISON 3	† WILLIAM ILLSLEY 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

TREVERS PRICHARD Treble	FRANK PONTING 5
FRANK SIMMONDS... .. 2	HARRY PHELPS 6
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	HARRY BARRETT 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	JOHN BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

First peal of Major by all except the ringers of 3rd, 4th and tenor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-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.	
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
*ALFRED BALLARD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 25th peal.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 5
WALTER ARNOLD... .. 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
GEORGE W. MOSS 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	ARTHUR SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells, also by E. W. Furbank. The band desire to thank the Vicar (Rev. Roughton) for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality at the finish of the peal.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN S. HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM H. HOWE 5
EDWARD W. BIFFEN 2	EDMUND M. SARGENT 6
JOHN HOSGOOD 3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 7
TOM G. BARTLETT 4	CHARLES R. SANDFORD Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. BIFFEN.

* First peal away from the tenor. It was intended that this peal should be an 'all railwaymen's' peal, but owing to the unavoidable absence of one of the band Mr. William Howe kindly consented to take the vacant rope. Five of the band work on the Southern Railway, the conductor and ringer of 3rd on the G.W. Railway, and all reside in Exeter.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

SIDNEY F. PALMER Treble	MAURICE E. WILSON 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	*JAMES F. MYERS 6
JOHN THORPE 3	OLIVER CAWOOD 7
ROBERT HARRISON 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS

* First peal and first attempt by J. Myers, for whom it was specially arranged. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. Thorpe and Wilson.

SELLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 23, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 3	HARRY PARKES 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	CHARLES J. HEAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL 5
CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
WILLIAM C. PITTMAN 3	*HARRY PARKES 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	ARCHIBALD C. KAY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* 125th peal.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. FRANKLIN Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	WILLIAM BIDNELL 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
WILLIAM C. PITTMAN 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

The band wish to thank Messrs. Player and Bidnell for their kindness in taking them from tower to tower in their cars.

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

On Monday, December 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 5
WILLIAM H. WAIN 2	FRED A. ADAMS 6
WILLIAM WAIN 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
JOHN P. TARTON 4	BERT WHEELER Tenor

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

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	WILLIAM HEWETT 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	*ERNEST BRETT 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. This was the Reverse Variation of the author's well-known three-part, and contains the 4th and 6th each nine courses in 6th's.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESTER L. GREY Treble	THOMAS W. GILMOUR 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	JOHN BREKSE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN THORPE Treble	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 5
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 2	JOE GARTH 6
*ALFRED BASFORD 3	RONALD E. JOHNSON 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBBY.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal.

TODDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

*EDWARD B. CHAPPELL Treble	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 5
†BERT F. CALCOTT 2	GEORGE W. HELEY 6
†AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 7
GEORGE H. SENTANCE 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by J. H. BLAKISTON.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Major inside. ‡ 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

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KILDWICK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON	Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON	5
THOMAS B. KENDALL	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON	6
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH	3	WILLIAM HORAN	7
JOSEPH BROADLEY	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Bertholine,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ARTHUR ALLMAN	Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	5
* HAROLD G. SMITH	2	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY	6
* CHARLES S. RYLES	3	JOHN BRASSINGTON	7
HARRY PARKER	4	ALBERT CRAWLEY	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal, and has now rung each bell in the tower through a peal.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT BOOTH	Treble	JOHN SAMUEL ROYLE	5
WALTER LONGMAN	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	6
* THOMAS ARROWSMITH	3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	7
CHARLES S. RYLES	4	HARRY PARKER	Tenor

Composed by J. RYLES.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Major.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	* ARTHUR V. DAVIS	5
* GEORGE B. COLE	2	FREDERICK G. COLE	6
CHARLES H. JENNINGS	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	7
* FREDERICK C. BENDER	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. H. Green, a member of the local band.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM	Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	RICHARD C. BELTON	6
LEONARD HEWITT	3	GEORGE A. NEWTON	7
THOMAS W. WRIGHT	4	FRED COTTON	Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by F. COTTON.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HUTTON	Treble	FREDERICK MESSENGER	5
FRANK BECKETT	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
JACK HONEY	3	GEORGE HORWOOD	7
RICHARD POST	4	* CHARLES TYLER	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE	Treble	MADRICE SMITH	5
RUPERT R. LEWIS	2	JOHN SIMONS	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
ALBERT W. COLES	4	THOMAS IMPEY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells, which have recently been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Taylor, the 'go' being splendid and the tone a treat to listen to.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY BAXTER	Treble	FREDERICK J. TITE	5
JOHN SADDINGTON	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	6
* GEORGE WARREN	3	CYRIL D. NICHOLLS	7
* HARRY WARREN	4	ROBERT G. BLACK	Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by R. G. BLACK.

* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob. Arranged to oblige Mr. J. Saddington, of Loughborough, and formerly of Kettering.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES F. MEE	Treble	EDGAR RIVERS	5
HARRY J. MEE	2	FRANK ROLFE	6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	3	CHARLES CATCHEPOLE	7
CHARLES MEE	4	FREDERICK TILLET	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CALNE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

* JOHN BOULTER	Treble	† LESLIE BOX	5
THOMAS DAVISON	2	LOUIS A. WILSON	6
SYDNEY WILTSHIRE	3	FRED LAMBETH	7
ERNEST BISHOP	4	W. S. LAURENCE	Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY WILTSHIRE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples and first attempt. Ringers of the 1st, 5th, 6th and 8th are members of the local band; 2nd, 3rd and 7th are from Chippenham and 4th from Swindon. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Amy Laurence, daughter of the tenor ringer, she being a member of the local band. Great credit is due to the treble ringer, who is only 15 years of age, for his excellent striking throughout, as he had never rung more than 338 Triples before. He stepped into the breach at the last moment.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

LIVERSEDGE VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

CHARLES H. SONE	Treble	HARRY BAKER	5
MRS. H. BAKER	2	JAMES BASSETT	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	ALBERT RELFE	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ARTHUR H. SMITH	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First attempt by the band in this variation.

WISHAW, SCOTLAND.—On December 23rd, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: J. G. Lewis (first 720) 1-2, S. H. Wood 3-4, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 5-6.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 3, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*GEORGE WYATT... ..Treble	ERNEST FORBANK 3
*ARTHUR RAINBIRD 2	*GEORGE SEWELL 4

ALBERT RAINBIRDTenor

Conducted by ALBERT RAINBIRD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, and rung on the birthday of the conductor, his mother, and the wife of the 2nd ringer.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

J. BRINDLEY JONES ... ..Treble	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 4
ALAC A. RACKHAM 2	WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS 5
*G. ROBERT JONES 3	GEORGE POPNELL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal of Minor. Mr. Geo. Popnell has now completed the circle in this tower, having rung each bell to a peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to the ringer of the treble and Mrs. Jones, the latter being the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd and niece of the ringer of the 4th.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

GEORGE A. NEWTON... ..Treble	C. HENRY WEBB... .. 4
*RONALD RUSSELL 2	TOM ATKINS 5
GEORGE THOMPSON 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Treble Bob. Quickest peal on the bells. This is the 114th lower in the Leicester diocese in which the conductor has rung peals.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven complete 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

WILLIAM BAVIN ... ..Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
ARTHUR WM. T. GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The 154th 720 in 1928 for the conductor, and the 552nd since January, 1925.

MAXEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Double Oxford, two of Oxford Bob, two of Double Court, and one each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY... ..Treble	JOHN G. AMES 4
GEORGE LADD 2	JOHN CURRY 5
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 3	WILLIAM TILLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Mr. Ames has now rung Minor peals in one to eight methods inclusive.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Wednesday, December 26th, at Christ Church, 1,200 Bob Minor: J. H. Burton 1. J. A. D. Webb (first quarter-peal inside) 3. J. A. Trollope 4. W. H. Hollier 5. E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6. W. G. Wilson 7. A. Harding 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Grandsire Triples.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN... ..Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS 5
THOMAS E. WARD 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

JOHN J. JUTSON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 2	ERNEST J. WAKELING... .. 5
MRS. ANNIE M. WAKELING 3	FRANK RAWLINSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JUTSON.

Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Wakeling.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE PARTON ... ..Treble	CHARLES DARBY 4
GEORGE FEARN 2	ERNEST CALCUTT 5
RALPH PARTON 3	P.C. ALFRED HOLLIS... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CALCUTT.

First peal by all.

(The reports of many other peals are unavoidably held over.)

RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday last, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Shenfield, Essex, a very pretty wedding was solemnised. Mr. John C. Furlong, one of the local ringers, being married to Miss V. K. F. Leggett. Both the bride's father and brother are members of the Shenfield Guild. In a short address, the Rector (Rev. J. W. Lewis), who performed the ceremony, made special reference to ringing and ringers, and said that every Sunday the bridegroom and his friends took their places in the belfry and sent forth the call to worship, reminding everyone who heard the bells that there is a church, that there is a service, and, above all, that there is a God. When the bridal pair left the church, the organist (Mr. S. J. Bunnell, A.R.C.O.) played Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March,' and the bells rang out to 360 of Grandsire Doubles by the bridegroom's fellow-ringers.

Later in the afternoon six ringers from the district rang a peal of Bob Minor in celebration of the event, with best wishes for the future of the bride and bridegroom.

SHROTON RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Felix Arnold (captain of the Shroton bellringers, and also instructor in change ringing), who passed away on Christmas Day at the age of 51 years, after a short illness of one week. His death cast a gloom over the parish as well as in the neighbourhood, as he was well known in most of the towers in North Dorset. Deceased leaves a widow and one son to mourn their loss.

In addition to being a bellringer, Mr. Arnold was also a member of the church choir for many years.

The interment took place on Thursday week, amidst every mark of respect. The church was crowded. Rev. Canon Bower, Rector of Child Okeford, officiated in the absence of the Rector (Rev. R. H. Gundry) through illness.

The service was fully choral. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, and open after the service, as at a recent funeral deceased was heard to remark that he should like the bells rung open if it were for him.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one from the Shroton ringers and choir in the shape of a bell, also wreaths from Iwerne Minster and Child Okeford ringers. Ringers were present at the service from Child Okeford, Fontwell Magna, Iwerne Minster and others.

A GOOD OLD CUSTOM.**AN ENJOYABLE EVENING AT ECCLESFIELD.**

Ecclesfield's old custom of having a ringers' supper at Christmas time was kept up on Saturday, December 22nd, when about 40 ringers and friends met at this township on the outskirts of Sheffield, visitors being present from Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and St. Marie's companies.

Various residents in the township, who take a keen interest both in the bells and ringers, supplied the wherewithal for the meal, their generosity being evidenced by the amount of food placed at the disposal for the party, two legs of mutton, a fine piece of beef, potatoes, greens, seasoned pudding, Christmas pudding and rum sauce, followed by cheese and celery, providing a repast good enough to satisfy even the keenest of appetites.

During the afternoon a good peal of Treble Bob Major had been successfully brought round, after which the band retired to the Black Bull Hotel and joined the waiting friends to partake of the supper served under the guidance of Hostess Jackson. The Vicar (Rev. A. Pawson, M.A.) and the churchwardens were present, and after everyone had had their appetite appeased the tables were cleared in preparation for a jolly evening.

A good course of Grandsire Caters, followed by a capital course of Stedman Cinques on the handbells, opened the proceedings. Then followed items by various soloists, each one being greeted with 'encore,' particularly the visitor who is a member of the Orpheus Male Voice Choir. Especial mention should also be made of the two gentlemen who sang 'Grandfather's Clock' and 'Farmer's Boy,' which gave the audience an opportunity to test their vocal powers. The carols, composed by the late Dr. Gatty, which have become a special feature with the Ecclesfield Christmas suppers, were lustily sung, but the 'tit-bit' of the evening was the entertainment provided by 'Professor' Sayle with his mouth organs. One has heard of a piano being made to 'talk,' but 'Professor' Sayle and his mouth organs made his audience 'speechless,' so astonished were they at the intricate pieces he played with scarcely a sign of movement either of his mouth or mouth organ whilst playing.

One of the visitors thanked the Vicar and the churchwardens for their presence, also the artistes for all they had done to make such

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Thorne on Saturday, December 15th, and despite the small attendance was thoroughly successful, the bells (eight) being rung to the various standard methods. A short service was conducted by the venerable Vicar of Thorne (Canon J. J. Littlewood), who has held the vicariate for close on fifty years. He will shortly celebrate his 80th birthday, and still retains all his faculties to a remarkable degree. He gave an informal address, and pleaded with ringers to attend an early celebration of the Holy Communion, in lieu of attending the services for which they rang.

Tea was served in the Mission Room to twenty members, representing towers in Arksey, Yoole, Hemmingbrough, Hull, Pontefract, Selby, Snaith and Thorne, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar occupying the chair.—An apology for absence was received from the Ringing Master, Mr. W. Middleton (Beverley).

The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract (All Saints'), in March by kind invitation of the Vicar and local company.

One new member was elected, Mr. R. Grice, of Hemmingbrough.

A unanimous hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mr. C. H. Thorley for the usual arrangements concluded a very harmonious meeting, the Vicar personally wishing every member present 'a happy Christmas,' and bidding all good-bye, as he retires shortly.

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an enjoyable evening possible. The speaker referred to the wonderful improvement in the condition of the belfry to what he had known it even during recent years. The ringing room had been thoroughly cleaned and decorated, new carpets laid, and the lighting conditions vastly improved. To Messrs. Lewis and Huddleston, who are responsible for this 'step in the right direction,' all credit is due, and it is hoped that the band, especially the learners, will stick to them and appreciate the conditions which now prevail.

The Vicar expressed his delight at being able to be present, and, with the previous speaker, he hoped that their custom of having a ringers' supper would be carried on year by year.

The evening passed all too quickly, but, like all other good things, had eventually to come to an end, so with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne,' the party broke up, each extending to the others the season's greetings, and hoping for as good a time at next year's 'do.'

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

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

The bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday, at 7.55 p.m., from 5G.B.

Short notice of a meeting of the Hereford Guild at Ross appears elsewhere. The meeting is to be held to-morrow.

Mr. J. A. Trollope was one of those who found himself in 'the danger zone' when Holborn suffered from the disastrous underground explosions. With roads and pavements heaving and lampposts toppling over, the experience was both exciting and alarming, but although Mr. Trollope was only a few feet away from the scene of one of the biggest subterranean explosions, he happily escaped injury.

The peal rung at Hillingdon, Middlesex, on December 15th, was Grandsire Caters, and not Stedman as published.

Mr. R. G. Tickner, of Worpleston, Surrey, a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, died suddenly on Christmas Eve.

Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, informs us that Holt's Original, rung at Saffron Walden on Christmas Day, 1753, was not the first performance in which the conductor took part in the peal. The composition was rung at Norwich twice in 1752, the first time at St. Michael's Coslany, on August 22nd, and the second time at St. Giles', on October 22nd. They were conducted by William Dixon, and both peals are recorded in the 'Norwich Mercury.'

The record of the first performance is as follows: 'On Saturday, August 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Michael's Coslany a complete 5,040 of Mr. Holt's Tripples in 3 hrs. without changes alike or a bell out of course, it being the first time ever performed by eight men only, so intricate it was thought no man could ring a bell and call the bobs. It has been rang in London and Stonham Aspal with prompts, but was rang by these men without a prompt.'

Holt's Original, says Mr. Slater, was the only peal rung at Stonham Aspal up to that date.

A hundred and forty-five years ago to-day a peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (where the first peal of Cambridge Maximus was rung on Boxing Day) was rung by the College Youths on January 6th, 1785.

The second ring of twelve to be put up in England was Cirencester, but the first peal on them was not rung until 1767, when on January 7th, the College Youths scored a peal of Grandsire Cinques.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark was rung on January 10th, 1837, composed and conducted by John Cox, and credited to the Junior Society of College Youths.

Henry Johnson, the Birmingham celebrity, whose memory is perpetuated by the annual commemoration dinner, died at Aston on January 7th, 1890, in his 81st year.

Samuel Thurston, the great Norwich ringer, died on January 9th, 1841.

THE BATES APPAL FUND.

Appended is a further list of subscriptions to the fund which has been raised to assist the widow and family of the late Mr. E. Bates, of Dartford. As the fund is now to be closed, intending subscribers are asked to forward their contributions at once.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	36	0	9
Mr. A. S. Roberts		2	0
All Saints, Leighton Buzzard (per Mr. J. Nicholls)		8	0
Guildford Diocesan Guild district meeting, Aldershot (per Mr. Bernard H. Clark)	1	0	0
F. G. N.		2	6
Three B's		10	0
St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin (per Mr. Wm. H. Urison)		10	0
Herts Association West District meeting at Redbourne (per Mr. Walter Ayres)		11	0
Mr. R. R. Knight		2	6
Mr. F. Wilford		2	6
Mrs. F. Wilford		2	6
E. C. L.		2	0
A Friend		5	0
St. Barnabas, Linslade, ringers		3	6
M.C.A. Loughborough District meeting (per Mr. D. S. Collins)		8	6
Holy Trinity, Dartford (per Mr. R. A. Jenkins, second donation)		6	6
Mr. George Williams		2	0
St. John's, Erith, ringers (per Mr. F. J. Cullum, jun.)		10	0
Royal Cumberland Youths (per Mr. J. Sparrow)	1	1	0
St. Margaret's Society, Barking (per Mr. G. W. Faulkner)		10	0
St. George's, Gravesend (per Mr. A. S. Constant)		14	0
Thrapston ringers (per Mr. J. Nickerson)		6	6
Mr. H. W. Wilde		2	6
Total	£44	3	3

ANNABLE AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As one of the committee appointed to revise the College Youths' latest book of rules, perhaps I might be allowed, though unofficially, to make a few comments in reply to the interesting letter from the pen of 'Collegian' which you have just published.

The association of Annable's name with the peal rung at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, in 1690, certainly causes a difficulty to arise, and it is a very real one for the very reasons which your correspondent points out. He will be interested to know that it was remarked upon by me two or three years ago, and that it was the subject of some debate amongst the committee before, at my recommendation, the lines on page 6 were allowed to go forward, i.e., 'It is stated in the records,' etc.

The committee were only instructed to bring out another edition of the Rule Book; like our predecessors, we used the data and material to hand. In one of the society's books, which was rebound and probably partly rewritten about 100 years ago, there is an introduction closely written and running to two or three pages. The volume is called, 'Copy Peal Book, No. I,' and apart from deliberate falsification this introduction looks remarkably genuine. For a part of its statements it purports to reproduce from MSS 100 years earlier, and, so far as I am aware, it has never been challenged. It is from this that the particulars on page 6 are taken.

The details about the peal are interesting in more than one way. They are fully given—method, time, changes, the band, and how they stood, who conducted and composed, and the date thus: 'On the 7th of January, 1689-90.' The latter seems to favour its general veracity, for it was the way of writing when the 'Old Style' of dating the first quarter of a year was in vogue. It thus looks like a genuine transcription, for a hundred years later they would have used 'January 7th, 1690.'

The admission of the peal will not, of course, remove the difficulty about Annable. I suggest that he was far older than his contemporaries thought; perhaps a well-preserved and vigorous old man, at a time when all wore wigs. (I believe that when Mr. Daniel searched the Register at St. Bride's, he found no details save that of the interment.) Failing this, I would hazard that in the several transcriptions, Annable's name was added as conductor and composer, where the original had omitted to state these, and 'hearsay,' like a rolling snowball, had eventually added what was deemed the only possible name, and incidentally overlooked the age difficulty. There are other solutions one might add, but such may well be left to the ingenuity of your readers. Research may yet help us, but so far we are at a standstill, for a reference to Snowdon and Osborne does not help us. The former casts doubts upon the peal, and the latter suggests that it is only a presumption based upon no record. All, however, allow that the peal of Cinques at St. Bride's is the earliest recorded peal. If this be so, the 'College Youths' seem to have sprung into fame and strength, much as Minerva sprang from the head of Jove, fully armed for either field or Council.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

P.S.—I have recently recovered one of the names from the missing list of Masters (see p. 17), viz., 1763, Mr. Thomas Lowe. This gives us hope for further discoveries. We may yet be able to write the lives of both Stedman and Annable.—E. A. Y.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to trespass on your valuable space and say how much I appreciate the wonderful work which has been successfully accomplished in restoring the south-west tower of Lincoln Cathedral and the augmentation of the bells to a ring of twelve.

The restoration work has been a stupendous task—one cannot realise until a personal inspection has been made how stupendous the task has been. We are told that 10,502 holes—equal to five and a half miles in length—have been drilled into the walls and surroundings of the south-west tower, and 19,280 gallons of grout—in weight approximately 84 tons—have been forced in. Mr. Godfrey, clerk of the works, has done his work well, and deserves every congratulation.

The bells, I venture to say, are the acme of perfection. The new trebles are sweet and clear, and can be heard distinctly when dodging with the tenors. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for what is surely the best light ring of twelve in the country.

The blocking of the louvres and the construction of a lantern roof has proved a successful experiment. This, however, is not a new idea, for it was tried with success at Bradford Cathedral in 1921. I wonder if the Dean and Chapter of York could be prevailed upon to make the same experiment with the south-west tower of the Minster? The truly magnificent ring of twelve in that tower could then be heard to greater advantage, and perhaps the alleged 'nasal twang' would be eliminated.—Yours truly,

A YORKSHIRE TYKE IN LINCOLN.

A RING OF TEN AT NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS.

On Monday, December 17th, two new treble bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield at the Parish Church of St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme. These were cast and hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, Surrey, and the original eight are hung with the latest fittings, including ball bearings. The splices were recognised by all the ringers as making a most musical peal of ten. The whole reflects great credit to the firm and workmen engaged on it.

Ringings commenced at 8 p.m. by members of the North Staffs Association, with touches of Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, and Treble Bob Royal. Visitors included representatives from Leek, Hanley, Wolstanton, Stoke, Fenton, Lawton, Burslem, Norton, Kids Grove, Biddulph, etc.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at St. John-the-Baptist's, Cardiff, on Boxing Day, when a good number of members mustered from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. The bells, a ring of ten, were started early in the afternoon, and kept going in various methods until 4.30, when service was conducted by the Rev. Ivor J. Bidgood (curate), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. Following the service, a very bountiful tea, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was served in the church schoolrooms in Trinity Street. Afterwards, the business meeting was held, at which the curate, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to Cardiff on behalf of the Vicar.

The usual routine business, such as the reading of the minutes, instructors' reports, restorations and augmentations, was dealt with. The selection of places to hold the next meetings resulted as follows: Newport, St. Woolos', for the annual meeting, Pontypridd and Monmouth for the next two quarterly meetings.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the election of Mr. George Martin, of Bedwas, as Master, Mr. F. Atwell and Mr. C. Greedy as auditors, and Mr. J. W. Jones as hon. secretary.

The Hon. Secretary reported that more peals had been rung during the year than in any year since the formation of the association, and that the higher methods were being practised.

New members were elected and subscriptions paid in. Mention was made that one of the members, Mr. E. Coles, of Whitechurch, had met with a bad accident, having broken a leg by slipping up on leaving the tower, after ringing for service on the previous Sunday.

A 'cap' was taken (to use a hunting term), which resulted in a nice little sum being collected for him.

The usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar and churchwardens for their hospitality, closed the meeting.

The bells were afterwards rung, terminating one of the best and pleasantest meetings ever held.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY H. CHANDLER.

AN OLD SUSSEX RINGER.

Ringers, particularly of Middlesex and Sussex, will regret to hear that Mr. Henry H. Chandler passed away about mid-day on Sunday last, at his home at Hillingdon, Middlesex.

Forty years ago Harry Chandler was well known in the Exercise for his activities in and around Warrnam, where he conducted many peals, and took part in some long lengths, including 13,440 of Canterbury Pleasure Major. In those days there was an enthusiastic band who thought nothing of reeling off a peal before breakfast on a Sunday morning, and ringing another in the afternoon. On one occasion the band started to ring a peal every day until they broke down. They scored seven or eight in this series. Such an amount of ringing would not have been possible without the goodwill of the parishioners, and happily the villagers were almost as interested in the peals as were the ringers. Under such conditions it was not surprising that Harry Chandler rang a considerable number of peals in a comparatively short time. After his work took him away from Warrnam, Mr. Chandler's peal ringing activities were considerably curtailed, and his opportunities became very limited. But he retained his keenness, and was ever welcome in a belfry. His genial nature well befitted his jovial appearance, and he was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. Chandler was, in his latter years, a member of the St. John's Society, Hillingdon. He rang regularly until a month or so ago, when he was stricken down with the illness which has, unfortunately, proved fatal. He was to have taken part in the peal rung at St. John's on December 15th, but at the last moment asked that his place should be filled by another. On the day of his decease, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 58 mins. with the bells half-muffled: C. C. Mayne (conductor) 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, Miss P. M. Moss 3, E. G. Baldwin 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, W. Honor 8.

AN ABRIDGED SYSTEM OF PROOF.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

[The following is the second 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.]

In the ordinary course of events, we should now treat the even rows with the treble in the same place (rows 7-28) in the same manner; but, as explained, one pair of rows is typical of (at least) the four which have the treble in the same place, if the lead-end be taken into consideration. The combinations from the other pair of rows should be governed by the alteration of the bell numbers from rounds to the lead-end. Forget Blocks Y and Z as 'positional' and 'coursing' pairs, and remember them only as 'pairs'; observe the difference between rounds and the lead-end, noting which bells of the lead-end replace those of the lead-head:

Rounds (the L.H.) 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8. has these pairs—

23, 35, 57, 78, 24, 46, 68.

The lead-end 1.4.6.2.8.3.7.5. replaces above

by 46, 68, 87, 75, 42, 23, 35.

Then the four combinations from rows 5-26 should, in rows 7-28, be altered by the above replacement thus: (1) 68 in 2/3 becomes 35 in 4/6; (2) 46 in 3/5 becomes 23 in 6/8; (3) 23 in 6/8 becomes 46 in 3/5; and (4) 35 in 4/6 becomes 68 in 2/3.

It so happens, in this section, that rows 7-28 produce the same four combinations that we got from rows 5-26. I will give a brief example of a section where this does not occur, but first let us summarise what we have done.

We take two rows from a section and apply Blocks Y and Z downwards, and we get two combinations. These two reversed give us two more. The whole four, altered by the lead-end, give us four more. Thus we produce the eight combinations which pertain to the four rows with the treble in third's place, from the one downward treatment by Blocks Y-Z.

The half-section being symmetrical, we may know that the whole section is symmetrical, and we can ignore the other four rows therein, i.e., those which have the treble in fourth's place; because, the section being symmetrical, they must give the same combinations. And so, by the half-treatment of one pair of rows, we establish the whole of the combinations applicable to the eight rows of this section. Symmetry in the half-section means that the same places are made between (or, if you prefer, 'from and to') rows 5-6, as those which are made between rows 7-8. Actually, in this instance, no place is made from 5-6 and from 7-8. The question of the places made (first's and second's) between rows 6-7 does not arise. The half-section with the treble in 5/6 also is symmetrical, because first's and fourth's places are made in rows 9-10, and also in rows 11-12. If the half-section with the treble in 3/4 had been asymmetrical, the same places not having been made, then a pair of the rows with the treble in fourth's place would also have to be 'half treated' as before.

One example of a section which does not produce the same combinations from the other pair of rows:—

Treated downwards by Blocks Y-Z, we get one combination only, 46 in 2/4. Oppositely, for the Rows.
1. + 12345678. upward, we have 24 in 4/6. These two, altered by the lead-end, give 23 in 2/4 and 24 in 2/3 respectively. Thus we get the four combinations which govern the eight rows of the section with the treble in 1/2.

If a pair of rows produce no combination, we may know that the particular section has a 'clean proof' scale, and nothing further need be done with it, provided the section is not asymmetrical, which doubtless the work.

OPERATIONS C and D.—Having established, from two rows, that they give certain combinations downwards, and ignoring for the moment those combinations which follow, we now trace the false 'course ends' from the two rows so treated. But in order fully to understand this condensed form of the orthodox operations (b), (d) and (e), we must first examine the positions held by the tenors in the lead-heads of the plain course, and with particular reference to the transposition back to rounds of any lead-head, i.e., how to 'bring up the course end' from any given lead-head.

The lead-heads of the plain course (of any regular Major method) are tabulated below, in the order in which the positional pairs of Blocks Y-Z are given:—

- R. Are the positions in which the tenors appear in the lead-heads.
- S. Are the lead-heads themselves.
- T. Signify by which row a lead-head must be transposed, in order to bring up the 'course end' (rounds).

R.	S.	T.
2/3	17856342	x 2/4
3/5	15738264	x 4/6
5/7	13527486	x 6/8
7/8	12345678	x 7/8
2/4	18674523	x 2/3
4/6	16482735	x 3/5
6/8	14263857	x 5/7

This means that the tenors are in 2/3 in lead-head 17856342; and that to bring up rounds from this lead-head it must be transposed by the 2/4 head (18674523). The 7/8 head, transposed by the 7/8

head will, of course, result in rounds; and so on. Incidentally, we can observe that the transpositions work both ways; i.e., rounds will result if 2/3 be transposed by 2/4, or 2/4 by 2/3; 3/5 x 4/6, or 4/6 x 3/5, and so on.

In the orthodox operations (b, d and e) we transpose the rows back to rounds, and by the resultants we transpose certain plain course lead-heads, which produce tenors-together false heads. These, in turn, are transposed by certain plain course lead-heads, and the false course ends are the results.

In the abridged system we go direct from the rows to operation (e). Instead of using rounds in transposing back the rows, we use, as the Hidden Factor, the lead-head which will bring up the course end from the lead-head indicated by the 'positional pair' in our combination. Then, by the resultant from this Hidden Factor, we transpose the lead-head indicated by the 'coursing pair' in the combination, and we produce the false course end.

This must first be applied to every combination obtained from the downward treatment of the two rows. The procedure is thus:—

Rows 5-26 gave us, downwards, the combination (1) '68 in 2/3.' The table 'RST' (above) tells us that '2/3' will come 'home' if transposed by row '2/4.' Then the Hidden Factor which must be applied to row 5 is the 2/4 lead-head. Read 18674523 in row 5, and under, in row 26, we shall find 15372486 as the resultant. Then, by this resultant, transpose the lead-head indicated by the 'coursing pair' of the combination, viz., 68. The 6/8 lead-head (14263857), transposed by the resultant (15372486), gives 13254678.

The coursing pair in a combination will indicate the lead of the plain course, and the positional pair will indicate the lead of the false course. Therefore, from the above, we deduce that the 2/3 lead of course 32546 will be false against the 6/8 lead of course 23456. Or, shortly put, PC(6/8) has 32546(2/3).

We must now deal in a similar manner with the other downward combination, (2) 46 in 3/5. The PC lead-head 3/5 is brought 'home' by 4/6. Therefore, the Hidden Factor in row 5 is 16482735. Under this, in row 26, we find 13258764 as a resultant. Then the coursing pair (46) lead-head 16482735, transposed by the resultant (13258764), gives 14625378; and we deduce that PC(4/6) has 46253(3/5).

The combinations (3) 23 in 6/8, and (4) 35 in 4/6, from the upward treatment of rows 5-26, are now dealt with in exactly the same way, except that the Hidden Factor is read in row 26, and the resultant in row 5.

To bring 6/8 and 4/6 home, we use 5/7 and 3/5 respectively, as the Hidden Factors in row 26. The resultants, from row 5, are, first 16847523 and then 18762435. By these we transpose lead-heads 23 and 35 respectively, giving 13254678 and 14625378; and we deduce that PC(2/3) has 32546(6/8), and that PC(3/5) has 46253(4/6).

This, however, ought to be unnecessary, as the formation of the false course ends from the upward treatment should be obtainable from those of the downward.

If any two rows be transposed back to rounds in the orthodox way, we find that the proving values of the resultant false heads will each give the other. This must be so, because rounds is the Hidden Factor which produces both, and it means that each false head, when transposed by the other, will result in the rounds row. Again, if we take any two lead-heads of the plain course and transpose each by the other, both operations will result in the same row, viz., a third lead-head of the plain course; and no matter which two we take, we cannot get away from this particular course. Then our two false heads, which produce the same row when transposed by each other, may be presumed to belong to a mythical course, of which rounds is a third lead-head.

Now, by the false heads produced in the orthodox way, we transpose plain course lead-heads, and the results, in turn, are transposed by plain course lead-heads, in our search for tenors-together false course ends. Then, the false heads from any two rows being related, by their proving values, to the same thing (rounds), and the transpositions being bound by this same thing (the plain course end—rounds), it is reasonable to assume that the false course ends, from the downward and upward treatments of any two rows, should be related, one to another, in some way. Up to the present this relationship has eluded me, and the upward treatment of the two rows, in search of the formation of the false course ends, appears to be unavoidable. Incidentally, we may note, in the cases of the particular false course ends here produced, that the proving value of each results in itself. They are what Mr. Baker terms 'simple transposition rows'; and apparently, if the false course ends from the downward treatment happen to possess this feature, those from the upward will be identical with the tenors in reversed positions, as shown by the reversal of the combinations.

There now remain the four combinations from rows 7-28, i.e., those which come from the alteration due to the lead-end, viz., 35 in 4/6, 23 in 6/8, 46 in 3/5, and 68 in 2/3. There appears to be no direct connection between the formation of the course ends from rows 5-26, and those from rows 7-28. I am convinced that there is a visible relationship, or, at least, there should be, as I hope to show, but I am unable to give it point.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Saturday, December 22nd, at St. Giles' Church, on the occasion of the consecration of a new chancel, 504 Stedman Triples: E. C. Lambert (conductor) 1, E. Whitlock 2, T. Roberts 3, T. Tompkins 4, H. Edwards 5, W. Bonham 6, W. Pedley 7, T. Tranter 8.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is perhaps unnecessary after my last letter, but may I assure Mr. J. W. Parker that I never dreamt of 'attacking' Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor; nor did my colleagues of the Methods Committee. On the contrary, we propose to give in the new Minor Collection a number of these arrangements applicable to all Treble Bob Methods. What I wanted to do was to urge that both the arrangements of Grandsire Doubles (known as Morris' and Pitman's) are legitimate and allowable, and also to point out that the wording of Mr. Parker's resolution passed at Hereford does not correctly express either his intention or that of the Central Council, and should therefore be revised.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

MORRIS' ARRANGEMENT OF DOUBLES.

Dear Sir,—I have read with unbiassed interest the various opinions and arguments that have so far been brought to the notice of your readers, and being personally in agreement with your editorial remark, that 'in debating a question of this kind all sides of the subject should be ventilated,' I purpose to enter more fully into the merits of the two arrangements of Grandsire Doubles in question—the main issue—which, having been subjected to a prejudiced attack, has conveniently been lost sight of.

A much more appropriate and courteous manner of returning to the subject this week would have been a fitting reply to the facts and contentions set out in my letter of the 9th inst. Annexed are the lead-ends of (1) a spliced 240 on Morris' plan, and (2) a spliced 240 on Mr. Pitman's plan:—

Morris' Arrangement.	Pitman's Arrangement.
2345	2345
S 5423	S 5423
S 3254	S 3254
S 4532	S 4532
— 3245	— 4253
S 5432	S 3542
S 2354	— 4235
S 4523	S 5342
— 4352	— 5234
S 2543	S 4352
S 3425	— 5243
S 5234	S 3452
— 3452	— 3245
S 2534	— 4532
S 4325	S 2345*
S 5243	— 4523
— 5324	— 4352
S 4253	S 2543
S 3542	— 4325
S 2435	S 5243
— 3524	— 5324
S 4235	S 4253
S 5342	— 5342
S 2453	S 2453
— 2345	— 2345*

An examination of Morris' arrangement will show that the 24 lead-ends comprise the 24 possible variations that can be produced by writing down 2345, and pricking out the extent. Now consider what this entails. A more critical examination will show that this renders it impossible for any of the changes to repeat in the self-same consecutive order throughout the whole arrangement. Hence, two alike changes never occur at the same stroke. Consequently you get 120 true and complete changes at handstroke, and the same 120 true and complete changes at backstroke, simultaneously throughout.

Now refer for a moment to Mr. Pitman's arrangement. It will be seen that the lead-ends do not comprise the 24 rows previously referred to, but repeat with no less than five lead-ends. This compels the changes to repeat in the self-same consecutive order, so that in a complete 240 on this plan, you do not get 120 different changes at handstroke nor 120 different changes at backstroke, but a repetition of the same changes at each respective stroke.

These are the main features of the two arrangements, yet both are true and complete in themselves.

You ask me to permit you to say that in Mr. Pitman's arrangement the bells strike in 120 different orders before beginning the next six-score; but the absurdity of such argument is apparent to anyone who refers to the lead-ends marked * in which rounds constitute the second lead-end as well as the last lead-end of the six-score. This fact further proves that if after starting from rounds you have to go two leads past the six-score and before rounds are again produced, the 120 different orders cannot have been gone through in the first six-score, as you claim they have been. . . . I hope that I have made the situation clearer, and, in conclusion, I will ask your readers to arbitrate between my contention that both arrangements, being perfectly true in themselves, should both be allowed; and the editor's view that one should be recognised and the other suppressed. I must express myself in complete agreement with Mr. Edgar Guise, that the Central Council's decisions should be accepted as binding on such

matters, but I still maintain that you cannot repudiate any one of the arrangements in this category true in itself without discarding all.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

[The fact that Mr. Morris has, in his arrangement, 120 handstrokes all different, and 120 backstrokes all different, does not, in our opinion, make his 120's true. We do not test the truth of a peal by dealing separately with handstrokes and backstrokes; if either is false with the other the peal is false. Moreover, we see no special merit in a false 120 merely because you first ring a number of changes in a certain order and then ring them in the reverse order. Mr. Pitman's 240, as quoted by Mr. Morris, runs in true consecutive 120's, if—as has always been pointed out—rounds is considered as the first row.—Ed. 'R.W.']

UPHELD BY THE COUNCIL.

Dear Sir,—It seems as well to point out that although Pitman's 240 of Doubles and Bankes James' 5,040 of Cambridge Minor are passing through a very hot climate, they are still upheld by the Central Council, as was made quite clear at Hereford.—Yours faithfully,

J. F. DUFFIELD.

YORK SURPRISE ROYAL.

The first peal of York Surprise Royal was rung at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, on Saturday, by the Midland Counties Association. The following is a lead of the method:—

1234567890
2143658709
1246385079
2164830597
2614385079
6241830597
6214385079
2641830597
6248103957
6428019375
4682103957
4682019375
3460291735
8640927153
6804291735
6084927153
0689472513
0689745231
8096472513
8906745231
9807654321
9087563412
0978654321
0798563412
7095836142
7905381624
9750836142
9570381624
5973018264
5793102846
7539018264
7359102846
3751920486
7315294068
7351920486
3715294068
3175920486
1357294068
3152749608
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RINGERS WANTED IN AMERICA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to ask, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' if anyone can furnish us with the names and addresses of any ringers who have come out to U.S.A. in the vicinity of Boston, Mass., so that we may get into touch with them, and get a hand together if possible at times, as only very little ringing is done now in the city.

Perhaps some are contemplating coming out here; if so, this part of the country is an industrial area where work of different kinds can be found.

The only regular ringing done here now is at Groton School, by the boys there, every Sunday. These bells were rehung in ball bearings in the spring of this year, and are greatly improved. So now, if we want to have a ring, we get up early and drive 40 miles to do it. Any ringer thinking of coming to U.S.A. should write to Mr. R. Newton, c/o Merchants' National Bank, Boston, Mass., who will be pleased to answer any letters and give any information about conditions, etc.—Yours truly,

JOHN E. HENSON.

23, Ashland Street, Malden, Mass., U.S.A.

LIGHTING THE TOWER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following description of the electric lighting of Truro Cathedral bell tower, where we have recently changed over from gas, may be useful to the Rev. H. Drake.

For use on practice and other nights, when the general lighting is not in use, a switch is placed inside the entrance door, with a light in such a position as to effectively light the area between the entrance door and the ringing chamber stairway door. In the winding stairway to the ringing chamber (30ft.) are three 20 watt. vacuum lamps, controlled by a two-way switch at the bottom, and another at the top of the stairs. In the 18ft. square ringing chamber itself is a 100 watt gas-filled pearl Osram bulb, contained in an enamelled G.E.C. reflector, 18ft. from the floor, which gives an even distribution of light round the room. It is, of course, a centre light.

In the circular stairway from the ringing chamber to the belfry (about 60ft.) are four 20 watt. vacuum lamps, also with a two-way switch at top and bottom. The space between the ringing chamber roof and the belfry proper (which serves as a sound muffler and a storeroom for oil, tools, ropes, etc.), contains a 40 watt gas-filled bulb in an ordinary enamelled conical shade. The belfry itself is lit by means of a 100 watt gas-filled lamp in a reflector similar to that in the ringing chamber, suspended from the centre, and about 15ft. above the bell frame. For local lighting there is a portable lamp, 40 watt vacuum, on a length of strong workshop flex, long enough to reach to any part of the bells or frame.

Points to remember are that the tower circuit must be entirely independent of the church circuit (on a separate meter preferred). Switches for the bell chamber must be placed so that lights can be turned on before one enters. Here, too, a general light is a necessity for safety, a hand lamp only being quite insufficient. Two-way switches at top and bottom of circular stairs are not only very convenient, but a mode of economy.

The ideal to aim at is adequate lighting evenly distributed and diffused over the required area, and especially in the ringing chamber the source of light must be high enough to be out of direct line with the ringers' eyes. The 20 watt bulb at 10ft. suggested seems to me to be very inadequate and too low. Switches at the bottom of stairs for lights in the bell chamber, etc., are not to be recommended, as they are apt to be turned on, and, nothing visible happening, left on, the brightly-lit louvers being a source of wonder to the public and curiosity to the night policeman. Switches should be as local as possible.

An alternative method of lighting the ringing chamber is to have four bulbs, one at each corner, high up, and fitted with 'Gecoray,' or similar, reflectors; or, for a centre fitting, a totally enclosed opal bowl; the ordinary open-top type, being a beautiful trap for dust and dead flies, is not to be recommended.

However, if the lighting company can install a system which is efficient but avoids glare and sharp shadows, and is out of direct line of sight, there will not be much to complain of.—Yours faithfully,

F. MURRAY ROBERTS.

3, Lemon Villas, Truro.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ACTION.

A meeting was held at Hintlesham on December 15th, at which a not very large but very representative attendance was recorded. There were members from Essex as well as North-East Suffolk, and a good deal of useful practice was put in, both on the tower bells and on handbells, the latter being a feature of meetings in this neighbourhood. Tea was at the George, and at the meeting afterwards, with Mr. Chas. Sedgely in the chair, there were two points of outstanding interest.

A new ring of six bells at Rushmere, on the outskirts of Ipswich, having become available through the excellent job of rehanging at Mr. Bowell's foundry, it was decided to take steps to start a band of change ringers there.

The other matter was the case of the Cavendish bells. Apparently these bells had been sent away to be recast, by advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, without proper steps having been taken to find out whether this was the best course to take. Much indignation was expressed that the Advisory Committee should have acted in this way, when there is a diocesan organisation ready to help them from falling into such mistakes. An Advisory Committee which advises about matters which it does not understand, is surely a hindrance rather than a help to Church work.

DEATH OF AN OXFORDSHIRE BELL FOUNDER.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Henry Bond, of Burford, Oxon, who passed peacefully away on Sunday, December 15th, in his 74th year. Mr. Bond was a general engineer and bellfounder, for which he held an excellent reputation. He was a bellringer at Burford Church and for many years a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Mr. Bond will be sadly missed amongst the bells he loved so well, and where his good striking and happy disposition made him a general favourite.

CHRISTMAS RINGING.

THE CHART, LIMPSPFIELD.—At St. Andrew's Church, for morning service on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 of Kent, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 of Plain Bob, in 42 mins.: W. A. Ashdown 1, E. N. Tidy 2, J. Knight, jun., 3, J. Knight, sen., 4, E. E. Tidy (conductor) 5, L. A. Tidy 6.

WEST HAM.—On Christmas morning, for service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor covering: Joe Waghorn (age 86) 1, —. Reeves 2, W. Thearald 3, W. Easter 4, F. C. Newman 5, J. Moule (conductor) 6, G. Hayden 8.

HORNSEY.—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, for 7 a.m. celebration, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, C. H. Ross 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal to be rung at Hornsey for early service.—For morning service, 720 Bob Minor (26 Singles) in 27 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, F. G. Symonds 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

STOCKPORT.—At the Parish Church, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Green 1, J. A. Gordon 2, W. Wright 3, W. Gordon 4, Jas. A. Gordon 5, W. Shaw 6, A. S. Gordon (conductor) 7, A. Sharpe 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Christmas Day, for morning service at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. A. Holden 1, A. J. Morton 2, G. Cullum 3, R. A. Cullum 4, L. J. Cullum 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Darke 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Stomp 1, A. Gear 2, M. Northover 3, G. F. Hoad 4, A. Willett 5, H. Hooper 6, P. C. W. Claydon (conductor) 7, W. Pooley 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, for 7 a.m. service on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Rivett 1, W. A. Martin 2, P. C. C. Davis 3, E. B. Crowder 4, P. S. R. Steers 5, A. F. Petrie (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

NORTHAW, MIDDLESEX.—On Christmas Day, at St. Thomas' Church, 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor for morning service, in 26 mins.: J. Roberts, jun., 1, J. North 2, I. Bryant 3, J. Parker 4, J. Roberts, sen., 5, E. B. McKie (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor in this tower and by all the band, who are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 48 mins.: H. Bannister 1, H. Parker 2, H. Clarke 3, W. Parsons 4, J. Dunkly 5, G. Parker (conductor) 6. All are Sunday service ringers.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: W. Richards 1, A. Parnell 2, Miss D. Richards (first quarter inside) 3, F. Smith 4, P. Heath 5, J. Phillips 6, E. Stitch (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,258 changes) was rung for morning service at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, in 52 mins.: *H. Boswell 1, W. A. Cooper 2, *W. Maddox 3, H. Knight (conductor) 4, H. T. Piper 5, F. Brotherton 6, J. Williams 7, E. F. Mitchell 8, W. H. Lawley 9, R. Thompson 10. * First quarter-peal in the method.

UPTON SNODSBURY, WORC.—On Christmas Eve, at the Church of St. Kenelm, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Reynolds 1, S. Tarran 2, C. Tansell (conductor) 3, T. Camden 4, H. Tansell 5, T. Bluck 6. Longest length by all except the conductor, and on the bells by a local band.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: M. N. Haines 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, B. R. Buckle 3, C. W. Beecroft 4, J. W. Mallett 5, W. Miller, jun., 6.—On Boxing night, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 Double Court, two courses of Cambridge, in which the following took part: C. Beecroft, B. Buckle, W. G. Crickmer, M. Haines, W. Miller, J. B. Hall, E. Curtiss, and E. Jenkins (of Heptonstall fame).

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Christmas Day, for the 7 a.m. celebration, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: D. Freestone (first 720 of Minor) 1, Miss K. Willers 2, J. Harper 3, E. W. Haynes 4, F. E. Haynes (conductor) 5, W. Kayner 6. First 720 by local band since the addition of the new treble.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Christmas morning, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: F. Lupkin (first quarter) 1, G. Bacon 2, W. Dudley 3, S. Baybutt 4, H. T. Wilson 5, L. Stilwell (Windsor) 6, S. W. Corden 7, L. H. Page 8.

SPliced MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The 720 Spliced Amersham Alliance and Little Bob Minor, rung at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, on December 13th, was not the first in the methods. A 720 was rung at St. Mary's, Lamberhurst, on December 6th by: A. Relfe (conductor) 1, J. Bassett 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, J. Waghorn 5, A. Smith 6.—Yours, etc.,

A. RELFE.

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. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 17th and 31st, *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.—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.

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.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will take place at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, meeting and further ringing afterwards. All ringers welcome. — John Clark, Fern Lea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—S.W. District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Plympton S. Maurice on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells: S. Maurice (8) and S. Mary (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service in S. Maurice Church 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Guildhall 5 p.m. All welcome.—E. W. Marsh, 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those desiring tea please notify me before Tuesday, Jan. 8th. Wigan branch members especially invited.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerlon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ippolyt's on Jan. 12th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea is being arranged, therefore will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 10th inst.? All ringers welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 12th. St. Mary's bells from 1.30 till 4. St. Michael's from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Michael's Hall at 5.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 8th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead (6) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know by Jan. 9th those requiring tea. Roll up and welcome the new Vicar.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports and new rules and diagrams to hand. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) ready early. Those requiring tea please advise H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop, by Jan. 10th. A good attendance requested. — H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 6d. per head, for those who notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 9th. All ringers welcome.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Jan. 12th. Tea and business at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Evensong at 6 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 8th.—B. T. Clark, Branch Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Jan. 8th?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Annual meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Tea provided only for those notifying me by Jan. 9th. (Note.—St. Paul's practice night now Tuesday).—J. Leach, Assistant Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. St. Saviour's tower will also be open for ringing 7 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Ufford on January 19th. Tea at 4.30, for all sending me word by January 15th.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present must notify me not later than Jan. 15th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of ringers will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service at 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. All intending to be present please write by Tuesday, Jan. 15th. After that date no teas can be guaranteed.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 21, Ireton Road, Colchester.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—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., E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 16th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, Lincs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing commences at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all who notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 15th.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., Chevington, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Chorley Old Road, Whittle, not later than Friday, Jan. 18th. New reports and diagrams to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on January 12th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock, address by the Vicar. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30. Business meeting after. Good bus services from all parts. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30. Tickets, 5s. each, obtainable from the hon. secretary. The new Bishop of Southwell will be present. Visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

DEATH.

CHANDLER.—On December 30th, at 14, Marlborough Road, Hillingdon, Middlesex, Henry Hugh Chandler, aged 64, late of Warnham, Sussex.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, C. Ross (conductor) 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At St. Michael's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: V. Matthews 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, F. Springham 3, W. Wacey (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 4, H. Bull 5, W. Tucker 6, P. C. Springham 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Rung as a compliment to Rev. F. H. Ling, who was that day ordained priest at St. Albans.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 covering), in 45 mins.: F. Day (conductor) 1, R. Harris 2, G. J. Ford 3, F. Parsons 4, G. Lacey 5, S. Matthews 6, J. Williams 7, A. Coles 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on December 23rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Molton 1, A. Reeve (first 720 in method) 2, A. Prior 3, W. Miller 4, P. H. Avey (first 720 as conductor) 5, J. Moule 6.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, December 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, C. H. Ross (conductor) 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash 6. First quarter-peal on the bells since their complete restoration and hanging in ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

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CHESTER-LE-STREET.—At SS. Mary and Cuthbert's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., on October 22nd: T. Edmondson 1, G. Siddle 2, F. Sheraton 3, L. Donnison 4, W. Brown 5, J. Crawford 6, A. E. Adamson (conductor) 7, S. Walker 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Ette 1, T. Abbot 2, H. Tompkins 3, J. King 4, J. R. Main 5, T. R. Hensher 6, G. Basford (conductor) 7, A. Boddington 8.

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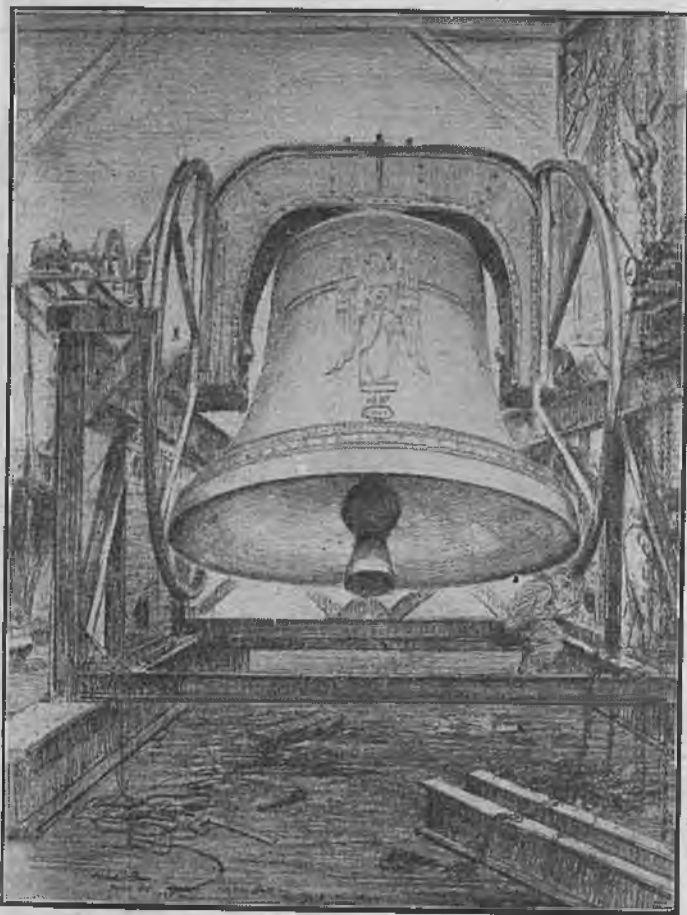
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THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT.

Those who have followed the controversy over what should constitute a peal of Minor or Doubles will be interested in the suggestions put forward in another column by the Rev. E. S. Powell. He offers for consideration certain definitions out of which might eventually be evolved 'conditions' which all would be prepared to accept, and doubtless these proposals will be fully discussed. Experience, however, shows that what we want to be clear about is not only the form of words, but the interpretation which is to be put upon them. It has been obvious in this discussion that what, at first sight, appeared to be perfectly plain English has been construed by different people to have diametrically opposite meanings. We are inclined to think that this has arisen, not so much from any ambiguity of language, but because there are two opposite purposes in view. There are those—and we imagine them to be in a majority—who desire, when a peal of (say) Minor is rung, that it shall consist of consecutive true extents. There are others who, as Mr. Willson aptly puts it in his letter, are satisfied with anything as long as it comes right in the end.

At the moment the conditions required by the Central Council for peals of Minor and Doubles are those which were adopted at Hereford. The essential point of the motion that was then passed is that the 720's in peals of Minor and the 120's in peals of Doubles shall be true and complete, and that no row (rounds or otherwise) shall be repeated in any 720 or 120 respectively. Mr. Powell suggests as an alternative definition that 'compositions of Minor must be in 720's and not in smaller touches; compositions of Doubles must be in 120's and not in smaller touches, and these 720's and 120's are to be true in themselves.' If this is intended to mean what it appears to mean, that the consecutive rows in each 720 or 120 included in a peal must be true and that any splicing must be in true round blocks, then, subject, perhaps, to the modification which has for many years existed in the conditions for peals of Minor, that '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' (and similarly with the 120's), there seems little objection to be raised to it by those who support the spirit of the Hereford motion.

But what is to be read into the expression in the third section of Mr. Powell's suggestion, which refers to "groups of 720's or 120's"? If it is to mean such combinations of three 720's as in the Rev. E. B. James' Cambridge in which (counting rounds as the first row) three extents, each of 720 consecutive true rows, are rung, well

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and good; if, however, the object is to cover the admission of a combination of permutations made up of each of the 720 changes rung three times, without observance of any rule by which each of the three blocks of consecutive 720's must be true in itself, then the Council and the Exercise must decide a matter of important principle. They must decide the plain question, what is and what is not to be recognised as a true peal of Minor or Doubles? Hitherto the standard laid down has been that the extents must be in 720 or 120 consecutive true rows. It is for them to say whether anything lower is, at this date, desirable. When the Council next debate the subject there must be no sophistry. Any definition which is proposed must be made perfectly plain in its spirit, as well as in the letter.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

THOMAS J. ELTON Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 8
WILLIAM A. COOPER 3	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 9
SIDNEY ELTON 4	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 10
JOHN PERRY 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... 11
*ALFRED S. BAYLEY 6	*HARRY BOSWELL ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.
* First peal on twelve. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater. Credit is due to the tenor ringer, who is still in his 'teens.'

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 2	JOHN MOULE ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	FRANK C. NEWMAN ... 8
ALFRED PRIOR 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 9
*RONALD H. BOLLEN ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Theobald, who entertained the band after the peal, also to Mr. E. D. Smith.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JOHN S. RICHARDSON ... Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR ... 6
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	JOHN F. BIRD ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 8
GEORGE A. PICKERING ... 4	ADAM DEAS ... 9
JOHN ANDERSON 5	†WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all the band except ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, 7-6-8 covering. Tenor 14½ cwt.

IDRIS ROWLANDS Treble	THOMAS WERRET 5
GLYN WILLIAMS 2	*FREDERICK GRIFFITHS 6
*RONALD PEARCE 3	TIMOTHY POPNELL 7
STEWART WILLIAMS 4	FRANK MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. TOM CHENERY Treble	FRANK HARPER 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 6
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	ALFRED G. RIVERS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

Bung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Rivers, of Dry Drayton (youngest son of the conductor) to Miss F. Newman, of Royston, which took place at the above church on this date. Thanks are due to Mr. R. G. King for obtaining the use of the bells, and to the bride and bridegroom for their hospitality after the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	*HERBERT FULCHER 5
GEORGE CURSON 2	GEORGE HOWLETT 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WALTER BARRETT 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
*ALBERT G. HUNT 3	JOHN PERRY 7
FRANK PERRENS 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal in the method and first of Major.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 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
ERNEST STITCH 2	*EDWARD PHILLIPS 6
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Triples. This peal was arranged to enable the ringer of the 3rd to ring a peal on the eve of his 70th birthday, his last peal having been rung on June the 15th, 1914, the composition, the conductor and the tenor man being the same. Ringers of 3rd and 6th were made members before the peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT ROBBINS Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY 6
STANLEY SLANEY 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
ALFRED GREENWOOD 3	KRITH HART 7
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT ROBBINS Treble	CHARLES MASON 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY 6
JESSE J. MOSS 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	SIDNEY ELTON 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
ROBERT PICKERING 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES INGHAM Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
*LEONARD ANDERTON 2	JAMES H. LEES 6
GEORGE BROWN 3	WILLIAM HORAN 7
†HAROLD HAMER 4	WALTER STAFF Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

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

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Minster Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ERNEST F. WHITE Treble	THOMAS DAVISON 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 6
ERNEST TRUMAN 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
FRANCIS A. ASHWORTH 4	EDWARD MARLOW Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. West.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. F. White, wife of the ringer of the treble.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*JOHN TOMPKINS Treble	GEORGE W. HELEY 5
†BERT F. CALCOTT 2	†CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	†ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 7
†EDWARD B. CHAPPELL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by H. PRICE.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal inside.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 6
*CYRIL TANSSELL 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM H. FLETCHER Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

Rung immediately after the ceremony, in honour of the marriage of Miss C. E. J. Bennett, of Beaconsfield, to Mr. R. F. Evershed, of Burton-on-Trent. Miss Bennett is the daughter of Mr. C. A. B. Bennett, K.C., an honorary member of the local band.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

BASIL REDGWELL Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	*ALBERT WIFFEN 6
HARRY E. HAMMOND 3	FRANK CLAYDON 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal inside. Rung on the 81st birthday of Canon Lake, Rector of Cholmsford, and sub-Denn of the Cathedral, and the 25th birthday of Charles Norman Howard, son of Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD A. MORRIS Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
JAMES H. HUNNISETT 2	FRANK CORKE 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 7
ARTHUR H. FOLWELL 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Deptford,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*EDWARD J. RIVETT Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 2	P. C. CHARLIE ELLIOTT 6
P. S. RICHARD STEERS 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
P. C. CHARLES DAVIES 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 53rd anniversary of the opening of the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM COOK Treble	GEORGE A. COOK 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

Rung on the 55th anniversary of the opening of the bells. Also as a birthday compliment to W. T. Beeson. This is the fiftieth occasion on which W. Cook has taken part in 'ringing the old year out' at Ashtead.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

*HAROLD PULFORD Treble	†ERIC H. LLOYD 5
JOHN BREESE 2	JOHN HUGHES 6
DAVID HUGHES 3	FRANK WINSTANLEY 7
LESTER L. GRAY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells and first attempt. This peal was specially arranged and rung in order to enable the ringer of the treble to score his first. It was rung for watchnight service, with half-muffled clappers, to ring out the old year 1928. All are members of the local band, except ringers of 4th and 5th.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. Treble	*TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 6
HENRY JENNINGS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
RICHARD J. STONE 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

* 50th peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the watchnight service.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*RAYMOND FORSEBAY Treble	†WILLIAM PICTHALL 5
THOMAS WATSON 2	†JAMES E. BURLS 6
JOHN HOLME 3	†WILLIAM S. FORSHAW 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	†THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal of Major for the Furness Branch since February 13th, 1909.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*HENRY NIX Treble	ARTHUR COATES 5
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER 6
†WALTER PECK 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
EDWIN BURLEY 4	WILLIAM PERRY Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. Ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor are local men.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	*EDWIN H. FOSTER 6
THOMAS BEVAN 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	ROBERT SUMMERS Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN 5
FREDERICK N. SNEATON 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
*ALFRED H. DREW 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Bob Minor was rung on handbells at Aylsham, Norfolk, by: W. Rought 1-2, A. Rought (conductor) 3-4, J. Moy 5-6. Rung in honour of the 66th birthday of Mr. A. J. Neale, a well-known London ringer, who is a native of Aylsham.

WILLOUGHBY.—On December 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings), in 46 mins.: A. Chown (Davenport) 1, G. Hancock (Willoughby), conductor, 2, J. Hancock (Willoughby) 3, F. Hancock (Willoughby) 4, W. Moore (Davenport) 5. First attempt by ringers of treble and tenor. First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung on the second anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Monday, December 24th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. G. Townsend 1, F. J. Daniels (Brighton) 2, R. W. Hyer (conductor) 3, W. W. T. Daniels 4, E. Bishop 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, L. A. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) 7, E. A. J. Coombs (first quarter-peal) 8.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN POTTER Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
CHARLES W. CLARK 3	HERBERT HARLOW Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores and ten Spliced 240's. Tenor 17 cwt.

*NORMAN G. SALMAN Treble	†ALFRED E. PARKER 4
GEORGE J. PRICE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
†GEORGE A. COUSINS 3	*THOMAS G. STORES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † Re-elected a member previous to starting the peal.
† First peal inside. Rung for the Christmas festival.

BLACKWELL.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 St. Simon's, 2,160 Grandsire, 2,400 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR SMITHSON Treble	*ERNEST MALLENDER 3
BERNARD BAILEY 2	*FRED CLARKE 4
FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Doubles.

ALBRIGHTON, SHROPSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT T. PIPER Treble	JACK WM. TAYLOR 4
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 5
KENNETH C. TAYLOR 3	ALBERT ADDISON Tenor

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

Rung for the Christmas festival.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

REV. B. TYRWHITT DRAKE Treble	CHARLES NEWMAN 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	LEE FEATHERBY 5
GRAHAM SPRATT 3	EDWARD BARKER Tenor

Conducted by E. BARKER.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDWIN HOLMAN Treble	WALTER R. HUMPHRY 4
HARRY K. HOOPER 2	FRANCIS J. SANDERS 5
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3	HUGH R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.			Tenor 9 cwt.
WILLIAM H. POOLE	Treble	GEORGE MILES	4
JOHN R. HARRIDGE	2	*ALBERT E. BRACKLEY	5
FREDERICK J. WOODS	3	HARRY TURNER	Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor inside. Rung for the wedding of Mr. John C. Furlong, one of the local ringers, and Miss V. K. F. Leggett.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following methods, viz., Munden, Chester, Canterbury, Newcastle, Ipswich, Cambridge, and London.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH	Treble	JAMES OSBORN	4
*ARTHUR H. PALMER	2	ALBERT S. ALLEN	5
JOHN W. LAKE	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

PHILLIP HALL	Treble	RAYMOND JELFS	4
JOHN C. PERKINS	2	JOHN W. PERKINS	5
THOMAS HANDS	3	*JOHN HALL	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* 50th peal. All belong to the local band.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores and ten Spliced 240's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*OWEN DAVIES	Treble	JAMES RANDLE	4
JAMES P. HYETT	2	G. JAMES R. PRICE	5
†BARNSELY CADMAN	3	*ARTHUR MORGAN	Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents of Plain Bob.

*CHARLES FINCH	Treble	EDMUND T. EXETER	4
*ROBERT WOOD	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	5
ALBERT C. V. GASSON	3	ALBERT E. T. GASSON	Tenor

Conducted by A. E. T. GASSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTES.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two each of Woodbine and Oxford, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NATHANIEL MORCON	Treble	MISS K. BURCHNALL	4
TOM BARTHOLOMEW	2	*ERNEST A. MIDWINTER	5
†MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	3	LEONARD PIEREPONT	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIEREPONT.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor, and also first peal in more than one method on the bells. All of the above are Sunday service ringers, and the clappers were half-muffled to ring out the old year.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF WELLS SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.			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. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the passing of 1928.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK CAVILL	Treble	*HARRY POCOCK	4
ALFRED J. WYATT	2	*EDGAR ELSON	5
*WILLIAM UNDERHILL	3	PERCY MERSON	Tenor

Conducted by W. UNDERHILL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HINTON-ON-THE GREEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*MISS NELLY JOHNSON	1-2	*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5-6
JAMES HEMMING	3-4	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* 50th peal together by brother and sister, and conductor's 100th peal. Rung after meeting short, owing to illness, for Spliced Royal.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 20, 1928, in Two Hours,

At 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of College, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOP	1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	3-4
WILFRED G. WILSON	5-6		

Conducted by WILFRED G. WILSON.

First peal in seven methods by all the band. First handbell peal in seven methods for the association. First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN 720's.

During 1928, at St. Mary's, Fryerning, Essex, one hundred and sixteen 720's were rung, chiefly for services, under conductorship of A. Bradley: Surprise methods: London 5, Wells 4, Southwell 4, York 6, Ipswich 8, Norwich 6, Cambridge 8, Beverley 3, Carlisle 2, Annable's London 1; total 47. Treble Bob methods: Woodbine 9, Oxford 7, Kent 7, Duke of York 2, New London Pleasure 9, London Scholars' Pleasure 2, Kingston 2, College Exercise 2; total 40. Plain methods: Double Court 5, Double Oxford 3, Plain Bob 4, St. Clement's 2, College Single 2, Double Bob 2, Canterbury Pleasure 2, Grandsire Doubles 7, Bob Doubles 2; total 20.

The ringers were F. Wright, L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch, and A. Bradley (conductor).

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on Holy Innocents' Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: Mrs. F. A. Clements 1, T. Banning 2, W. A. Wright 3, C. Pratley 4, F. A. Clements 5, H. Gillett 6, B. T. Phillips (conductor) 7, G. Simmonds 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DEVIZES BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday, January 5th, a large number of members and friends being present. The towers of St. John's (eight bells), St. Mary's (six bells), and St. James', Southbroom (six bells), were all available for ringing, which commenced about 3 p.m. At 4.30 p.m. an interesting ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of St. John's, when two peal boards, one recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, the other a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung there, were unveiled by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), and dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke).

The Guild service followed, conducted by the Rector, who gave a short address, Mr. H. H. Baker being the organist. A verse of the National Anthem was sung as a prayer for H.M. the King's restoration to health.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, to which 71 sat down. Afterwards, the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) presided at the business meeting, and welcomed the visitors. In his resume of the work of the branch during the past year, he congratulated those members who had rung peals in the advanced methods. He also stated that the whole of the money had been collected for the restoration of the bells at All Cannings. He also thanked the captains of bands belonging to the branch, and the officers, for their support during the past year.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) presented the balance sheet for the past year, which showed a balance in hand and an increase in members.—The usual honorarium was voted to the secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, Mr. J. T. Dyke, the respected secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, and Mr. J. Stafford, Bradford-on-Avon.

The whole of the officers of the branch were re-elected, and 21 new members were elected.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and conducting the service, to the organist and to those who prepared the tea.—The Rector replied in a humorous speech.

Ringers, including the Vicar of Bishop's Cannings (the Rev. S. L. R. Sharpe), were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), St. James', Southbroom, Bishop's Cannings, All Cannings, Chippenham, Bratton, Bromham, Rowde, Holt, Warminster, Swindon, Wootton Bassett, Market Lavington, Trowbridge, Melksham. Grand.—(Continued in next column.)

THE BATES APPEAL FUND.

We are glad to record this week that the fund for the assistance of Mrs. Bates (the widow of Mr. E. Bates, of Darford) and her family has reached £50. This practical sympathy, which has been shown by the Exercise at a moment of tragic bereavement and financial worry, has done much to lighten the burden in a home suddenly robbed of the breadwinner. As it is now desired to close the fund, any further contributions should be sent without delay to Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, Kent.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	44	3	3
Farningham ringers (per Mr. Jesse Couchman)	10	0	
St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington (per Mr. W. E. Judd)	1	3	6
St. Luke's, Bristol (per Mr. Uriah W. Braven)	10	0	
Canon Thompson and the ringers at Hayes, Kent (per Mr. O. Gilbey)	1	1	0
Bromsgrove Parish Church Guild (per Mr. Harold J. Martin)	10	0	
St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich (per Mr. Cyril E. Palmer)	6	0	
St. Peter's, Wolverhampton (per Mr. E. F. Mitchell)	1	1	0
Mr. and Mrs. R. Paine	4	0	
X. Y. Z.	2	6	
Two R's	5	0	
Mrs. F. M. Mitchell	2	6	
A few at Milton-next-Gravesend	7	6	

Total £50 6 3

(Continued from previous column.)

sire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Kent Treble Bob Major, and the usual six-bell methods, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The following places were selected for the next three meetings, if the bells are available, viz., Potterne, Holt and Westbury.

A word of praise is due to those who made the arrangements for what proved to be an excellent meeting, the utmost harmony prevailing throughout: The secretary (Mr. F. Green), for the work he put in; and Mr. S. Hillier, the senior Ringing Master, for his excellent arrangements for all to have a pull, and whom everyone present was pleased to see again after his recent accident; and to the steeple-keepers for having everything ready.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Another ringer with a long connection with the Sussex County Association passed away last week in the person of Mr. Joseph Sharp. He was associated with various towers in Eastbourne, and had rendered valuable aid to the art in that part of the county.

The very fine half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters which was rung at Wrington, Somerset, on August 11th, 1927, in memory of the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. E. D. Marshall, of Wrington, has been permanently recorded in the tower by the erection of a handsome tablet presented by Mr. E. Denison Taylor. The tablet is the work of Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, Leicester.

Among ancient ringing societies was one at Redenhall, Norfolk, which was established in 1736. It is on record that on January 13th, 1838, Samuel Thurston conducted a peal of 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob at the church, to celebrate the 102nd anniversary of the Ancient Ringing Society.

Thirty years ago next Monday the first peal of London Surprise Major in the City of London was rung by the St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

On January 14th, 1818, died James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, at the age of 93 years. From the year 1744 to the year 1804 he rang in Kent and elsewhere 112 peals, not less than 5,040 changes in each peal, and called bobs and singles for most of the peals, and on April 7th and 8th, 1761, assisted in ringing 40,320 Bob Major on Leeds Bells in 27 hours.

The Ancient Society of College Youths rang the first peal of Double Bob Major on January 14th, 1726, at St. Dunstan's Church, Fleet Street.

A complete peal of Plain Bob Tripples, the first true peal of five thousand that ever was rung here, was rung at St. John's, Craydon, on January 17th, 1735.

On January 18th, 1844, 7,126 Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCES OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL. THE NORWICH RECORDS.

In our issue of December 21st it was stated that the first recorded performance of Holt's Original, in which the conductor rang one of the bells, was at Saffron Walden on Christmas Day, 1753. Last week Mr. T. E. Slater's correction of this was made. The peal had been rung twice before under the same conditions at Norwich. Mr. G. H. Cross now sends extracts from the 'Norwich Mercury' of the time, and suggests that the records at Saffron Walden and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and in the 'History of the Ancient Society of College Youths,' should be corrected.

The following is taken from the record now in St. Peter Mancroft belfry, as copied from the 'Norwich Mercury' by Mr. Philip Sadler, of Norwich:—

ST. MICHAEL'S COSLANY, NORWICH.

On Saturday, August 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Michael's Coslany a complete 5,040 of Mr. Holt's Tripples in three hours, without changes alike, or a bell out of course, it being the first time ever performed by eight men only, so intricate it was thought no man could ring a bell and call the bobs. It has been rung in London and at Stonham Aspal with prompts, but was rung by these men without a prompt.

The following is from the record now in St. Peter Mancroft belfry, as copied from the 'Norwich Mercury' by Mr. Philip Sadler, of Norwich:—

ST. GILES', NORWICH.

On Sunday, October 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Giles' in ye City of Norwich, 5,040 Grandsire Tripples, with only two doubles and no alterations. This true peal has been very lately found out by Mr. John Holt, of London. The bobs were called by William Dixon, the peal being so intricate the London Bell-ringers thought it impracticable for a man to ring one of the bells and call the bobs at the same time. The peal was completely rung in three hours and six minutes by the following persons: William Dixon treble, John Gardiner 2, Thomas Hart 3, Charles Jarvis 4, Samuel Shelver 5, Robert Dyke 6, Charles North 7, Fred Whitfield tenor.

DEATH OF CHELMSFORD'S SUB-DEAN.

The Essex Association has lost an old and valued friend in Canon H. A. Lake, Sub-Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral since 1924, and Rector of Chelmsford for 34 years. He passed away on Monday at the age of 81 years, as a result of an attack of pneumonia.

Canon Lake had always been deeply interested in the Essex Association. He was usually present at the annual meeting, and last year at Chelmsford recalled his experiences at the coming-of-age of the association, and said he was looking forward to the jubilee celebration next Whitsun.

The deceased cleric, when at Cambridge University, was a prominent runner, and had always been a great supporter of Essex and amateur sport.

By a coincidence a report will be found in another column of a peal rung at Braintree on December 29th in honour of Canon Lake's birthday.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is well known to us all that it is no unusual thing for Parliament to pass an Act and for the Courts to decide subsequently that the wording is such that the thing actually done is the direct opposite of the intention of the Legislature. After the interesting and valuable correspondence in your columns it can be a matter of little surprise that the Central Council, late on in the afternoon after a long session, should have fallen into a trap of this kind.

By this time we must be all agreed that it is no easy matter to set down on paper the conditions that we feel should govern these peals. Either we find ourselves banning some that ought to be accepted, or allowing what might with advantage be rejected.

We are all agreed that Mr. Bankes James' arrangement is an advance on what has gone before, and must on no account be banned. Most of us at this date cannot accept his 720's as true and complete. It follows (does it not?) that some modification is essential in the Hereford resolutions.

Apparently we all are agreed that the acceptance of this arrangement of 720's involves the acceptance of Mr. Pitman's 240's. And I will go further. You cannot logically allow these without accepting Mr. Morris' as well. The three stand or fall together.

Personally, I think that a mistake was made in compressing the conditions for a peal of Minor (or Doubles) into a single resolution. At the present time, when splicing and the like is much to the fore, a 'portmanteau' resolution is likely to have the effect of crabbing valuable advance. I would venture to suggest that we put our heads together and try to draw up a series of individual conditions which will carry us some way on the road we wish to travel, and which can be added to subsequently as needs arise.

With this view I venture to put forward the following for criticism, amendment and addition:—

CONDITIONS FOR PEALS.

(1) Compositions of Minor must be in 720's and not in smaller touches. Compositions of Doubles must be in 120's and not in smaller touches. These 720's and 120's are to be true in themselves.

(2) In a peal of Minor no two 720's may be alike in both calling and method. In a peal of Doubles 120's in round blocks will be recognised with inevitable repetition of calling, but there must be as much variety as the nature of the method, or methods, admits with the use of the ordinary calls employed in the method, or methods.

The wording of this resolution will need careful consideration. It is of the utmost importance that a peal of Grandsire Doubles should consist of at least 10 differently called six-scores, and one of Bob Minor of seven different 720's. At the same time it is not easy to provide for this without excluding what we ought to allow.

(3) At the end of each round block, whether this consist of 720 changes of Minor or 120 changes of Doubles (or groups of 720's or 120's), the bells shall immediately go off into the next block.

(This is intended to provide that at the end of a six-score (say) rounds is only to be struck once.)

There may be other points which it would be well to include, but I feel sure that the acceptance of these three conditions in some form or other would go a long way towards standardising five and six bell peals in the way we all desire to do, while the respective merits of Messrs. Pitman's and Morris' arrangements can best be left to the practical commonsense of the Exercise. If they are worth preserving they will continue to be rung (Central Council resolutions or not). If not, they will naturally disappear.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

PROGRESS OR DEGENERACY?

Sir,—The time is ripe for some plain speaking, and I think that most ringers who value the prestige of our Art will endorse and support your editorial attitude.

Will any unbiassed person state what progress is made by the latest 'jiggery-pokery' of the five and six-bell merchants? An attempt is being made to prove that nothing matters so long as it comes right at the end. The abortion put out by Mr. L. Morris, supposed to be a peal of Grandsire Doubles, has four leads missing—3542, 4235, 3524, 2435—the bells run round at the 39th change, and the rest are false. On what basis does any sane person—and I include especially Mr. J. A. Trollope—suggest that such piffle should be accepted as a 'peal'?

If language means anything, a peal on five bells is 120 true changes (NOT 240) from rounds to rounds. On seven bells a peal is 5,040 (not 10,080), and if the Central Council has at any time sanctioned anything different, it has been done by the casuistry of a few, who seem to annually hoodwink both members and chairman.

Many first-class performances on higher numbers of bells have been condemned, and rightly so, because of the repetition of a single change, yet on five bells wholesale falseness is permitted, solely for the glorification of the bob caller, for it is nothing extra to the ringer. It is almost unthinkable that after 300 years of progressive change ringing men of intellect can be found to provide a 'reason' (?) for such retrogression.

Under it, anything can be foisted on the Exercise as a 'peal.' Under it, a 'Bob-and-Swindle' peal is assured before it begins. We have seen enough of that in years past, and we ought to see that

history does not repeat itself. Where falseness does not matter, what else can be banned? Every conductor of experience can surely see what a gateway it opens to fraud. If the object in view is to exercise the minds of the ringers, then Grandsire Doubles, however manipulated, will not do much. There are more methods now in existence than will ever be rung. There is more brainwork in a seven-method peal than in one method, no matter what calling is used. Since it has been stated in your columns that the Central Council endorses these monstrosities, I beg to ask Mr. Alex Young the secretary, to tell us from his minute book when and where such resolution was passed.

W. WILLSON.

MORRIS' ARRANGEMENT OF DOUBLES.

Dear Sir,—I note with pleasure your brief rejoinder to my letter this week, in which you submit to such expressions as, 'In our opinion.' It would be as well to point out that this style of language should have dominated your recent leaders and references to the subject, in view of your complete failure to ventilate partially the outstanding facts and features of the two arrangements of Grandsire Doubles in question.

As I have already proved, both are true and complete in themselves, inasmuch that both contain in their respective 240's each of the possible 120 changes twice, and are therefore, as quoted by Mr. Trollope, legitimate and allowable.

I therefore object to such expressions as 'false' being attributed, as they are certainly both misappropriate and misrepresenting.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Leeds, Yorkshire.

[The 'outstanding fact and feature' of Mr. Morris' arrangement is that it does not comply with the resolution passed at the meeting of the Central Council at Hereford, which says, '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....' (The emphasis is ours.) If we have failed to 'ventilate' this, even 'partially,' we are sorry, but we had not previously realised that we had not made it plain. On the contrary, we thought we had put it quite clearly, so that even the meanest intelligence could understand what we meant. However much Mr. Morris may object that the expression 'false' is 'misappropriate and misrepresenting,' it does not alter the fact that, in his 'arrangement,' rounds or other rows are included and rung 'more than once in any 120.' The repetition of rows excludes an equal number of other rows. Therefore, no 120 is true and complete. And if it isn't true, what is it?—Ed. 'R.W.']

SPICED EXTENTS.

Sir,—The reference in your correspondence to the fact that Pitman and Bankes James' peals are upheld by the Council should be amplified by pointing out that spiced 240's, etc., are also upheld—e.g.,—

S 5423	
S 3254	
— 5132	
S 2354	A
2435	
5423	2A
— 2354	
S 4523	
4352	

2345—2A

It was on account of an assurance from the seconder of the motion (Rev. H. Law James) at Hereford that all these were included in the definition, that I did not proceed with the amendment that I had intended to propose.—Yours truly,

E. M. ATKINS.

A QUESTION OF DEGREE.

Dear Sir,—My object in referring to Triples was to point out that repetitions are not there allowed. The reason, of course, is that Triples are always rung in an eight-bell tower, and if a long peal is desired it can be rung in a Major method.

In order to get 5,040 in lesser numbers, such license as repetitions is allowed. It is therefore only a question of degree, whether the license now asked for should be allowed.

The discussion is both interesting and instructive, and it is a pity it did not take place before the last Council meeting. I fear very few of us grasped the point at issue, and if the Council does reconsider the matter it need not be taken as a precedent.

I am afraid I am not worried by the thought of the 'whim of any composer who happens upon some freak composition.' I should be only too glad to see it, and then the Council could adjudicate on its merits.

HERBERT DRAKE.

AN ABRIDGED SYSTEM OF PROOF.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

[The following is the third 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.]

Earlier in this article we considered four false heads, obtained in the orthodox way, from rows 9-22 and rows 11-24, viz.: (1) 18427365, (2) 14638752, (3) 16724385, and (4) 14658237. We found that 1-2 and 3-4 are related, each to the other, by their proving values, and I stated that 1-3 and 2-4 also are related in a similar way by the positions occupied therein by the lead-end. I should like briefly to explain what was meant.

Actually, this 'proving value' is a double transposition, although this is not apparent because the numbers and positions (at rounds) happen to coincide; but, reading the bells one above another in the two rows, this is how it appears on paper:—

If the FH (1) 18427365 be related to the HF 12345678, then the HF 12345678 is related to the PV 14638752 (FH No. 2), and similarly with the false heads 3-4. False heads 1-3 and 2-4 are related, with the lead-end as the Hidden Factor, thus:—
If the FH (1) 18427365 be related to the HF 14628375, then the HF 14628375 is related to FH (3) 16724385.

To return to our rows 5-26 and 7-28, a similar relationship exists between the false heads obtainable from these four rows, and there should be a direct way of finding the formation of the course ends pertaining to rows 7-28, once we have established those which govern rows 5-26, but, unfortunately, it has proved to be elusive. We obtained the combinations without recourse to rows 7-28, but it seems that these rows will have to be treated in the same manner as rows 5-26, in order to ascertain the formation of the course end rows. This substitutes the production of the combinations by the alteration due to the lead-end, as the four which come from rows 7-28 may just as well be produced in the ordinary way, without recourse to the lead-end at all. The latter has, however, served to illustrate the point, that one pair of rows will determine whether the four rows have a clean proof scale, or not.

I have dealt with rows of like nature herein, because they lend themselves more readily to explanation, being nearer to the orthodox system, and I must leave the final difficulty for the reader to solve, if he wishes to avoid recourse to the upward treatment of rows 5-26 and to both treatments of rows 7-28, in search of the false course ends.

Before touching upon the alternative system, we can summarise what has gone:—

We take, from a symmetrical section, two rows of like nature with the treble in the 'odd' place, and apply Blocks Y-Z downwards. If there is no combination the matter rests there—the whole section is 'clean.'

If there are one or more combinations from this downward application, we trace the formation of the false course end, or ends. The upward treatment will bring reversed combinations in certain false courses, which probably will be identical.

It will then be necessary to deal with the other two rows of like nature, which have the treble in the 'odd' place, in precisely the same way.

If the section is asymmetrical, repeat the above for the rows with the treble in the 'even' place. It may happen, in such a section, that, while no combination is found in the treble's 'odd' place, several may come from the rows with the treble in the 'even' place; or vice versa.

THE ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM.

The system which deals with rows of opposite natures, and which, for several reasons, I much prefer, I have termed the 'Half-Lead Practice,' because, in 90 per cent. of the sections, these rows will appear in the same half of the lead, and only the half section (plus the lead-end row) will be necessary if the section happens to have a clean proof scale. If Operation B reveals combinations in the pair of opposite nature rows, the other two rows in the lower half of the lead will have to be produced, by transposition from the lead-end or some other means, in order to establish the formation of the false course ends therefrom; unless, of course, the reader discovers the relationship existing between the false course ends from four rows. In this event the alternative system will be truly 'half-lead practice.'

Operation B, here, will not be quite so apparent as in the other, but the remainder is more simple and just as effective. I shall deal very briefly with the subject, in view of the detailed explanation that has gone, because it more or less follows, and shall refer only to symmetrical sections, it being understood that an asymmetrical section will exactly double the work. The same section is dealt with as that in the full-lead practice, viz., that which covers rows 5-26 and 7-28.

OPERATION B.—Collate two rows of opposite natures, and apply Blocks Y-Z for coursing pairs in positional pairs as before, but with this difference: The positional pairs will be represented by the lead-end numbers which replace them, the coursing pairs will be as usual, and, when a combination has been found, the positional pair quoted therein will be a proper pair belonging to Blocks Y or Z, and which will be indicated by the substituted lead-end numbers.

The following table, which is standard, is useful for Operation B. It indicates the pairs which any lead-end will substitute for the positional pairs of Blocks Y-Z.

If the lead-end of a method be:—	The substituted pairs will be:—						
	Block Y.			Block Z.			
	2/3	3/5	5/7	7/8	2/4	4/6	6/8
12436587	2/4	4/6	6/8	8/7	2/3	3/5	5/7
13254768	3/2	2/4	4/6	6/8	3/5	5/7	7/8
14628375	4/6	6/8	8/7	7/5	4/2	2/3	3/5
15372846	5/3	3/2	2/4	4/6	5/7	7/8	8/6
16847253	6/8	8/7	7/5	5/3	6/4	4/2	2/3
17583624	7/5	5/3	3/2	2/4	7/8	8/6	6/4
18765432	8/7	7/5	5/3	3/2	8/6	6/4	4/2

The procedure is thus:—

Rows. The lead-end 14628375, according to our table, substitutes 4/6, 6/8, 8/7, 7/5 for the positional pairs of Block Y; and 4/2, 2/3, 7/8 + 5.2.1.7.8.3.6.4. 3/5 for Block Z. Observe these pairs in row 5, and under them, in row 7, search for any proper coursing pair belonging to the block. Thus: 4/6 in row 5 have 46 under, which are the wrong way for Block Y; similarly with 6/8 and 8/7. The 7/5 have 72 under, the 4/2 have 45 under, and these are not coursing pairs. But 2/3 in row 5 have 53 under, and 3/5 have 32 under, both coursing pairs being the correct way for Block Z. Here, then, we have two combinations, 53 in 2/3 and 32 in 3/5; but 2/3 and 3/5 are the lead-end symbols which are replacing the proper positional pairs of 4/6 and 6/8 respectively. Thus the proper combinations are 35 in 4/6 and 23 in 6/8, from the downward treatment of these two rows.

Now exactly repeat this for the upward treatment. (The reversal of the combinations does not apply here, because we are dealing with a 'cross' collation; it comes later, as will be shown.) This produces two combinations which happen to be identical with the first two, viz.: 35 in 4/6 and 23 in 6/8. Incidentally, these two treatments (downward and upward) are very easily done together. After a time it becomes natural to search both rows at once, for both positional and coursing pairs. For instance, we can look for 4/6 in row 5 and observe 46 below, and, vice versa, 4/6 below and observe 46 above; and so on.

We can ignore, for the moment, the four combinations which should come from the other pair of rows (viz., 26-28), and can trace the formation of the false course ends.
(To be concluded.)

FUNERAL OF MR. H. H. CHANDLER.

The funeral of Mr. H. H. Chandler, of Hillingdon, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place on Thursday, January 3rd. The interment took place at Hillingdon Cemetery, the Vicar of Hillingdon (Rev. H. J. Kiteat) officiating.

As the cortege passed through the village, the bells of St. John's were rung fully muffled to touches of Grandsire Caters. The ringers were: Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, F. Corke 4, J. J. Pratt 5, F. G. Baldwin 6, J. H. Lucas 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith 10. Among the large company present at the graveside were ringers from Hillingdon, Uxbridge and Ealing. The ringers from the two former places also sent wreaths.

At the conclusion of the burial service four ringers, one at each corner of the grave, rang, as a last farewell, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells: F. G. Baldwin 1-2, A. H. Fulwell 3-4, F. W. Goodfellow 5-6, F. Corke 7-8. And so he was left within sound of the bells he loved so well. R.I.P.

WARNHAM RINGERS' LAST TRIBUTE.

The Warnham (Sussex) band met on Thursday, January 3rd, to pay their tribute of respect to their old friend and erstwhile conductor, Mr. H. H. Chandler. Touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples were brought round, and also a touch of Canterbury Major, in which method Mr. Chandler, called the first peal and also the greatest leifth. The ringers taking part were J. Stanford, T. Branch, J. Cook, P. Charman, W. Hooker, J. Branch, W. Pettifer, A. Charman and Wal Charman.

OLD COLLEGE YOUTH'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. Thomas Coxhead occurred recently at York Street, Lambeth, at the age of 72 years. He was born at a village near Aldbourne, Wilts, and his knowledge of horses secured him employment with the London and South Western Railway Company. For over 44 years he was a horsekeeper at the Nine Elms Depot. Six years ago he retired on a pension of 17s. a week, but when he reached 70 years of age the company reduced it to 7s., as he was then entitled to the old age pension.

Deceased was at one time a regular ringer at St. Saviour's, Southwark, with the local band, but when the bells were relung alterations were made, and the ringers disbanded, members of the choir being instructed to ring in their places. The late Mr. Coxhead rang many of the tenors behind to peals in South London and other places, and was always ready to oblige for a peal. He was an old member of the College Youths, and also a member of the St. James' Society and the Waterloo Society.

LIGHTING THE TOWER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When the bells at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, were rehung last year we reorganised the lighting very much on the lines set out by your correspondent re Truro, and have found the central light over the bell frame to be of very great convenience indeed. The flex of the central light in the ringing chamber passes through a hole in the ceiling, and is fixed with an ordinary counterbalance weight to the roof of the intermediate chamber. This enables the height to be regulated and the lamps to be lowered to be replaced without it being necessary to erect a scaffold.

It is interesting to know that the two towers, which are replicas of one another and such splendid examples of Pearson architecture, are lit in the same way.—Yours, etc.,

E. M. ATKINS.

'AN IDEAL ARRANGEMENT.'

Dear Sir,—I would suggest the following as being an ideal arrangement for the electric light installation for Ufford tower:—

The lights in the staircase, between the ground level and the ringing chamber, should be controlled by two two-way switches, one in the bottom and one at the door of the ringing chamber. This will enable the lights to be switched on at the bottom, and off at the top, or vice versa. The remaining lights in the staircase can be switched off from a switch placed just outside the ringing chamber door.

The lights in the ringing chamber should be controlled by a switch inside the ringing chamber, and that in the clock room by a switch in the clock room, and that in the bell chamber by a switch in the bell chamber.

These lights should be fixed lights, and of sufficient wattage to provide adequate illumination. It may be necessary to have, in addition, a portable light in both bell and clock chambers, and for this purpose a separate switch and plug should be placed in a convenient position in each chamber.

Regarding the lights for the ringing chamber, if the ceiling is white in colour, a 100 watt lamp with a bowl shade will probably give very satisfactory illumination, but in any case a very satisfactory light will be obtained by using a 100 watt pearl glass light with a Holophane shade, and situated in the centre of, and close to, the ceiling.

As regards the installation itself, I do not recommend one using lead-covered or metal sheathed cable but prefer the surface wiring system of the Macintosh Cable Company, Ltd., which does not require any earthing or bonding, and can be installed with a maximum neatness.—Yours faithfully,

P. W. CAVE.

A STAFFORDSHIRE PEAL RESTORED.

The peal of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) at St. Chad's Church, Pattingham, near Wolverhampton, has been recently rehung on ball bearings and overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The oak frame, which was loose in its members, has been tightened, while the foundation beams have been anchored to the walls by means of steel channels.

The bells were rung once more for Christmas, and the 'go' is all that can be desired.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was to have taken place at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, but owing to the death of the Vicar there was no ringing at this church. It was, however, decided to apply at St. Andrew's Rectory for permission to ring on the fine ring of eight there instead, and although both the Rector and his wife were absent, the vergers were able to give the necessary permission. On hearing the good news, the members soon found their way into the tower. The bells were raised at about 4 p.m., and some good ringing followed, although short touches were the order of the day in order to give all present a 'pull' in the limited time at disposal. The methods were varied, Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, and Cambridge being successfully brought round, and at 6 p.m. the bells were lowered.

The business meeting was very short, the next meeting of the district being due to take place on Saturday, January 19th, at All Saints', West Ham (see notice column).

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the church officials at St. Andrew's for the kindly way in which they gave permission to ring there. The attendance numbered about 25, and would doubtless have been greater if the ringing had been at the other tower, as many went away from St. Sepulchre's without visiting St. Andrew's.

The officers of the district wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to tender their very sincere apology to all those members and others who waited outside St. Sepulchre's, and, concluding that there was 'nothing doing,' went away disappointed, although, at the same time, they hope that they will realise that the circumstances were utterly unforeseen, and could not have possibly been helped.

RING OUT THE OLD.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On December 31st, just before midnight, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., with ten different callings: F. Everitt (first quarter away from tenor) 1, J. Harridge 2, F. Wood 3, G. Miles (conductor) 4, A. Benbow 5, E. C. B. Sharplin 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band. After midnight, 360 changes by the same band with the bells open.

HAYES, KENT.—On Monday, December 31st, 720 Wells Surprise Minor: T. R. Flint 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6. First in the method on the bells and by all the band.

ARKSEY.—On New Year's Eve, 1,344 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: F. Garner 1, E. Cooper (conductor) 2, G. Clarke 3, H. Arrand 4, Jos. McCluskey 5, Jas. McCluskey 6, T. Bysouth 7, T. Revill 8. First quarter on an 'inside' bell by T. Bysouth, who is 74 years of age.

SOUTHGATE.—On December 31st, with bells half-muffled for the old year, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 52 mins.: Gilbert Slater (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, W. Pickworth 3, D. Ovington (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, S. Wade 7, A. G. Crane 8.

SEALE, SURREY.—The bells were rung half-muffled for a quarter of an hour before midnight on December 31st to ring out the old year. To ring in the new year and to celebrate the first anniversary of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, a quarter-peal of Minor consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells open, by: E. Gardner 1, B. Court (first 'inside') 2, H. Gardner 3, J. Beagley 4, C. Newman 5, E. Beagley (conductor) 6.

BICESTER RINGERS' SUPPER.

The Bicester bellringers sat down to their annual supper on New Year's Eve at the Rose and Crown, Bicester. The Vicar presided, and there were also present Messrs. A. E. Clifton, T. Clifton, H. Hatfield, W. Scarrott, J. Evans, B. Cox, F. Neale, W. Farmer, and the vergers, Mr. H. J. Walker.

After supper the loyal toast was honoured, and the company spent the remainder of the evening in community singing and touches on the handbells until 11.30.

An adjournment was then made to the church tower for muffled ringing until midnight, after which the bells were rung open until 12.15, and thus ended a very enjoyable evening.

MALDON RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The ringers of All Saints', Maldon, were entertained to supper on New Year's Eve by Mr. H. J. Mansfield, one of the All Saints' company.

The programme commenced with the usual evening practice, when five methods were rung by members of the band.

The supper took place at the home of Mr. Mansfield, where thirteen sat down to a sumptuous feast. Despite the supposed ill-luck of the number, the evening was successfully and enjoyably spent, the time passing all too quickly. Some gramophone records of bellringing were heard, and comic songs were rendered by Mr. J. H. Waldoek and Mr. J. Amos. Mr. W. Chalk also entertained with a recitation of his own poetry. After some handbell ringing, the company walked to the tower to ring out the old year and ring in the new. For this purpose 672 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung by E. Johnson, S. E. Linnett, W. Chalk, J. Amos, Miss A. E. Waldoek, H. J. Mansfield, F. Chalk and F. Ford, Mr. P. Chalk conducting.

A more fitting finale to the old year, or a more happy prelude to the new, would be difficult to find. The hearty thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield for their hospitality, and the company unite in wishing them a very happy and prosperous new year.

WEST HALLAM BELLS.

The new bells at West Hallam, Derbyshire, have been hung in the tower, and thus complete the octave. They are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Derby on Sunday, January 20th, at 3 p.m. The tower will be at the disposal of visiting ringers on Saturday, January 26th, from 2.30 to 8 p.m.

LATE NOTICE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will take place at Winchester, Saturday, January 19th. Bells at the Cathedral (12), St Maurice's (6) available from 2.30. Service at St. Maurice's Church 4.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Wednesday, January 16th, the District Secretary, C. A. Smith, King's Somborne, nr. Winchester.

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. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 17th and 31st, 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.

Practice night at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, will be on Tuesday (instead of Wednesday) on and from Jan. 1st. Ringing from 7.45 to 9. Also practice at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on Wednesday, from 7.45 to 9 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Corke.

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.—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.—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.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

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

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ippolyt's on Jan. 12th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea is being arranged. All ringers welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 12th. St. Mary's bells from 1.30 till 4. St. Michael's from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Michael's Hall at 5.30.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Our Hon. President, Canon Hone, has kindly promised to be with us. Bells ready early. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports and new rules and diagrams to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) ready early. A good attendance requested.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Jan. 12th. Tea and business at 4.30 p.m. sharp. Evensong at 6 p.m.—B. T. Clark, Branch Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock (by kind invitation). Business meeting to follow. St. Saviour's tower will also be open for ringing 7 to 8 p.m.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on January 12th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock, address by the Vicar. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30. Business meeting after. Good bus services from all parts. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present must notify me not later than Jan. 15th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Ufford on January 19th. Tea at 4.30, for all sending me word by January 15th.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of ringers will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service at 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. All intending to be present please write by Tuesday, Jan. 15th. After that date no teas can be guaranteed.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 21, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Jan. 16th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Chorley Old Road, Whittle, not later than Friday, Jan. 18th. New reports and diagrams to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing commences at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all who notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 15th.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., Chevington, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Wallasey St. Nicholas' on Jan. 19th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. Ringers intending to be present must let secretary know not later than 16th inst.—H. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Sutton Bonington on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (5) ready 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform secretary by Thursday, Jan. 17th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual district meeting on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at Putney and Fulham. Ringing, Putney, 3 to 5. Tea and meeting at Cosy Café, opposite church, at 5.15. Ringing, Fulham, 7 to 8.30. All welcome. Let me know if coming to tea.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Staveley on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Those requiring tea, 1s. each, should inform Mr. F. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Staveley, not later than the 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock.—A. Knights, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon (St. Andrew's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Club Room, opposite Railway Station, and business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 2.30: St. Peter's (8), St. Mary's (6). Any visitors requiring tea please let the secretary know before Friday, Jan. 18th.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., Eastleaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2 p.m., to 9 p.m., at Fressingfield Church. Tea at 5 p.m. in Club Room, Fox and Goose Inn, followed by meeting. — L. E. Etheridge, Willow House, Fressingfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Will those who require tea please let me know by Tuesday, the 15th? —C. Fields, Hon. Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery. — The annual meeting will be held at Ditcheat on Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15 p.m. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 15th.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea, the Schoolroom, at 5. Bells (6) available; also Ottery St. Mary (8). Ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Jan. 19th. The Parish Church bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 and tea, to be followed by general meeting, at 5 p.m. in the School Rooms in Coventry Road.—J. A. Fenton, Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. D. Carter, Vicar of Witley. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall to follow. Anyone requiring tea please let me know by the 16th. Bells at both churches available at 3 p.m.—W. R. Melville, Assistant Sec., 17, Bedford Road.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting of the above will take place at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) available from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' EIGHTH ANNUAL DINNER.—Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at the Leaning Tower and other City churches (see later announcement). Tea and refreshments 4 p.m., at St. Thomas' Church Room, where information as to proceedings may be obtained from 2 p.m. onward. Few minutes' walk from Temple Meads Station. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells at liberty 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Rooms at 5.15 p.m. for those advising me not later than Thursday, Jan. 17th. Business meeting (election of officers for the ensuing year, etc.) in the Talbot Inn at 7.45 p.m. All members are urged to make an effort to attend this meeting. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilds-borough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Six bells. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER. — The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30. Tickets, 5s. each, obtainable from the hon. secretary. The new Bishop of Southwell will be present. Visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Farnham District will be held at Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th (owing to Farnham bells being unavailable). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all who intend to be present please advise Miss A. Fisher, 253, High Street, Aldershot, by Jan. 24th? All ringers welcomed and a good attendance requested.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea will be provided by the Vicar and local ringers. It is imperative that any member requiring tea shall notify me by first post on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Church Room. Those coming to tea please notify Mr. P. T. Cooper, 26, Church Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 23rd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Next meeting at Widdford on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at White Horse. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available in the evening. Subscriptions are now due. All those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday (last post), the 23rd.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel at 5, followed by meeting and social. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please inform me by Jan. 23rd.—Thos Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Branston (6), Saturday, Jan. 26th. 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 Marston, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

YORKS ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Also St. Michael's (8) from 2.30. Divine service, in St. Chad's Church, at 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon R. H. Malden. Tea, 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. F. Hutchinson not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. Subscriptions for the current year are now due, and should be paid without delay. A presentation will be made at this meeting to the honorary treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell) to mark his completion of 21 years of office, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will assemble to honour the occasion.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, the 23rd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Chad's Room 6 o'clock. Meeting 6.45. Kindly send number for tea before Jan. 22nd to the hon. sec., Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A dinner in connection with the Gloucester Branch will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26th, in Mercer's Hall, Cross Keys Lane, Southgate Street, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. (sharp). Tickets 3/- each. St. Mary de Lode bells (6) will be open from 4 to 5.30. Anyone requiring dinner kindly let me know by Jan. 19th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Tea in the Village Hall and business meeting to follow. All who intend being present at tea must notify me on or before Wednesday, 23rd inst. (first post). Subscriptions for 1929 can be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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VETERAN CLERICAL RINGER DEAD.

FORMER TREASURER OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The death has taken place at Cheltenham of the Rev. Henry Courtney Courtney. Mr. Courtney was in his 92nd year, and had been in orders 66 years. From 1902-3 he was curate of St. Stephen's, Bristol. In 1904, he became curate to Dr. Wilkins, with the charge of Redland Green Chapel, where he worked for 15 years.

The deceased clergyman was well known by the older generation of ringers. Mr. Courtney went to Bristol from Dunster, where he had rung many peals under Mr. C. F. Winney's conductorship. In all he had rung 33 peals for the Bath and Wells Association. His first peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Association was rung at St. Stephen's on January 29th, 1896, and for that association (of which he was hon. treasurer in 1901-1902) he rang seven peals, his last being Stedman Triples at Thornbury on August 20th, 1904, which was conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

WORPLESDON RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. Reginald George Tickner, of Worplesdon, Surrey, whose death we briefly recorded last week, was 27 years of age, and the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Tickner, of Worplesdon. He was playing football for Worplesdon on the Saturday before Christmas, was taken ill on Sunday, and died the next day.

Mr. Tickner was a native of Worplesdon, and was employed as an office porter at the railway station. In addition to being a ringer, he was very popular as joint secretary of the Men's Club and a playing member of the local football and cricket clubs. The funeral took place on Saturday week, when members of the cricket, football and men's clubs acted as bearers. The Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which deceased was a member, was represented by Messrs. G. Hazelden (District Ringing Master), W. Melville (district assistant secretary), W. Robinson and C. N. Burdock. As the funeral cortege approached, the bells were rung fully muffled, and at the conclusion of the service handbells were rung over the open grave. Afterwards on the church bells the 'whole pull and stand' was rung.

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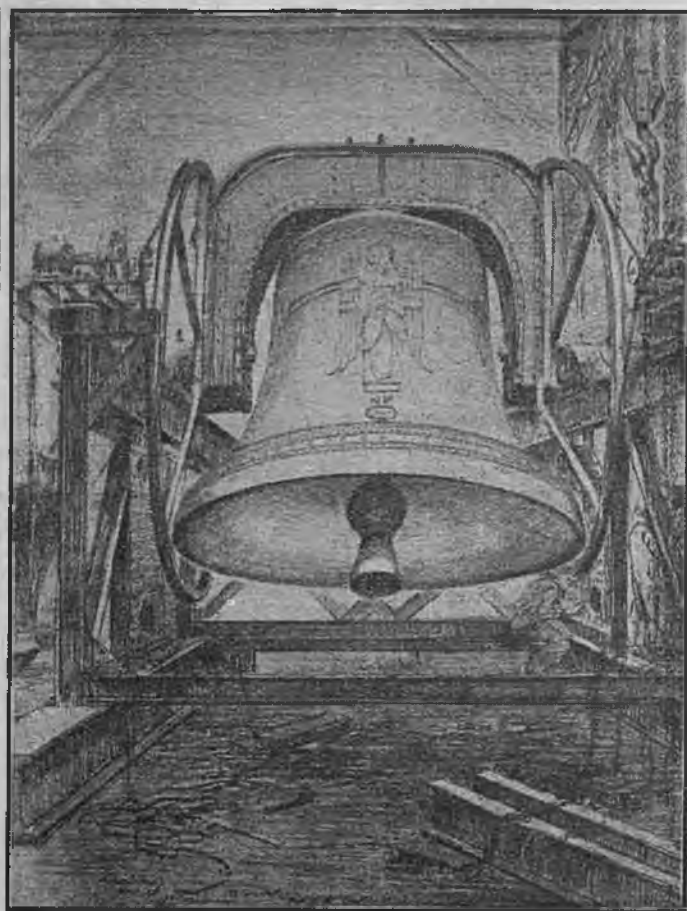
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It has been the ringers who have wrought the change. The application of steady pressure on the clergy and officials and the energies of the ringers themselves have effected vast changes in hundreds of our belfries. Into the great majority of ringing rooms anyone may now venture without risk of spoiling clothes, while in numerous instances the care of the belfry is obviously a matter of real pride. This is only as it should be, of course; for the belfry is as much a part of the church as the vestry or the chancel. But in the treatment of certain important matters many churches still lag behind. In regard to the lighting of the tower and the ventilation of the ringing chamber a number of belfries continue to leave much to be desired. There are ringing rooms with practically no effective means of ventilation; with windows which are too small, or inaccessible, or will not open, and some even without windows at all.

The lighting, too, is primitive, and particularly is this so on the dark and dangerous staircases which, being generally spiral, might easily prove a death trap. Indeed, it is almost a miracle that there are not frequent serious accidents in the unlit stairways, where the steps, often, are irregular and there is seldom any handrail. Then, too, the provision made in the bell chamber itself, where it is constantly necessary for a man to go and where, in the absence of effective lighting, accidents may easily happen, is, generally speaking, notoriously bad. An unprotected candle, which may be blown out at any moment by the wind; or, perhaps, a stable lantern is often the only means of lighting one's way across a bell frame at night, which, even if the bells be 'down,' is a risky thing. It is up among the bells that, most of all, it is important that there should be efficient illumination.

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ous where it comes close to, if not actually in, the line of vision and is trying to the eyes as well as making rope sight difficult. This defect in lighting is sometimes due to the necessity of keeping the gas or oil lamps at a safe distance from the ceilings, but even where electricity is not available, it ought to be possible in most of such cases to devise some improvement. There can be no doubt, however, that an electric lighting installation wherever it is possible lends itself best of all to the requirements of a church tower, and we hope that the ringers at many belfries may profit by improvements carried out on lines suggested in recent letters in 'The Ringing World.'

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J. ROUND 2	BENJAMIN GOGHE 7
WILLIAM GOODMAN 3	CYRIL WINWOOD 8
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HERBERT SHEPPARD 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

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Tenor 18 cwt.

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EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	FRANK JENNINGS 7
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Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

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GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
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WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 8
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FREDERICK C. WOODISS ... 2	* HARRY ELLIOTT 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
JOHN BEAMS 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Major.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* ERNEST GREENWOOD ... Treble	JAMES INGHAM 5
† HAROLD HAMER 2	† JAMES B. SHAW 6
* FRANK GREENWOOD 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
WALTER STAFF 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

STONEV STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* CECIL E. CARR Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON 5
† ALFRED BALLARD 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 3	† LEONARD E. TOWERS 7
PERCIVAL A. ALDRAM ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Composed by D. WOODS. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method away from treble. ‡ First peal of Major.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
JOHN A. W. DOWNING ... 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (258). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Arranged for Mr. J. A. W. Downing, of Blacklands, Hastings. It was his first peal of Major and first 'touch' in the method.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK JEFFS Treble	BEN JARMAN 5
JOHN MALYAN 2	CHARLES JEFFS 6
ARTHUR DAY 3	HORACE GOODENOUGH ... 7
THOMAS BLOW 4	WILLIAM NASH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. H. BILLINGTON ... Treble	ERNEST STONE 5
WALTER STONE 2	JOHN MORETON 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	* JOHN THOMPSON 7
CHARLES RAYSON 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Bob Major. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Ven. Hugh Cairns Alexander Back, Archdeacon of Warwick, ten years president of the Guild, interred at Berkswell the previous Monday.

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QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 5
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
ROWLAND MYERS ... 4	HARRY FOSTER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD <i>Treble</i>	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

SHERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURETANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	*ALAN R. PINK ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 4	*JOSEPH SPOONER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman by the Guild.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Spooner.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. <i>Treble</i>	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM BOND ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST LONDON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM P. DRANE ... 5
THOMAS HURD ... 2	*WALTER LONGMAN ... 6
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
ARTHUR W. HALL ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal of Oxford Major. 70th peal for the conductor.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. CHOWN ... 5
GEORGE WATSON ... 2	JOHN W. CHANDLER ... 6
HUBERT G. SOMMERS ... 3	JAMES S. NAPPER ... 7
WALTER MALINS ... 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of J. B. Fenton's first peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*GILBERT HALFPENNY <i>Treble</i>	JOHN BRIERLEY ... 5
WILLIAM SHAW ... 2	SAMUEL BOWKER ... 6
WILLIAM BLACKHURST ... 3	TOM WILDE ... 7
HARRY NORGROVE ... 4	ALBERT HOUGH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. BERRY.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of esteem and respect for the late Mr. W. Garside Phillips, of Ansley Hall, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, who, previous to leaving Hyde, was a prominent worker for St. George's Church and schools, and had ever since been a generous supporter of the same.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWITT <i>Treble</i>	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	ERNEST E. BRETT ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD E. TOWERS <i>Treble</i>	PERCY HARRISON ... 5
JAMES HUTCHBY ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
†ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	†CHARLES H. WEBB ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal away from treble.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR J. LEWIS <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 5
WILFRED G. WILSON ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
WILLIAM A. LEWIS ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
FRANK CORKE ... 4	JAMES H. BURTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN VICKERS. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal by ringer of treble. First peal of Grandsire Triples by the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Armiger Trollope.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE HAYWARD <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
BASIL REDGWELL ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Canon H. A. Lake, Rector of Chelmsford, and Sub-Dean of the Cathedral, for many years an hon. member of the Essex Association.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's, on January 7th, 720 Bob Minor: R. S. Denney (first 720 in any method) 1, H. E. Bowers 2, E. Clark 3, M. Windley 4, W. F. Bradley 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STEVENAGE, HEETS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents with different callings.

G. JOHNSON Treble	W. H. STANLEY 4
H. WITTERING 2	A. STANLEY 5
F. TURNER 3	W. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

GEORGE WASLEY Treble	A. GAZEY 4
F. H. HAYWARD 2	A. MARTIN 5
F. HAYWARD 3	C. J. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by A. MARTIN

BRADWELL, BUCKS.

On Monday, December 31, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* T. H. BIRD Treble	A. COLEY 4
T. C. WALTERS 2	C. ALDERMAN 5
J. H. WHITLOCK 3	A. LATHAL Tenor

Conducted by J. H. WHITLOCK,

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. All the band are Sunday service ringers.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE TEARN Treble	MISS AMY JOHNSON 4
† ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	HARRY PRICE 5
† WALTER H. RANTER 3	HAROLD F. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

* HARRY BOSWELL Treble	* HERBERT T. PIPER 4
* JACK W. TAYLOR 2	ROBERT PICKERING 5
* FRANK BROTHERTON 3	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal in the method and first of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one of 720 of Grandsire, two of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	* ERNEST CALCUTT 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	* RALPH PARTON 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS HENNING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal of Minor, and members of the local band. Quarterly peal for this Branch.

WYBUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. PARKER Treble	ARTHUR ALLMAN 4
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
HAROLD G. SMITH 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

OLD LEAKE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Five 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 12 cwt. (approx.).

PERCY LAKIN Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
* MISS ELSIE LAKIN 2	GEORGE W. HOUGHTON 5
* FRANK P. HARWOOD 3	* WILLIAM H. SMALL Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Messrs. Lakin and Small were proposed members of the Guild before starting. All are local Sunday service ringers except 4th.

BLAYDON.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

JAMES CLIFF Treble	JAMES W. DAVIDSON 4
HENRY B. TAYLOR 2	JOHN LOWREY 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	EDWARD LOWREY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD LOWREY.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following methods: Braintree, Merton, Grove Delight, College Bob IV., Wrangby, Neasden, and Tanner's Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt.

* F. PRIESTLY Treble	H. CHANT 4
A. COLE 2	D. SMITH 5
M. PERRY 3	J. T. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. H. R. H. Conroy), who was instituted after the peal.

SIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD BAILEY Treble	ERNEST MALLENDER 4
FRED CLARKE 2	ERNEST WILSON 5
VADGHAN COX 3	FRED KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED KNOWLES.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... Treble	† GEORGE T. HONEYWOOD ... 4
CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 2	GEORGE W. MOSS, SEN. ... 5
STANLEY G. MOSS 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. MOSS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob on inside bell. First peal in the method on the bells. The above band consists of two fathers and four sons, and all are members of the local band.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* LEONARD TASELAND Treble	MISS KITTY MOORE 4
R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
* HARRY WARREN 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in more than one method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Lord Burghley and Lady Mary Scott, who were married that day at the Church of St. Clement Danes, London.

DENBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILSON ALLIN, SEN. Treble	FRED CLARKE 4
ERNEST MALLENDER 2	JOHN W. ENGLAND 5
ERNEST A. WILSON 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Arranged by E. A. WILSON.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

* ALBERT FLEET 1-2	CYRIL HERBERT 5-6
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	EDMUND HOBBS 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal in hand, also first in the method.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At 15, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
* PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY

* First peal of Stedman in hand.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
L. W. WIFFEN 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

FIRST SINCE 1888 !

At St. Andrew's Church, Wyrardisbury, Bucks, on Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Sharland 1, Mrs. Wm. Brants 2, W. H. Brants 3, J. E. Nash 4, G. F. Brants 5, W. Budd 6, Wm. Brants (conductor) 7, G. Dawson 8 (4, 6, 8 covering). Rung with bells half-muffled owing to death in the village. First 720 Grandsire Doubles by a local band since 1888.

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HOW THE SURREY ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED.

In the days when many of our ringing associations were in the making, conditions were vastly different from those of to-day, and those who wanted to get on in the art of change ringing had to make their own opportunities. The ringers who are still with us who had any experience of ringing in the now distant '70's are few, but one of them is Mr. J. W. Trappitt, sen., now living in Dublin, who learnt his ringing at the famous church of Beddington, Surrey, and is the last survivor of the little company who formed the Surrey County Association.

Mr. Trappitt was born within the sound of Bow bells, but migrated to Beddington about 1875. He first handled a bell rope in June, 1876, when he was elected a member of the St. Mary's, Beddington, Society of Call Change Ringers. In the early summer of 1877 about four of the company walked on a Sunday afternoon to Fulham Parish Church (about ten miles) to get a pull for evening service. The Rector (the Rev. — Fisher), who was at that time a ringer himself, out of courtesy allowed them to have a pull after having come so far, but he informed them that he had made up his mind not to allow any more call change ringing on the bells of his church.

This set the Beddingtonites thinking and talking, with the result that they, as a company, decided that they would never be denied the use of bells if want of knowledge of change ringing was the only obstacle. From that time on, with the late Edgar Bennett as their conductor, their progress was steady. Early in the year 1878 they rang their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. During the year they rang two other quarter-peals, three half-peals, and three peals, the first peal being on November 8th, 1878, and the first peal by all the hand. It was at All Saints', Carshalton, that they rang the first quarter, half and complete peal, so that Carshalton naturally holds memories dear to him.

It was early in the year 1880, after a practice at Carshalton, that the ringers called in at the King's Arms, and in the parlour Edgar Bennett, Charles Gordon, James Cawley, John Plowman, Samuel Greenwood, George Pell, 'Daddy' Springhall, Mr. Shepherd, and J. Trappitt decided it was time to do something to form a county association of ringers. This was the birthplace of the Surrey Association.

On May 21st, in the schoolroom at Beddington, with the Rector (the Rev. Canon Bridges) in the chair, it was christened and launched on its troublesome life, with a gentleman, named Percival, of Wimbledon, as secretary. Mr. Trappitt is the only one of the original founders left, and his eldest son continues to carry on that which his father had a hand in starting.

But to revert to the Beddington company. On October 27th, 1880, they rang their first peal of Plain Bob Triples, and on May 7th, 1881, their first peal of Grandsire Caters. On February 4th, 1882, they scored John Holt's one-part peal of Plain Bob Triples, the first time this peal had been rung. On October 20th, 1883, they were successful in ringing their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and on December 6th, 1883, Mr. Trappitt called his first peal. On May 4th, 1885, the company rang their first peal of Bob Major, and on August 5th, 1886, their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. The band on this occasion included the Rev. F. E. Robinson, whose first peal of Treble Ten it was also. All these peals, with the exception of the Treble Ten, were rung by the Sunday service ringers of the Beddington Society, and were the first in the different methods by all who took part in them.

On June 6th, 1888, Mr. Trappitt rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. W. Washbrook; on the following day his first peal of Stedman Caters, conducted by the Rev. E. F. Robinson. This was Mr. Trappitt's 50th peal. From this time on he has no record of dates, but he has rung peals of Double Norwich and one of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

In 1895 he migrated to Ireland, where at St. Thomas', Belfast, he managed to teach a band till they rang three courses of Grandsire Triples. He also rang at Hollywood, County Down. In 1896 he went to the south-east of Ireland, with no sound of a peal of bells until in 1897 he met Mr. J. W. Washbrook and Mr. J. W. Taylor with a Loughborough band at the opening of a new church and peal of bells at Arklow, County Wicklow. In January, 1901, he settled in 'dear dirty Dublin,' and was made a member of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, of which he is still a ringing member. Among the memorable peals in which he has taken part in Ireland was one in October, 1901, at Arklow, when J. W. Washbrook rang the 3rd and 4th bells. Mr. Trappitt rang in the first peal of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal, and Grandsire Cinques, in Ireland. Altogether he has rung about 122 peals, of which he has conducted nine. On November 8th last, on the 50th anniversary of his first peal, an attempt for a commemorative peal was made, but it came to grief after ringing three hours.

Mr. Trappitt is one of the few left who rang with the late Henry Haley and John Cox. He had not the pleasure of meeting the late Henry Johnson, but one of the St. Martin's band of his time, Amos Cressor, was an honorary member of the Beddington company for several months while working in the Croydon Bell Foundry, and he rang a peal of Grandsire Caters with them on June 3rd, 1882. Other honorary members of the company were the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Mr. E. F. Cole, and Mr. C. E. Malin, who rarely missed a practice for several years. If these lines should meet the eye of either of these last-named gentlemen or the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, a kindly thought will give pleasure to 'Little Jim.'

OLDSWINFORD RINGER'S SAD DEATH. KILLED WHEN GOING OFF DUTY.

Thomas Joseph Smith, aged 61, of Brook Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, met a sad death on the railway on Saturday night, January 5th. He was a signman, and was going off duty, when he was run over and killed. The surface of the road was very slippery at the time, and it is thought he may have slipped and fallen on the railway line. At the inquest a verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned, and greatest sympathy with the widow and daughter was expressed by the coroner and jury.—Mr. B. Gordon, stationmaster, associated himself with the expression, and said that deceased had been a very valuable servant. He had been in the company's service for 39 years, and had been a signman for 37 years. Mr. Hation also extended sympathy on behalf of the National Union of Railwaymen.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon last week at the Borough Cemetery, Stourbridge, and was attended by about 100 employees of the Great Western Railway Company. Messrs. Arthur E. Whitmore (Stourbridge), Thomas Heathcock (Oldswinford) and John Bass (Wollaston) represented the ringers. A short service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Friessener, curate of Oldswinford, who also gave a brief and fitting address. The burial lesson was read by the Rev. A. E. Buchanan, Rector of Pedmore. The floral tributes were beautiful and numerous.

The late Mr. Smith was held in high esteem by his many colleagues on the railway, with whom he was always bright and genial. A native of Clent, he joined the local band of bellringers, and after removal to Brierley Hill he was a member of the Brierley Hill band. Still more recently he belonged to St. Thomas', Stourbridge, and Oldswinford Parish Church band of bellringers, and although not a great peal ringer he conducted the 1,000th peal for the Worcestershire Association on Saturday, December 6th, 1913. He was ever willing to do what he could to further the interests of ringing.

The following members of the Worcestershire Association, Messrs. J. Bass, William Gibbs, Robert Matthews, Alfred C. Boxley, Clifford Skidmore, Chas. W. Cooper, Walter Farley and Thomas Hemming, attempted a half-muffled peal on Thursday evening, at Christ Church, Lye, as a last token of respect, but, unfortunately, after about an hour, had to stand owing to a rope having slipped the wheel.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK.—On October 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. E. Slater: *W. J. Reynolds 1, *W. G. Good 2, *E. W. Ambrose 3, *A. A. Fitch 4, P. L. Johnson (conductor) 5, T. E. Slater 6.
* First quarter-peal.

IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In sending you these two peals of Ipswich Surprise Major, may I plead with the Exercise to give more consideration to this most excellent method. Produced by Mr. Arthur Craven, it was brought into the limelight by Rev. C. D. P. Davies in 'Surprise Methods' (see pp. 52-54), where the author points out some of its many advantages. While structurally a great improvement on Cambridge, its 'work' resembles the diagram of the latter enough to make it much more easy for a Cambridge ringer to learn than (say) London, and it possesses (to quote Mr. Davies' own words) 'the conspicuous advantage of having one, and only one, course false against the plain course,' thus offering 'wide scope in the way of composition.'

I believe I am correct in saying that since Mr. E. Jenkins called the first peal in the method on May 21st, 1927, only one more peal of it has been rung. Surely this is a method well worth the attention and practice of the many Surprise ringers who ring Middleton's peal of Cambridge regularly about ten times a year.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

21, Peel Street, Partick, Glasgow.

TWO PEALS OF 5,056.

BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

No. 1.					No. 2.				
23456	B.	W.	M.	H.	23456	B.	W.	M.	H.
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42356	--	--	--	--	24536	--	--	--	--
32654	--	--	--	--	52436	--	--	--	--
65324	--	--	--	--	64235	--	--	--	--
36524	--	--	--	--	26435	--	--	--	--
53624	--	--	--	--	46532	--	--	--	--
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N.B.—If the braced hobs are not omitted in one half of the peal, it will be false.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon Lake, Sub-Dean and Rector of Chelmsford, whose death at the age of 81 years we recorded last week, only once missed being present at the annual meeting of the Essex Association in 34 years.

Mr. George R. Pye rang 75 peals in 1928.

Harry Bastable, the celebrated Birmingham ringer, who was Master of St. Martin's Guild from 1888, died thirty years ago to-morrow at the age of fifty years.

The first peal on twelve bells ever rung was accomplished at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 19th, 1724, when the College Youths rang 5,060 of Grandsire Cinques. It was an historical event.

On January 20th, 1740, a peal of 5,040 'Garthings Trebles' was rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn. It is believed that this was Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, which was first rung at Norwich.

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

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal after a lapse of 75 years was rung at Cheltenham on January 21st, 1893. The first that was rung was at Wakefield in 1822.

The Sussex County Association was established on January 29th, 1835, and the first peal was rung for the association two days later at Cuckfield by a band from Brighton. Two members of that company survive, Mr. Charles Tyler, of Henfield, and Mr. George King, who has been for many years now in Canada.

Mr. Henry W. Jackson, hon. treasurer, Lancashire Association for the past 47 years, died on Sunday morning at the advanced age of 83 years. He was a member of the College Youths.

HALEY, COX AND JOHNSON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Seeing mention lately of the fact that there are not many now left of those who have rung with the three veteran ringers whose names stand at the head of this letter, perhaps I ought to let it be known that I am one of the few remaining. I do not think that I ever rang a peal with John Cox, but I rang two or three touches with him at odd times. In my London ringing days (1878-80) he was a Cumberland, and I was always a College Youth. With Haley I rang regularly, and, to mention but one peal, I rang the second in the silent Holt's Original, with Haley ringing the treble next me. As regards Johnson, I rang in his last peal, one of Stedman Caters, at Aston, in which, I think, he rang the second, while I rang somewhere near the seventh. He came to see how things were looking, and as we were one short of our number, was—and I have always been thankful for it—persuaded to stand in at the last moment.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

THE BATES APPEAL FUND.

The above fund has now been closed, and the following is the final list of subscriptions:—

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged	50	6	3
Ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's, Tonbridge (per Mr. W. Steed)		6	0
Mr. James George		2	6
The Ancient Society of College Youths (per Mr. W. T. Cockerill, second donation)	2	2	0
Nottingham Branch, M.C.A., annual meeting (per Mr. F. W. Bailey)		8	0
Total	£53	4	9

Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., of 127, Crayford Way, Crayford, who has been acting as hon. secretary of the fund, thanks all those who have so willingly subscribed and thus assisted the widow and three small children at a time of tragic bereavement and financial worry. Mr. Groombridge has received the following letter from Messrs. J. W. Bates and J. Bates, brothers of the deceased ringer:—

'We wish to thank you and all concerned for the generous help you have given to our brother's widow in response to the appeal you so kindly put forward. It has been a great help to her in her sad loss. Although we have thanked you personally, we feel we would like to express our appreciation in writing. Words do not convey the full extent of our gratitude, but we know you will understand how grateful we feel.'

MRS. BATES' THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all who so kindly came to my assistance, with the result that I have received the grand total of £53 4s. 9d., and also of thanking you for the use of the columns in your paper, as I realise that, but for this, the appeal would have been impossible. The money has been a great help to me. It tends to soften a great blow when one feels such good friends are at hand. Thanking you all once again,—Yours gratefully,

ANNIE A. BATES.

5, Great Queen Street,
Dartford, Kent.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The motion carried at Hereford is perfectly correct. It states that a peal of Minor must consist of seven true and complete 720's.

Now, consider my brother's arrangement of Cambridge Minor. We make 720 changes of the bells so that we have the correct number of changes made, but the last change made takes us into the next 720. We now ring through that, and the last change made brings us into the next 720, and so on throughout. The last change in the seventh 720 brings us back into the first 720 again, and completes the first 720, so that each of the seven is true and complete.

But the motion carried does not say that each 720 must be completed before the next one is begun; if it did it would rule out every peal of Minor, because it states that the seven 720's must be different. If so, then not only must the row 123456 come up after every 720th change is made, but the same applies to every other row, so that if 123564 comes up after the 12th change from the beginning it must also come up after the 732nd change is made, and this can only be if we ring the same 720 seven times over in the same method.

The motion allows us to ring seven true and complete compositions mixed up in any way we like, and so enables us to get seven 720's, bringing 5-6 up the right way at the back in Cambridge Surprise and also in London Surprise, and this cannot be done in any other way.

H. LAW JAMES.

[If Mr. Law James will look again at the motion passed at Hereford he will see that the word 'different' is not used in the resolution. It may be useful to quote again the exact wording which was adopted for a peal of Minor: '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.' Thus it debars nothing which was not ruled out by the previous definition laid down by the Council.—Ed. 'R.W.']

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Dear Sir,—Your comment at the foot of Mr. Morris' letter would appear to put the matter in a nutshell. If we are going to allow 240's of this type, there is nothing to prevent our taking the ten six-scores and splicing them two by two, which can be done, unless my mathematics be rusty, in 1,080 ways. You would have to discard 90 of these as they would consist of two consecutive six-scores, and there would be a number of duplicated 240's, but at any rate there would be rather just under 500 of them, and they would all contain 240 changes—i.e., each possible change twice. If 240's on this plan, why not 360's, 480's, 1,200's?

Mr. Morris' arrangement is good, but contravenes the C.C. resolution—so that would appear to be that.

The letter of the Rev. E. S. Powell is constructive and gives food for thought, but he will agree that, while the Hereford resolution stands, the arrangement under discussion is inadmissible.

Mr. Willson apparently wrote in a hurry. A letter full of slang and unkind words does not get us anywhere. To characterise Mr. Morris' effort as an 'abortion' (a horrible word) and a 'monstrosity,' is going too far. Was Mr. Willson in such violent haste to castigate the five and six-bell men—he does not love them, apparently—that he makes one obvious misstatement and commits an error in his English, both unusual things for W.W. Palpably, you cannot have more than 120 false changes in the 240 of Mr. Morris.

I would venture to state that I think I could exercise W.W.'s mind to some considerable tune in Grandsire Doubles. The 50 six-scores which we rang, all in a different way, some years ago, provided a mental test quite as stiff as does a peal in seven methods of Minor. It is surprising that this method of producing peals of Doubles is not more widely adopted—i.e., that of substituting other bells for the treble.

The number of 'legitimate' methods of Doubles is so small that credit should be given to anyone who makes an effort to ring something different, even though that effort be on lines that are wrong, according to the Central Council.—Yours, etc., J. T. DYKE.

TWO QUESTIONS.

Sir,—The arrangements of Minor and Doubles seem to be taking a prominent place in your columns, at the present time. As to their truth or otherwise, perhaps it would be as well if those concerned would answer the following questions:—

1. We are told that 123456 constitutes the first row or change in Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of his peal of Cambridge Minor. Will he inform your readers which is the last row or change?

2. In what way do these freak arrangements contribute to interest or advancement in the art of ringing to five and six-bell ringers?—Yours truly, C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

BURFORD, OXON.—On November 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. (1,260 changes): F. Soden 1, E. Pearson 2, W. Brunedon 3, A. Bishop 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon 6, T. Bond (conductor) 7, T. Timms 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman at Burford by a local band.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WORKSOP.

A cordial welcome was extended to the members of the North Notts Association at Worksop on this their first meeting of the new year. The weather being beautifully fine, members attended from Anston, Shireoaks, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Gamston, East Markham, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, Warsop, Bolsover, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Creswell, Chesterfield, Treeton, Gainsborough, Mistorion, Handsworth, Rotherham, and Staveley Town, with a number of the local company. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Forward Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise, in addition to one or two six-bell methods, some good ringing being done on the Priory bells. There were upwards of 40 ringers present during the afternoon and evening, and a large number sat down to tea at the Co-operative Cafe in Eastgate. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson presided over the gathering, and the meeting which followed, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), the Misses Burchinal and others.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tuxford, the date to be arranged by the secretary immediately after Easter.

Frederick Hector Bennett, of Chesterfield, was elected a non-resident life member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for presiding over tea and meeting, and also to the Vicar of Worksop (Canon D'Arcy) for the use of the bells.

Some good change ringing on handbells took place during the meeting, and afterwards the tower bells were rung up to 9 p.m., and lowered in peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday last. Amongst the visitors were Rev. C. A. Clements, of Grappenhall, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. W. H. Shuker, general secretary of Lancashire Association. The bells were kept busy until 5.30 p.m., when the service was held. The Ven. Archdeacon Howson and the Rector of Liverpool took the service, and Rev. C. A. Clements preached. Immediately after the service the members proceeded to St. Nicholas' Institute, where tea was provided for all through the generosity of the Archdeacon.

A short meeting followed, at which the branch secretaries of the Wigan and Liverpool Branches gave a report to the members on the past year's progress.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Liverpool for granting facilities for the meeting, and to the Rev. C. A. Clements for his address. The Archdeacon was warmly thanked for his continued support and his generosity in providing tea.

A return was then made to the tower, and the bells were kept going till a late hour. Many of the visitors expressed their satisfaction and approval at the success of the meeting.

EAST HERTS MEETING AT HERTFORD.

A most enjoyable and successful meeting of the Eastern Division of the Hertford County Association was held at Hertford on Saturday last, when the bells of All Saints' (ten) and St. Andrew's (eight) were open. Members and friends were present from Romford, Leytonstone, Southgate, Leyton, Broxbourne, Ware, Barley, Braughing, Ragston, Nazcing, Shropshire, together with Mr. C. T. Coles, the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, and Mr. A. and Mrs. Pulling, of Guildford. Mr. Pulling, after such a marvellous recovery to health, largely due to the care and skill with which he was nursed at the County Hospital at Hertford, felt he would like to visit his many friends; and, needless to say, all were delighted to see him.

The Vicar gave an earnest and helpful address, which was much appreciated, and for which he was heartily thanked as he shook hands with each as they left the service.

Tea and business followed, Mr. W. Pickworth, of Southgate, presiding. One new member was elected, namely, Miss C. Welch, of the Benington band.

Grandsire Triples and Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung at All Saints', and Double Norwich, Bob Major and London Surprise brought round at St. Andrew's. All spent a very enjoyable time.

MUFFLED BELLS AT HARROW WEALD

On Wednesday, January 9th, at All Saints', Harrow Weald, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the wife of Mr. S. Holloway, who passed away very suddenly on Friday, January 4th. Mr. Holloway is a very respected member of the choir, and has also been a member of the belfry. The ringers were: Miss Freda Clayton 1, C. Dyke 2, Miss Elsie Fulton 3, N. Genna 4, G. R. Goodship 5, W. Horrod 6. This was followed by two courses of Stedman and 240 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. R. Goodship.

This is the first 720 by the ringers of the treble, third, fourth and tenor, and the first as conductor. All are members of the new band recently formed, with the exception of Mr. Dyke, who hails from Stanmore.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, where the two rings of bells at All Saints' and St. Paul's were utilised in a number of touches in the afternoon and evening. A well-attended service was held in St. Paul's Church, when an eloquent address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. Speaking from Eph. iii. 11, the Master took as his subject the eternal purpose of God, and asked: 'What would life be without a purpose?' It was a difficult thing to be out of work—without a job, but even with both secured, so many lives, unfortunately, were without purpose. They had no continuity of aim. He, however, was talking to those whose life had a purpose, and who were interested in their work. All their intelligence and ideas were bound up in what they had to do. But even so, there were times when purpose seemed absent, as when ringers failed to turn up at combined practice, and those who did were left with nothing to do. But the text spoke not of theirs, but with an eternal purpose, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Jesus Christ, Creator and Preserver of all things, Who worked not haphazardly but with an eternal purpose in Christ Jesus our Lord. Jesus Christ, like the architect, unfolded the plan to the workmen. Through His relation to His Father and ours to Him, we came into the eternal purpose, related both to God and to one another. Christ unfolded the eternal purpose to the people of the world. What, he asked, had the Guild of Church Bell Ringers to do with the eternal purpose? If true to their Guild, they were doing what Jesus Christ would have them do, and were working according to plan; with their contribution towards the worship of God, which was central in the thought and heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, who worshipped in the Temple and in the synagogue. Their work called for real occupation of bodily and mental powers. Their fellowship was just a part of the great fellowship which Christ came to bring about, and which had been gradually unfolded in their ringers' Guilds in England—part of the 'eternal purpose.' Not all that they did came under the eternal purpose; but let them live up to their baptismal and sacramental privileges as true Christians acceptable to God. Be faithful each in his own tower and for himself, not another. The preacher referred in moving terms to the eternal purpose as revealed in the light of the removal by death of their great friend, Master and chairman, the late Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, and in the illness and recovery of their chairman, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was present with them that day. Let those words, 'the eternal purpose of God,' be their watchword for the coming year—their inspiration as they did all they could to carry on the purpose of God.

The singing of special ringers' hymns was very effective, especially 'Belfry Praise,' by the Rev. J. H. Matthews, with its lovely bell-like phrases and cadences. The Rector and the Rev. F. A. Sheffield took part in the service, while among those present were the chairman of the branch, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Revs. B. Long (Rural Dean), G. H. Stubbs, and A. L. Manby. Miss D. E. M. Plumridge presided at the organ, deputising for Mr. A. H. Lusty, the organist.

High tea followed in the Parish Room, arranged by Mr. W. Houlton and Mrs. W. G. Houlton, and admirably served by ladies and gentlemen of the parish.

The Chairman, amid applause, thanked all the above for their kindness.

Canon Coleridge presided at the business meeting, ringers present numbering about 100, and including several ladies. Among those supporting the chairman were the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the Revs. B. Long, H. M. Waller, A. P. Carr, G. H. Francis, W. T. Stubbs and P. A. Sheffield, Messrs. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), W. J. Paice (branch secretary and treasurer). The District Secretary presented the balance sheet, which, with a slightly decreased income and larger expenses for combined practice (a new item) and Guild representatives' expenses, provided a balance some five pounds less than that of last year.

The Secretary reported a quiet year. He first congratulated the chairman on his restoration to health and presence amongst them again, to which Canon Coleridge feelingly responded.

Mr. Paice reported a membership of 22 honorary and 149 ringing members, against 21 and 169 last year, a net decrease of 22, accounted for to a large extent by the 'unattached' being transferred direct to the Guild. The Rev. A. L. Manby, of Camberley, Mr. Sabin and Mr. F. Goodyer (Wokingham) were welcomed as new members. Combined practices had been held at Arborfield, East-hampstead, Hurst, Sonning, Sandhurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, All Saints' and St. Paul's (Wokingham).

The Secretary also regretted the absence at their meeting, through illness, of Messrs. Darvell, Lawrence, E. H. Langley and W. Boyles.

The report made feeling reference to the loss of their late chairman, Rev. R. H. Hart Davis. A peal was attempted at Sonning as a memorial, but was lost after an hour. No peals had been rung during the year. A visit to the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Croydon was much enjoyed by many of the members. The Secretary thanked all the foremen and members for their help and sympathy, and said there was a keen desire to maintain the standard of Sunday service ringing.

Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge was unanimously re-elected chairman, with expressions of congratulations and esteem, to which he suitably responded.

Mr. W. J. Paice was unanimously thanked and reappointed branch secretary and treasurer. No change was made in the branch committee; and quarterly meetings were arranged for the spring at Sonning; summer, Wargrave or Hurst; autumn, Arborfield.

Branch representatives to Guild Council were re-elected, viz.: Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Rance and Jos. White.

On the recommendation of the branch committee, the date of next annual meeting was fixed for the third (not the second) Saturday in January.

The first of the combined practices was arranged for Hurst in February, the rest to be arranged by the hon. secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Rance, and seconded by Mr. Moth, it was unanimously and by acclamation agreed to present the hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Paice, with an honorarium of two guineas as a small token of appreciation of his devoted and valuable services for the branch.—Mr. Paice suitably responded, and expressed pleasure at the help he always received from the members, and said how he valued the fact of their appreciation.

The Secretary said he had been in communication with the secretary (Mr. Clark) of the Farnham District of Guildford Diocesan Guild, as to a joint meeting with Sonning. They would see from 'The Ringing World' how much in vogue were joint meetings, and what a very great help they were.—Mr. Clark, who was present, expressed the pleasure it would give this district to welcome them.

The Master in a few words expressed pleasure at the meeting and at the work of the branch during the year, emphasising the value of the quarterly meetings and combined practice. He closed with an appreciation of Mr. Paice's work as hon. secretary.

Mr. Wright congratulated the branch on its success, and in its secretary. He also spoke of the Restoration Fund (the nucleus of which is formed by 25 per cent. of hon. members' subscriptions), which now stood at £30. Several restorations were due, and the money would be well spent. He was hoping the Guild funds would show a clear 5 per cent. increase. Every year he had been in office he had managed to increase the funds a little (applause). The more members, the more prosperous the Guild. He was glad to see the help given to younger members.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert referred feelingly to the passing of the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, and to the illness and recovery of Canon Coleridge. The Sonning Branch had, he said, been absolutely blessed in its officers, the Rev. E. E. Broom, Mr. F. Dentry and now Mr. W. J. Paice. Mr. Hibbert spoke highly of the value of joint practices. He congratulated the branch on its working and on its officers.

The Rev. A. P. Carr, who expressed pleasure at being allowed to rejoin the branch, thanked the preacher, the Master for his deeply interesting address, the Rev. H. M. Walter for the use of his church and Parish Room, and the organist for her services, his remarks being heartily endorsed by the meeting.—The Rev. H. M. Walter cordially and briefly responded.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held at Southampton on Saturday last. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were available, and various touches were brought round. Service was conducted in St. Michael's Church by the Vicar (Rev. A. R. Spread). Tea and the business meeting was held in St. Michael's Hall, the Rector of Dibden being in the chair, supported by Mr. Geo. Williams (Ringing Master and vice-president), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), Mr. F. H. Rogers (Portsmouth District secretary), and members from Dibden, Eling, Romsey, King's Somborne, Woolton Hill, Ringwood, Titchfield, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, Brockenhurst, Winchester and Southampton.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Rev. G. T. Tritton; Ringing Master, Mr. Geo. Williams; district secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; auditor, Mr. E. W. Summerfield; Central Committee, Mr. J. W. Faithful.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, January 18th, 1930, and quarterly meetings at Lockerby in April, Dibden in July, Upham in October, on the second Saturday in each case.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon Braithwaite, Rev. N. C. Woods, and the Rev. R. B. Jolly (Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton). Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of St. Mary's and the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding.

A BELL ANNIVERSARY.

At Fairford, Glos., on Monday, December 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for the first anniversary of the new bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Law 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, B. Guy 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, A. King 7, E. Gardner 8. First quarter-peal in the method for the ringer of the 2nd, who is the first lady to accomplish a quarter-peal on these bells.

BENJAMIN ANNABLE AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter by Collegian in your issue of the 28th ultimo, I have always understood that the first peal of Bob Triples (if not the first peal ever rung) was rung at St. Peter Mancroft in 1715. Maybe Mr. Philip Sadler, Mr. Theodore Slater, or some other member of the Exercise will be good enough to say whether or not I am correct.—Yours faithfully,

GEO. H. CROSS.

NINETY-TWO METHODS IN A YEAR.

At All Saints' Church, Wathou-Dearne, during the year 1928, for Sunday service and practice, there have been 119 720's rung in 92 different methods, and one spliced in three methods, by thirteen members and three visitors, namely: A. Gill 98 (conducted 8), A. Panther 89 (conducted 40), W. Green 87, W. Bramham 73, W. Ashworth 71, H. Chamberlin 67 (conducted 13), R. J. Ricketts 63, C. Walsh 60 (conducted 8), A. Nash 54 (conducted 50), J. W. Champion 29, G. Lord 8, E. G. Nicholls 3, A. Nicholls 2, C. Bell (visitor) 6, C. D. Potter (visitor) 3, and F. W. Thornton (visitor) 1.

MINOR RINGING AT EAST CROMPTON.

At East Crompton, Lancs, during 1928, 126 complete 720's were rung, being 18 Oxford, 16 Kent, 14 Violet, 4 New London, 6 Duke of York, 11 Woodbine, 2 Merchant's Return, 17 London Scholars' Pleasure, 3 Sandal, 4 Kingston, 2 London Scholars', Sandal and Kingston Spliced, 3 London Scholars, Oxford, Sandal and Kingston Spliced, 5 College Exercise, 1 Norbury, 1 Duke of Norfolk, 1 Trowell, 1 Willesden, 1 Bocking, 4 College Bob, 2 Wragby, 3 Neasden, 4 College Bob, Wragby and Neasden Spliced, 2 College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Spliced, 1 Plain Bob.

Of these, 93 720's have been rung for services. There are two hands of ringers at this church, who ring on alternate Sundays.

In addition, 720 Oxford was rung by the Fricland, Saddleworth, band on December 18th. These ringers paid a visit to show the East Crompton men how to ring Oxford in the 'Yorkshire' style. The ringers were J. Smith, C. Parkin, A. Godfrey, J. E. Fielding, G. Perrin (conductor), and J. Burgess.

A RECORD FOR LITTLE MUNDEN.

The number of 720's rung at Little Munden, Herts, during 1928 was 118, in 17 methods, and constitutes a record for the tower.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—We read with interest the two letters in 'The Ringing World,' under the above heading.

We cannot agree with Mr. Horner that the words 'nasal twang' have not been used in connection with bells. It was rather a common expression two or three years ago when Simpson tuning was criticised. In our opinion, at York the predominating harmonics of the bells are at a discord with one another, which can only be described as a 'nasal twang.'

Mr. Horner, in remarking about the difference in the weight between Birmingham and York peals, practically admits the latter are really too heavy or resonant to be as satisfactory as Birmingham.

Referring to the most polite and polished missive under the shielded non-de-plume of 'Imp,' does he not realise that if one hears the perfect peal at Lincoln and then hears York again, the latter peal may sound more inferior?

We deeply regret that our opinions are not the same as 'Imp's' and because of that he thinks we have hearing trouble. May we return the compliment and say that as his hearing is not the same as ours, he is the one who is suffering, and we offer our sincere sympathy and wish him a speedy recovery.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
F. E. DARBY.**RING OUT THE OLD.**

LUTON, BEDS.—On December 31st, for watchnight service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Shane 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, H. Burton 4, H. Wood 5, A. J. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

KNIGHTON, RADs.—On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with bells half-muffled, in 48 mins.: W. T. Gough 1, A. E. Jones 2, R. H. Jones 3, J. J. Price 4, T. F. Preece 5, G. C. Abley 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Wellings 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On December 31st, before watchnight service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob.—On January 1st, after watchnight service, with the bells open, 720 Cambridge Surprise.—On Sunday, January 6th, before matins, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 720 Norwich Surprise. Before 6.30 evensong, 720 York Surprise and 360 Double Court. The ringers were F. Wright, L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch and A. Bradley (conductor).

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Sibley 1, E. Taylor 2, A. Slade 3, W. R. Parker 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturgess 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wilkins.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. T. Prior 1, Rev. F. W. Lane 2, F. Springham (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, F. Bird 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, H. M. White 7, H. Wacey 8.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday evening, January 13th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: T. Bolton 1, J. Herbert 2, W. W. Bailey (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, W. H. Bail 4, C. Moody 5, Rev. C. Carew-Cox 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, A. C. Williams 8. Specially arranged for the Rev. C. Carew-Cox, who was on a visit.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. Bourne 1, G. Farr 2, C. W. Player 3, G. Hodson 4, G. Waghorn 5, J. Downing 6, K. Pattenden (conductor) 7, W. Skinner 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 6th, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, W. H. Hewett 3, W. R. Madgwick 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. T. Kentish 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, R. Sanders 8.

KILBURN.—At St. Augustine's Church, on Sunday, December 30th, for evensong, 1,260 Bob Triples in 44 mins.: C. Conway 1, G. Moon 2, W. Wright 3, Miss S. Thursfield 4, R. Gilbert 5, A. Gardner 6, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 7, L. Hicks 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 8th.

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LATE NOTICES.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Prestigein District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, January 23rd.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26th, at Oldham Parish Church. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 31st, *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.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Ufford on January 19th.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of ringers will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service at 4.30 p.m. and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 21, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head. New reports and diagrams to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing commences at 4 o'clock.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., Chevington, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Sutton Bonington on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (5) ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Clevedon (St. Andrew's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Club Room, opposite Railway Station, and business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 2.30: St. Peter's (8), St. Mary's (6).—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., Eastleaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Jan. 19th. The Parish Church bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 and tea, to be followed by general meeting, at 5 p.m. in the School Rooms in Coventry Road.—J. A. Fenton, Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All are welcome. — W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2 p.m., to 9 p.m., at Fressingfield Church. Tea at 5 p.m. in Club Room, Fox and Goose Inn, followed by meeting. — L. E. Etheridge, Willow House, Fressingfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—C. Fields, Hon. Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery. — The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15 p.m. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea, the Schoolroom, at 5. Bells (6) available; also Ottery St. Mary (8). Ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church on Saturday, Jan. 19th, at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. D. Carter, Vicar of Witley. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall to follow. Bells at both churches available at 3 p.m.—W. R. Melville, Assistant Sec., 17, Bedford Road.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting of the above will take place at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (10) available from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcomed.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells at liberty 5 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Rooms at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting (election of officers for the ensuing year, etc.) in the Talbot Inn at 7.45 p.m. All members are urged to make an effort to attend this meeting. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS will hold their eighth annual dinner at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 19th, 6 p.m. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (10), 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; Temple (the leaning tower) (8), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m.; St. John's (6), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. — Tea in St. Thomas' Parish Room at 4 p.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells avail-

able at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea will be provided by the Vicar and local ringers. It is imperative that any member requiring tea shall notify me by first post on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30. Tickets, 5s. each, obtainable from the hon. secretary. The new Bishop of Southwell will be present. Visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Farnham District will be held at Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th (owing to Farnham bells being unavailable). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all who intend to be present please advise Miss A. Fisher, 253, High Street, Aldershot, by Jan. 24th? All ringers welcomed and a good attendance requested.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Church Room. Those coming to tea please notify Mr. P. T. Cooper, 26, Church Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 23rd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Next meeting at Widford on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at White Horse. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available in the evening. Subscriptions are now due. All those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday (last post), the 23rd.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel at 5, followed by meeting and social. All ringers welcome.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Members requiring tea please inform me by Jan. 23rd.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Branstion (6), Saturday, Jan. 26th. 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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Important: Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

YORKS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Also St. Michael's (8) from 2.30. Divine service, in St. Chad's Church, at 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon R. H. Maiden. Tea, 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. F. Hutchinson not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. Subscriptions for the current year are now due, and should be paid without delay. A presentation will be made at this meeting to the honorary treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell) to mark his completion of 21 years of office, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will assemble to honour the occasion.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, the 23rd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Chad's Room 6 o'clock. Meeting 6.45. Kindly send number for tea before Jan. 22nd to the hon. sec., Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A dinner in connection with the Gloucester Branch will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26th, in Mercer's Hall, Cross Keys Lane, Southgate Street, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. (sharp). Tickets 3/- each. St. Mary de Lode bells (6) will be open from 4 to 5.30. Anyone requiring dinner kindly let me know by Jan. 19th. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Tea in the Village Hall and business meeting to follow. All who intend being present at tea must notify me on or before Wednesday, 23rd inst. (first post). Subscriptions for 1929 can be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Watermoor bells open 3 p.m. Tea, Viner's Restaurant, 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Service, Parish Church, 6 o'clock, after which Parish Church bells will be open. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know by 22nd?—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. All ringers welcome. Please advise me by previous Wednesday.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop, Notts, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Scott, 44, South Street, Thurgroft, Rotherham, Yorks, not later than Thursday, 24th?—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Titchfield (6) also available. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, 22nd? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Friday, Jan. 25th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at St. Michael's, City. The bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 o'clock, followed by the meeting. St. James' (10) will be available in the evening if required.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 3 o'clock. St. Paul's (8 bells) will also be open. Visitors are welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Special business. Election of local officers, etc. It is hoped a good number of members will be present. All ringers and friends are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Local Sec., Smockington, Hinckley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District. — A combined meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild will be held at Grimsby on Jan. 26th. St. Andrew's bells available afternoon and evening. St. James', afternoon 2 to 4, and evening, 7.50 to 9 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. 9d. per head. Business meetings to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 23rd. — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, a good attendance is requested. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 22nd?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rosendale Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports and new rules and diagrams to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Runcorn Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. The hon. secretary will be pleased to hear from ringers requiring tea.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Church Cottage. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 18th the Hon. Sec., the Rev. D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Bowden Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please notify Mr. H. Jackson, 81, Beech Road, Stockport, by Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, for tea.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Will those who intend to be present please notify me by Jan. 23rd?—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Willesden, Tuesday, Jan. 29th. Bells from 7 to 9.30. All ringers welcome. A peal board, recording the first Spliced Surprise peal rung in the county, will be unveiled during the evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Wednesday meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Jan. 30th. Further particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kempsey on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. 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 Wednesday previous. — J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand; subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Evill) at 5. Tea, 1s. per member (non-members 1s. 3d.), at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All who require tea please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 29th. All ringers cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cheap trains to Boxmoor—then regular bus service. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, after service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 29th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Waverley Hotel. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 29th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells of All Saints' (10) and Foundry (10) available all afternoon. By the courtesy of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. the bellfoundry will be open to visitors. Committee meet 4 p.m. at Fearon Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m., at Fearon Hall. General meeting follows. It is of utmost importance that those desiring tea acquaint Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, not later than Thursday, 24th inst., or they will be disappointed.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 9th. A special service will be held at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Oddfellows' Hall, Orange Street, at 5.15. The Cathedral bells will be available after 4 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 7th? Members' subscriptions for 1929 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

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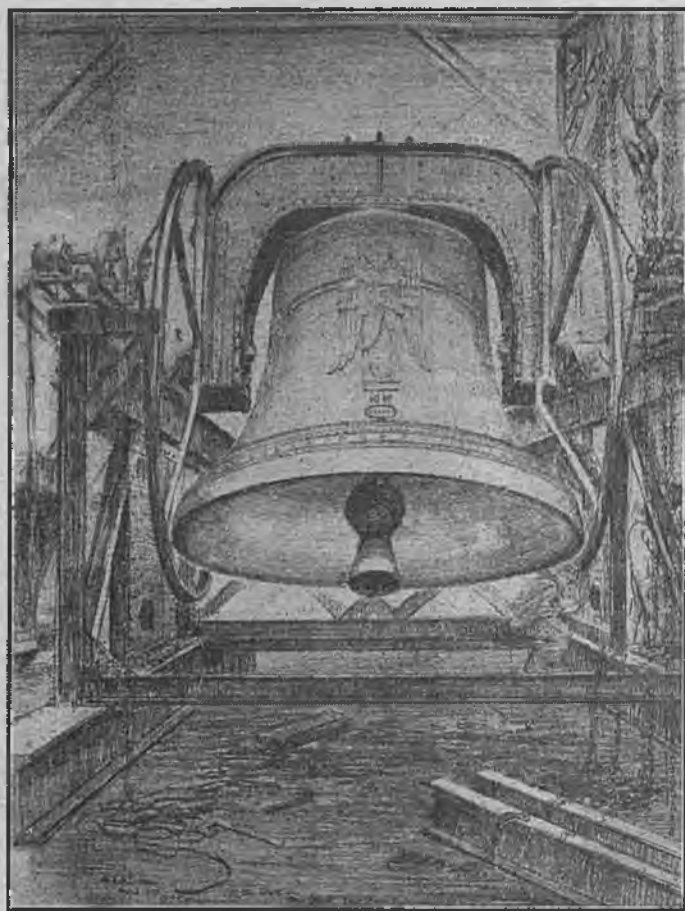
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But Bristol United Guilds have done much more than stage an annual dinner. In many ways they have encouraged the spirit of brotherhood among the bands in Bristol, and they have done some practical work in other directions. To their initiative is due the first 'Ringers' Directory,' which made its appearance last year and which, as time goes on, will become more and more complete in its information and correspondingly valuable to the Exercise. It was like most new things in connection with the Exercise, a venture of faith, and Bristol United Guilds, by undertaking the task, showed not only enterprise, but a desire to render useful service to ringers in general. Another matter in which the Guilds achieved success was in the manner in which they shouldered and so admirably discharged all the responsibilities entailed in the celebration of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association's jubilee festival last year; and now, to round off an excellent piece of work, they have provided the association with a considerable portion of the funds required to defray the expenses. It is a crowning gesture which provides, if it were needed, proof of the spirit which permeates the activities of the United Guilds—a desire to render service.

Opportunities such as have presented themselves to the ringers of Bristol and which they have so readily seized, do not occur everywhere, but there are centres in which an organisation with the objects of the Bristol United Guilds might very usefully be started. Unfortunately, it is sometimes the case that personal grievances or petty friction keeps neighbouring bands of ringers apart, with the result that ringing inevitably suffers because of divided forces. A common meeting ground, providing

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On Wednesday, January 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

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THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE TOLETT Treble	EDMUND H. LINDUP 5
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ALFRED W. GROVES 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN 7
GEORGE J. NORRIS 4	FREDERICK MEETEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HILLMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

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On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

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MISS WINIFRED F. BOLT ... 2	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM 7
*HARRY HOWARD 4	FRANK WEST Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal in the method.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER IDLE Treble	*MAURICE HODGSON 5
*PERCY BYRAM 2	FRED HODGSON 6
HARRY ARMITAGE 3	WILLIAM B. FRITH 7
ERNEST B. BETTS 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. HARDY.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Idle.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
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On Sunday, January 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S TRANPOSITION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FLEICHER ... Treble	*LEONARD STILWELL 5
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
*JESSE W. HARRISON ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal of Surprise Major inside. Rung on the twelfth anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 7th, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	*WILLIAM BOLWELL 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
ALBERT HARRISON 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in method.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. EVANS ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
BENJAMIN J. TOBY 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	DAVID R. JAMES 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY

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TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM WOOD Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
WILLIAM SPICE, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM WALKER 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 3	WILLIAM NYE 7
*WILLIAM UNWIN 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

CHARLES H. WEBB ... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	*ALFRED BALLARD 6
JAMES HUTCHBY 3	PERCY HARRISON 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON

* First 'touch' in the method.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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Tenor 18½ cwt.

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Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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JESSE J. MOSS 2	HAROLD KENT 6
THOMAS RILEY 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

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PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*HERBERT D. WHYTE ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 2	JOSEPH WREN 6
†RICHARD D. DIVALL ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	GEORGE S. DIPLOCK Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wren. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wren.

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Being eight different extents and 240.

* B. LINNETT Treble	G. WRIGHT, JUN. 4
G. HURD 2	J. BARFIELD 5
G. WRIGHT 3	J. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

HEVER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. F. B. James' Arrangement.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	JAMES BASSETT 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT FIELDS Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
SIDNEY G. COLEMAN 3	THOMAS BARTRAM Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt.

* LEONARD WILLMOTT Treble	* WILLIAM H. MILLS 4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 2	FRANK D. RICKARDS 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD 3	* EDWARD M. CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 Spliced 240's.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROLAND F. W. KINSEY Treble	* FRANCIS J. WILLIAMS 4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
THOMAS W. ROWLEY 3	HAROLD H. W. KINSEY Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* Re-elected a member before starting.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-score each of Plain Bob, and St. Simon's, four each of Canterbury, New Doubles, Old Doubles, and Chase, and ten of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK RANDALL Treble	SIDNEY MUNTON 3
GEORGE BROWN 2	RONALD COLEMAN 4

REGINALD WILLIAMSON ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WILLIAMSON.

Rung by kind permission of the churchwardens. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Walpole for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

LONGBOROUGH, GLOS.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD

On Wednesday, January 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

P. S. E. ASTON Treble	N. BRYAN 4
W. COLEMAN 2	W. LARGE 5
F. JONES 3	N. SHILLAM Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CYRIL TANSELL 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SILVERDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Duke of York and Kent and one each of Violet, Woodbine and Oxford.

* WALTER HOWSLEY Treble	WILFRED BOLTON 4
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JOSEPH W. HAYTON 5
JOHN HOLME 3	THOMAS F. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by J. W. HAYTON.

* First peal, and elected a member before starting. First peal as conductor. The 2nd ringer belongs to Kendal, the rest to Silverdale.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

* HENRY B. WHITNEY Treble	* FREDERICK J. PLUMMER 4
* EDWARD B. CHAPPELL 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5
FREDERICK VICKERS 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD Tenor

Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

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

SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 Spliced 240's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

* WILLIAM E. KINSEY Treble	FRANCIS J. WILLIAMS 4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT 2	THOMAS W. ROWLEY 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	HAROLD H. W. KINSEY Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal away from the tenor. Re-elected a member before starting.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings.

CHARLES FIELD Treble	ERNEST BATH 4
WILLIAM BALCH 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER 5
JEFFREY TOSSELL 3	* WILLIAM CROKER Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	WILFRID WILDE 4
TOM WILDE 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 5
HARRY BARDSLEY 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

Rung muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Joseph Heckingbottom, a member of the local band from 1905 to 1924.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
GEORGE BURT 2	FRANK PATTENDEN 5
*ALAN BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First in seven methods on an inside bell. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss V. Lambert, daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME.

The 61st quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of the Parish Church were used until 4.30, when the Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. B. Davies. This was the first time the Guild had held a meeting here since the induction of the Vicar, and he cordially welcomed the members. Mr. H. Argyle, a ringing member of Nuneaton, read the lesson, and Mr. J. H. White kindly officiated at the organ.

At the business meeting, which followed tea in the Schoolrooms, the Vicar was voted to the chair, in the absence of the president. Meetings for February and March will be held at Allesley and Bedworth.

Mr. F. W. Perrens gave notice of motion, supported by Mr. O. J. Hunt, to come up at the annual meeting in April, that the name of the Guild be changed to 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild.'

The Secretary informed the members that the annual report would be ready for distribution at the annual meeting.

Mr. H. Argyle proposed that the regret of the Guild should be recorded of the recent death of a late president, the Rev. H. A. C. Back, who held that office for ten years.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist, and the ladies of the parish brought the meeting to a close.

During the day touches and courses in most Plain and Surprise methods were rung.

DEATH OF MR. J. EVINSON.

LOSS TO SHEFFIELD RINGING CIRCLES.

The interment of the late Mr. James Evinson, of Clarence Street, Sheffield, took place on Saturday week, at the City Road Cemetery, and in addition to the family was attended by numerous workmates and friends. The deceased, who was of a genial disposition, was well known over a wide area as a campanologist, being a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Yorkshire Association, and the Sheffield and District Societies. He had taken part in many peals on eight, ten, and twelve bells in various methods and towers in different parts of the country.

Formerly a member of the St. John's, Rannmoor, and the Cathedral companies, he had been connected with St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, since the Armistice, that company having had losses caused by the war.

Being a skilful exponent on the handbells, his services were always given in aid of charitable objects and gatherings. He was, unfortunately, attacked by illness about three months ago, and was admitted to the Royal Hospital, where he died on January 8th.

As is the custom on such occasions, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by his old colleagues.

Wreaths from the staff and workpeople of Messrs. W. Batt and Co., Sycamore Street, where the deceased had worked many years, and various other sources, testified to the esteem in which he was held, and ringing in various methods took place at St. Marie's with the bells muffled.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN KETTERING RINGER.

MR. F. W. SAWFOOT'S SUDDEN END.

It is with regret we have to record the death of Mr. Frederick William Sawfoot, a well-known Kettering ringer, who passed away on Thursday, January 10th.

The shock of a wife awaking to find her husband breathing his last was described with emotion at the inquest on Saturday week by Mrs. Margaret Hilda Sawfoot, who said her husband was apparently in his usual health when he came home from work on Thursday evening. She did not consider he was so well as he should be, but he had not complained. He was operated upon for appendicitis three years ago. He went to bed at about a quarter to nine, and witness followed. About a quarter-past eleven she awoke and found her husband was breathing heavily. He passed away before medical assistance arrived. A post-mortem examination disclosed that deceased had an enlarged and fatty heart, degeneration of the heart being the cause of death.

The funeral service, which was held in the Parish Church, was conducted by the Rev. S. M. Morris and the Rev. C. B. Lucas, M.A. Before the arrival of the cortege, the bells of the Parish Church were chimed for fifteen minutes by the local ringers, who headed the procession from the church to the cemetery.

After the committal portion of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. V. Inns, J. E. Chapman, D. J. Nichols, and A. Henman. The ringers then returned to the tower and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples with bells half-muffled.

In addition to the family mourners, there were present, representing the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, the Rev. R. C. Thurstfield, Cranford (president), Mr. E. Wilford, Northampton (Master), Mr. T. Wilson, Isham (treasurer), Miss S. Thurstfield, Miss Hepburn (Ladies' Guild), and Messrs. D. J. Nichols, R. F. Turner, A. Payne, C. W. Bird, J. E. Chapman, A. V. Inns, P. Inns, A. Henman, G. Goodman, H. Warren and G. Warren (members of the Parish Church band, Mr. F. Pack and Mr. H. Taylor (representing Messrs. Patrick's, Ltd.), where Mr. Sawfoot worked; Mr. A. Inns, and Mr. F. Bridgeman (representing the Conservative Club).

Among the many beautiful floral tributes was one 'With deepest sympathy from his fellow-bellringers, Kettering Parish Church.'

In the evening the bells were again rung half-muffled in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and 'the whole pull and stand.' Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Mr. H. Baxter (branch secretary), Mr. F. Tite (Barton Seagrave), and Mr. J. C. Shatford (Wellingborough), also took part in the ringing. Mr. Shatford was for many years a member of the Kettering band before removing to Wellingborough.

Mr. Sawfoot went to Kettering from Harrold, Bedfordshire, some 28 years ago to follow his employment as 'leather dresser,' and joined a newly-formed band of ringers at the Parish Church.

From the year 1903, the company made rapid progress, and the deceased assisted in ringing peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise Major, these being the first peals ever rung in the methods on the bells by a local band of ringers, and are all recorded on tablets in the tower.

For the Central Northants and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds he rang 131 peals in various methods, his last being a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, rung at St. Giles', Northampton, on October 17th, 1925. Although no further peals were attempted since he had an operation some three years ago, Mr. Sawfoot continued to attend the weekly practices, and to ring for the Sunday services, and took part in the ringing on the Tuesday before he passed away. A good striker, and a man who knew his methods well, his place will be hard to fill.

The peals rung by Mr. F. W. Sawfoot were as follows:—

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Doubles	5	—
Minor in one method	6	1
Minor in four methods	1	—
Minor in seven methods	18	—
Minor in eight methods	1	—
Grandsire Triples	5	5
Grandsire Caters	1	2
Stedman Triples	14	—
Stedman Caters	4	—
Plain Bob Major	6	18
Plain Bob Royal	—	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	5
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	—
Superlative Surprise Major	13	—
London Surprise Major	1	—
Double Norwich Major	15	—
Little Bob Major	—	2
Totals	96	35

DEATH OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURER.

LAST SURVIVOR OF ASSOCIATION'S FIRST PEAL.

With sincere regret we have to record the passing of Mr. Henry Wm. Jackson, of Bolton, the hon. treasurer of the Lancashire Association, which took place on January 13th.

Deceased, who had reached the advanced age of 83 years, was one of the founders of the association 52 years ago, and, during the past 47 years held the office of hon. treasurer. He was the last survivor of the band who rang the first peal for the association on December 22nd, 1877.

To him, and an enthusiastic band round him in those early days, Lancashire ringers owe a great deal for the interest now shown. This band was in great demand for the opening of new bells in Lancashire wherever they had been installed.

Credited to him in the Annual Report are 13 peals, but he rang many before the formation of the association, and many more half-peals, the half-peals at that time apparently being popular, as they were recorded. His last peal (a College Youths' peal) was rung at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on April 23rd, 1926. A good striker himself, Mr. Jackson always insisted on good striking.

Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, had always been his place of worship, and it was here, at the age of 13 years, he learned to ring, and there are recorded half-peals of which he was conductor at the age of 17. It was about this period he was appointed leader, an office which he held to the last. During his time he had seen the old six bells recast, later augmented to eight; this eight destroyed by fire and a new ring of eight installed.

He was always punctual and regular in his attendance, and he told the writer about 12 months ago, when he began to feel his old age, that up to that time he had been ringing well over 65 years, and during that period had only been absent three half-days—a wonderful record. He would come back from his holidays to ring for service, and in spite of infirmity he continued to ring almost to the last.

He was feeling better about Christmas, and decided to ring on the last Sunday in the year and again to ring the old year out and the new year in, and then resign. He caught a chill, however, and from this he never recovered.

On hearing of his illness the ringers gave him a pleasant surprise. They took the handbells and rang a course of Grandsire Triples outside his door shortly before midnight on New Year's Eve. He was delighted. He loved to hear bells, and always crept round his old church whenever peals were being rung.

He was interred at St. Michael's, Great Lever, Bolton, on Wednesday, January 16th, after the first portion of the service had been conducted at Holy Trinity Church by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Deakin, M.A.Sur., assisted by the president of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A.), who spoke of the good work which the deceased had done, and the good example which he had set up.

The organist and choir were in attendance, and there was a large congregation.

Holy Trinity ringers acted as the bearers, four of whom rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells over the grave: A. Sandeford 1-2, Peter Crook, jun., 3-4, Peter Crook 5-6, Edward Edwards 7-8.

Many ringers gathered from the surrounding districts and rang the tower bells (which were half-muffled) for the 'whole pull and stand.' Later in the evening a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, and at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, an attempt for a peal came to grief after 53 minutes, as also did an attempt at Holy Trinity on Saturday afternoon, after two hours' ringing, by a band of College Youths, of which Mr. Jackson had been a member since 1892. Mr. W. R. Shaker, the hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association, officially represented the association and the College Youths at the funeral.

Mr. Jackson had been treasurer since 1892 of the Freetraders' Lodge of the Bolton Oddfellows. He had also been treasurer since 1906 of the Bolton branch of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, offices which he held until the time of his death. Representatives from both these societies were present at the last obsequies.

THE LATE REV. H. C. COURTNEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I noticed in 'The Ringing World' of the 11th inst. a report of the death of Rev. Henry Courtney Courtney, and that he was hon. treasurer of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association 1901-2. I beg to say this is not correct, as he was never hon. treasurer, but Master 1901-3. He was followed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies for eleven years, then I had the honour of holding office 1914-1916.

I rang several peals of Stedman Triples under the conductorship of Rev. F. E. Robinson, including the one at Thornbury, in which the Rev. Henry Courtney Courtney took part on August 20th, 1904.

Mr. Courtney was an enthusiastic push-bike rider years ago, and I have often seen him riding through Thornbury, and I met him in other districts.—Yours faithfully,

F. K. HOWELL.

Thornbury, Glos.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery was held at Ditchat on Saturday. The splendid peal of eight bells was kept going throughout the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Tripp), and tea was served in the Church Room. The business meeting followed, the towers represented being Everceech, Castle Cary, Shepton Mallett, Maperton, North Cheriton, North Barrow, West Lydford, Pylle, Stoke Trister, Barton St. David, Bruton, Cranmore, West Pennard, Buckhorn Weston and Ditchat.

The Rev. H. Tripp was voted to the chair. Preb. D. M. Ross was elected president for the year, and, in proposing the re-election of Mr. E. Creed as hon. secretary, said they could not do better. Mr. Creed was also appointed as the representative on the General Committee.

The balance sheet having been adopted, Mr. E. Creed proposed that four meetings be held in the coming year instead of three. This was agreed to, the places selected being Wincanton, West Lydford, North Cadbury and Everceech. Seven new members were made.

The Master of the association (Rev. E. C. Lock) commended the secretary upon his fine balance sheet and upon the progress made in the deanery.

Prebendary Ross proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address, for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, also to the organist and choir for helping at the service, and to the ladies who waited at the tea tables.—The Rector, in replying, said how pleased he was to see such a great gathering. Afterwards, the members returned to the tower for further touches on the bells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

POOR SUPPORT IN SWINDON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, January 12th. Good use was made of the splendid peal of ten bells during the afternoon until 5 p.m., when the 'Football Cup-tie section' arrived all smiles. It was easy to see by their faces who had won, but with the rush of football visitors, tea had to be postponed until 5.30, as some ringers in the district are not sufficiently interested in their Branch to notify their secretary if they require tea, so that adequate arrangements can be made beforehand. The business meeting was therefore held in the belfry before tea. Mr. E. Bishop was elected to the chair.

The balance sheet and report were presented, and showed an increase of two performing members, but a loss of two hon. members, one through death and one (Archdeacon Talbot) by removal. Seven meetings had been held during the year, but with poor attendances. At one meeting only the branch chairman, hon. secretary and one member of the branch attended, but a number of visitors who turned up enabled some ringing to be done.

All the branch officers were re-elected. The branch chairman (Mr. C. J. Gardiner) and hon. secretary (Mr. S. Hopper), on being re-elected for 1929, appealed to the members for more support at the meetings during the coming year.

About twenty members and visitors were present, representing the following towers: Burford, Chippenham, Elkstone, Fairford, Faringdon, Melksham, Woodford, Wootton Bassett, and the two local towers.

The next meeting will be in February, at Purton, and the quarterly meeting in April at South Marston, if the bells are available. Due notice will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

EASTBOURNE RINGER'S DEATH.

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Joseph Sharp, of Eastbourne, whose death on the 3rd inst. has already been recorded in our columns, were interred at Ocklynge Cemetery, the first portion of the service being at Christ Church, where for many years he was a ringer. Many friends and brother ringers were present at the church and graveside, and in the evening the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at Christ Church, with the bells half muffled, followed by a touch of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Sharp was born at Nottingham on July 1st, 1867, and came to Eastbourne many years ago. He joined the Sussex County Association in 1886, and in his day he has taken part in some first-class performances on church bells, and when circumstances required it he figured as conductor. He was ever ready to lend a hand to young and aspiring ringers. About twenty-five years ago he took part in three peals in one day, in three different towns. Eastbourne, Hailsham and Lewes. Of this event he was justly proud. On January 15th, 1909, he conducted Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples at Christ Church, Eastbourne, the first peal in the method by all local men. He had taken part in between 150 and 200 peals on church bells, his last being on May 2nd, 1928, when he took part in a peal of Double Norwich Major at St. Mary's, Eastbourne. This was the first peal on the bells after their restoration by the White-chapel Foundry.

The memory of the deceased will ever be held in highest respect and veneration by his many friends in the Sussex County Association.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Northern District was held at West Ham on Saturday. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., and Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob were rung until 5 p.m., at which hour the service was held, conducted by the Rector of West Ham. After the service the members adjourned to the Church Hall, where an ample tea awaited them. The Rector joined the company, and told them that he came from St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. He had much to say concerning the beautiful ring of twelve there, and had always been fond of bells. After the tea the business meeting was held, at which the whole of the officers were re-elected, excepting the steward and treasurer, which posts were filled by the election of Messrs. Reeves and Molton respectively.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector both for the use of the bells and the welcome given to the association. The steeplekeeper, Mr. G. Haden, was also thanked for having all in readiness for the meeting. After this an adjournment was made to the tower, where ringing in standard methods continued until 8.30 p.m.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday at Putney and Fulham. The bells at Putney were raised at three o'clock, and a four-course touch of Stedman Triples was well rung. Touches of various methods followed up to five o'clock, when the bells were lowered. By this time some 25 members had put in an appearance, and all had been accommodated with a pull in some method or other.

Tea was partaken of at the Cosy Cafe, opposite the church, a jovial party sitting down under the presidency of Mr. Mance (Master). After disposing of the good things provided in this direction, the business meeting was held, when the balance sheet, showing an increase in funds, and the report, were adopted, views being expressed on the satisfactory nature of both items.

All the officers were re-elected, and the usual routine items were disposed of.

Votes of thanks were passed to the officers for their work during the past year; to the Vicars of Putney and Fulham for the use of the bells at their respective churches; and to Mr. Bolton and his company for their welcome.

The party afterwards adjourned to the neighbouring county, where Fulham bells were available from 7 o'clock. Mr. Driver, having met the members, conducted them to the tower, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung. Altogether it was quite a successful meeting.

AN ANCIENT CROYDON SOCIETY.**BI-CENTENARY NEXT YEAR.**

The annual dinner celebrating the 199th anniversary of the Croydon Parish Church Ringers' Society, which was founded in 1730, was held at the Rose and Crown on Wednesday, January 16th. Ringers, with their wives and friends to the number of twenty-five, sat down under the genial chairmanship of the Rev. G. Wright, M.C., and an excellent repast was served by Host and Hostess Ellis. The toasts of 'The King' and 'The Church' were honoured, after which a splendid course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells.

The Chairman, in a humorous speech, then tendered best wishes and congratulations to the members, and expressed the regret of the Vicar that he was unable to be present.

Following a fine song by the veteran Mr. D. Wright, of South Croydon, Mr. J. E. Cooper replied on behalf of the society.

Humorous songs were rendered in first-rate style by Mr. H. Pratt and Mr. C. F. Johnston, the latter also giving some very amusing reminiscences of his busman's holiday in America.

Mr. C. H. Kippin, of Beddington, delighted the company with selections on his 'Parlour carillon.'

The health of Mr. C. F. Johnston, was drunk with musical honours, after which Mr. J. Rumble, sen., tendered the thanks of all present to the host and hostess, to which Mr. Ellis responded.

Further songs were rendered by Mr. J. Rumble and Mr. D. Wright.

Mr. J. Cooper, on behalf of all present, and especially the members of the society, asked Mr. Amos Clark (the leader) and Mrs. Clark to accept the heartiest thanks for their hard work during the year. They have both worked like Trojans, and no band could possibly have a better leader.—Mrs. Clark briefly replied, and the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony, Mr. Kippin leading on his carillon. A very enjoyable evening came to a close shortly before 11 p.m., with three ringing cheers for the jovial chairman.

SITUATION WANTED.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There are now three generations of 'Teddy' Barnetts actively ringing, Edwin, sen., and Edwin, jun., have long been known to the Exercise; now, Edwin jun.'s son Edwin has been introduced into the art. On Saturday, he was elected a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths—with which father and grandfather have long been connected—and rang rounds on the twelve bells of St. Martin's. He is only ten years of age, but he handled his bell as to the manner born. Mr. Joe Waghorn, now 85, was also present, and thus met probably the oldest and youngest of our active church bellringers.

The Williams have rung another peal. Eight of them have scored a peal of Treble Bob. Which reminds us that it is just twenty-five years ago that the first (and only) 'John' peal of London Surprise Major was rung. All the eight are still on the active list. The peal was rung at St. Stephen's, Westminster.

On January 26th, 1735, a peal of '10,080 Bob Majors' was rung by the Fulham Youths at Fulham, and on January 27th, 1803, a peal of 10,386 Grand sire Caters was rung at Kingston.

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 alternately,' was rung at Richmond, Surrey, on January 28th, 1816. But what is described in 'The Clavis' as the first peal of Double Bob was rung at Whitechapel on January 29th, 1769.

DEATH OF THE REV. H. B. WOOLLEY.

We much regret to announce the death, which took place last Saturday, after a very short illness, of the Rev. Horace Bernard Woolley, Rector of Long Stanton, Cambs. Mr. Woolley was well known as a ringer. He took part in several peals on the bells of All Saints', Long Stanton, which during his incumbency he augmented to a charming ring of eight. He also rang some peals on handbells.

He was closely connected both with the Ely Diocesan Association (for some years he was local secretary for the Hunts Archdeaconry) and with the Cambridge University Guild. He was always delighted to welcome at Long Stanton ringers from all parts, especially from his own university, with a ready kindness and hospitality, which will long be remembered.

The Rev. H. B. Woolley took the services and rang as usual on the Sunday preceding his death.

On Sunday afternoon, before a special service, the bells of Long Stanton were rung half-muffled to 504 Treble Bob by F. Warrington 1, F. J. Cooke 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, C. W. Cook (conductor) 4, G. E. Crisp 5, F. E. Haynes 6.

HALEY, COX AND JOHNSON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When the Princess Mary and the Viscount Lascelles came to Shifnal for their honeymoon, the local papers record that two ancient bellringers (the late Reuben Hall and myself) played 'Sweet Marie' on the handbells. Now I am beginning to think that some of us who rang with the above celebrities are getting ancient. Mr. Johnson's last peal was on February 23rd, 1884, and the band was: H. Bastable 1, G. H. Philott 2, H. Johnson, sen., 3, H. Johnson, jun., 4, W. R. Small 5, J. Jaggard 6, Rev. C. D. P. Davies 7, J. Buffery 8, W. Wakley 9, S. Reeves 10.—Yours faithfully, JOHN JAGGAR.

A MEMORIAL PEAL.

On Saturday, January 19th, a muffled peal was rung at Denton, Lancs, by representatives of five towers in the Stockport Branch of the Chester Guild, as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Joseph Heckingbottom, who died at Blackpool, where he lived in retirement after 46 years in the postal service. Mr. Heckingbottom commenced his ringing career in his native town of Pontefract, moving to Armley, Leeds, in 1887. In 1905 he was appointed postmaster at Denton, Manchester, and became associated with St. Anne's, Denton, where his efforts were greatly appreciated, and did much in furthering the progress of local change ringing. On his retirement in 1924, he moved to Blackpool, where he continued his ringing at St. John's Church until his death. He was a keen peal ringer, having scored 46 peals in all, 35 for the Yorkshire Association and 11 for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE BATES APPEAL

The following further sums have been received for the fund for the assistance of Mrs. Bates and family:—

Amount already acknowledged	53 4 9
Kent County, Maidstone District meeting at Ightham, Saturday, January 12th (per Mr. C. H. Sone)	1 4 0
Mr. A. J. Chamberlain	2 0
Mr. E. Foster	2 0
Mr. G. E. Foster	2 0
Mr. H. F. Clulow	2 0
St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, ringers, and a few ringing friends (per Mr. W. Latter)	17 0
Upper Armley Society, Leeds (per Mr. H. G. Grimwood)	6 0

Total £55 19 9

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

ENJOYABLE REUNION.

HANDSOME GIFT TO GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The now well-established event, the annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, continues to grow, both in the size and importance of the gathering, and last Saturday's reunion was one of the most enjoyable in the series. A record number attended, and many came from long distances to share the pleasures of the occasion, and to show the good-will which exists throughout the country for this active and enterprising organisation. In the afternoon the ringers took part in touches at the famous Temple Church, where the tower leans heavily and the bells run none too well; and at St. Stephen's, where, by contrast, the stately steeple is a much-admired architectural feature of the city, and the bells go like the proverbial fiddles. Old friends met and yarned over the teacups in St. Thomas' Parish Room, and in the evening the whole party, over hundred and sixty in number, concentrated at the Grand Hotel, where, in the spacious ballroom, they sat down



THE REV. R. H. WHITFORD.

The guest of the evening was Canon G. R. Wood (Vicar of Almondsbury and Rural Dean), and among those present were Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Heber Thomas (St. Stephen's), Rev. E. H. Crews, Mr. J. Bullock (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer of the College Youths), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. C. Spurrier (Bristol), Messrs. S. Palmer, H. Thorpe and J. Holman (Sheffield), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Ebbw-daff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), S. Jones (Newport), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), S. R. Roper (Croydon), C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis), W. H. Lloyd (Taunton), and Sergt. Harding (Cheltenham). In addition to the large number of Bristol and district ringers present, there were also representatives of bands at Bath, Keynsham, Evercreech, Weston-super-Mare, Dursley, Mere, Chew Magna, etc. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Derby), and Mr. Anderson (Bristol's oldest ringer).

At the conclusion of an excellent repast the loyal toast was honoured.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CHANGE.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said it was a very happy thing that the Bristol United Guilds should choose, for the honour of being chairman, sometimes from the laity and sometimes from the clergy, so that in proposing that toast they got, as it were, impartial expressions of opinion from both sides. He supposed it was natural to reflect, at a gathering of that kind, that by the term 'Church' they might mean two things. First, there was the material building, and then there was the spiritual building. It was obvious that if the material building did not exist, if, that was to say, there were no churches and church buildings, there would be no such gatherings as that, because there would be no bells, and there would be no need of ringers. When they took the spiritual meaning of the Church, they might reflect that ringers were also like the Church, because, as the Church was made up of all sorts and conditions of men and women, so were ringers. They had in their ranks, he believed, certain of the nobility. They had admirals of the Fleet, they had those who were officers in His Majesty's Army, workmen, labourers, clerks, and last, but not least, they had a few clergy. He put that last because, in the history of the Church, and of ringing, they saw a most extraordinary change. When bells were first used in the services of the Church of God, the ringing of them was entrusted almost entirely to the clergy, or those, at any rate, who were at that time in minor orders. That was insisted upon in the Church. They had heard a good deal during the past few years of rules and rubrics, and one of the rules of the Church originally read that when a service was held, the curate of the parish should toll a bell. Evidently, the clergy of those days had to know how to

ring. Unfortunately, in the course of time, indeed, within the course of a few years, those words which seemed to insist that the clergy should be ringers, were changed, and the sentence read that they should cause a bell to be tolled. Apparently, the clergy got too lazy for their office and deputed the ringing to others. That, he thought, was unfortunate in many ways. After that, things went from bad to worse; the clergy let things slide, and the belfries of the church became noted as the meeting-place for all the scallywags of the parish, and if they read some of the inscriptions on the bells they would see that somehow or other belfries and bells and beer became associated together. After that period, belfries and bellringers got into a better condition, and nowadays—he spoke as a ringer—ringers were more and more definitely recognised by those in authority in the Church (applause). He did not say entirely as they ought to be. He had often been asked questions by Bishops and others about many things, but never by any of those in authority whether he could ring a bell or not—as if that did not matter. While they, as ringers, rejoiced in the fact that they were being more and more recognised as churchworkers, he hoped all ringers would do everything they could to keep that respect and recognition (hear, hear). There was a danger to-day—they came across it once or twice last year when certain bodies of ringers went out on Sundays on what was obviously a pleasure jaunt, and desired to ring in churches on their way, and, maybe, they were refused, and as ringers they wanted to keep up their reputation in the eyes of those in authority. Let them not endanger that reputation by lowering the dignity of Sunday and the way in which it was spent. One thing he desired to say in conclusion. They had during the past year or two heard a great deal about crises in the Church. When one read history one found that from the beginning there had always been crises in the Church. What had been the result? Controversies and conflicts had raged, and high words had been used, but the Church had always come out of these crises stronger and better. If any minds were troubled by the squabbles and difficulties of the present day, let them just look at the history of the Church, and they would see how, time and again, she had gone through these conflicts and had come out of them a stronger, a better and a more glorious Church (applause).

MEMORIES OF 'THE GOOD OLD DAYS.'

Canon G. R. Wood, who replied, said he was glad to be present, not only for his own sake, but also in the sense of representing his bell-ringing son (applause). It was extremely gratifying to find that some of them knew him. His son wrote to him from Glasgow and begged him to say how sorry he was that he was not able to be there himself, but he would be very much with them in spirit, and hoped they would have a very pleasant evening. His son had also asked him to say that, although he was having a very busy life, he was not being idle campanologically. He was in touch with another 'conspirator' in Glasgow, Mr. Lewis, who was known to many of them, and they were hoping before long to be able to record a peal by residents in Scotland (hear, hear). Canon Wood continued that the controversies within the Church were a sign that the Church was alive, that the Church was awake, and, despite all her faults, she was trying to do her job. He added that so far as his experience went the relations between the clergy and ringers, which were so important, were steadily improving. There was a growing feeling of friendly understanding between them, and there ought to be. When he looked back to his early days at Almondsbury, thirty years ago, he could contribute a little personal evidence in support of what the chairman had said as to the conditions of the belfries in what they called 'the good old days.' At that time he found his relations with his ringers were not altogether of the very best. They were sometimes a little strained, and perhaps it was not to be wondered at. The ringers steadily refused to acknowledge that the belfry was a part of the church; they maintained that the incumbent had no right in the belfry, and had nothing whatever to say to the ringers about the bells (laughter). He could see now, in his mind, the barrel of beer in the corner of the belfry, which was fairly frequently used (laughter), and the ringers regarded the belfry as a clubroom. Those days, he was glad to say, had come to an end. He did not know if there were still any belfries to be found where such a condition existed, but as far as his knowledge went he believed there had been a wonderful improvement. He could not speak for other dioceses, but he could say that in the diocese of Bristol the great art of ringing was looked upon most favourably and kindly by the authorities of the diocese. The clergy generally were deeply sensible of the deep debt of gratitude which they owed to the ringers. They made what some of them thought—although, perhaps, it was not universally allowed—sweet music on the bells; they kept alive what was a peculiarly English tradition and custom of change ringing. They called the people to church, and if they did not all come they heard the summons. The ringers showed a wonderful keenness and enthusiasm in their job, and although there might be differences of opinion—that was only natural and inevitable—they did show a wonderful example of brotherhood and fellowship, which was good for all to see (applause).

GUILD'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The Chairman said they would all know that the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association had had a particularly active and busy year, inasmuch as they had, some months ago, celebrated their jubilee. It was his business and pleasure to hand to the association

from the Bristol United Ringing Guilds the sum of £45 to meet the expenses connected with the jubilee meeting and other purposes (applause). Notices were sent out widely, and this sum was in part the response to that appeal. He also wished to say that the Bristol United Guilds had published a ringers' directory. It was their desire to make it more and more perfect as time went on. About a month ago he received from a man hundreds of miles from Bristol a letter, hoping that in course of time they would be able to include with the names the occupations and amusements of the ringers, and, perhaps, the club they belonged to (laughter). He asked the Treasurer of the association to receive the cheque for £45 towards the expenses of the association (applause).

Mr. W. Lansdown accepted the gift with the grateful thanks of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and thanked the Bristol United Guilds for the wonderful work they did, and the help they gave in connection with the jubilee. The whole of the arrangements were carried out by the Guilds, and now, in addition, they had contributed that very handsome sum towards the expenses. He desired to thank everyone who had in any way contributed to this end, and especially he wished to thank Mr. Guise for the wonderful work he had done as secretary.

The toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association' was submitted by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who took the opportunity, on behalf of his colleague of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. James Bullock, the Master, to greet them heartily. Continuing, he said they all had read that excellent review of the history of the association in last year's report, written by their Master (Rev. C. D. P. Davies). It was a wonderfully interesting account of the work of the association, and showed them how devotion to the cause enabled the founders to overcome the extraordinary difficulties which presented themselves at the time the association was started in 1878. He could only repeat that the association stood for better ringers, better ringing, better bellfries, and much better conditions of rings of bells. He wished prosperity and continued success to the association, and hoped it might always have as efficient and devoted officers and as loyal support in the future as it had at the present time (applause).

Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary of the association, briefly responded, and thanked Mr. Hughes for his kindly remarks and good wishes.

BELLS AND THE MICROPHONE.

The Vice-Chairman proposed 'The Visitors,' who, he said, had come from north, south, east and west to support them. Some of the visitors had become 'hardy annuals,' and he hoped they would become harder than ever. Some had come for the first time that night, but he felt it would not be their last visit (hear, hear). The members of the Bristol United Guilds were delighted to see them all.

Mr. Albert Walker, who first responded, congratulated the Bristol United Guilds and the Gloucester and Bristol Association on their efforts during the past year. The jubilee celebrations had been a wonderful success, thanks to the organisation of the committee and the work of Mr. Edgar Guise. Another wonderful work which they had carried out was the compilation of the Ringers' Directory, and he hoped that eventually it would grow until it contained the names of all ringers. They were glad to hear that their friends at Gloucester were inaugurating a dinner. He hoped it would be well supported, and that it would prove the beginning of a renewed activity in ringing in Gloucester (applause). He invited all who could to attend the Johnson celebration dinner at Birmingham on March 2nd, and promised any visitors a cordial reception. Referring to the broadcasts of the new bells at St. Martin's, Birmingham, Mr. Walker said on the first occasion it was, he believed, very successful, but the B.B.C. engineers wanted to see if it could be further improved, and therefore, on the last occasion, the microphone had been moved to another position. The result, however, was not so satisfactory, and a further change would be made before the next broadcast. In this connection, he added that no one should judge bells, especially, new bells, by hearing them over the wireless. The position of the microphone made all the difference, and when the engineers at York had found the proper position for the microphone at the Minster they would have much better reception (hear, hear).

Mr. J. P. Fidler also responded in a humorous speech.

A SCHEME FOR THE FUTURE.

Mr. W. A. Cave proposed 'The Ringing World.' He said they constantly spoke of powerful men in the Exercise. Different men had different sorts of power. When he started ringing, the most powerful man in the Exercise, he always thought, was Mr. George Williams, because he was the leading man in those days. They had with them that night another powerful man—Mr. Jas. Bullock, Master of the College Youths (applause). He was not very big, but last Easter Monday he rang St. Paul's Cathedral tenor to a peal of Sledman Cinques (applause). Then they had representatives of the bell founding firms with them, and Mr. Johnston knew something of power in putting up an 18 ton bell. He thought, however, the most powerful man in the Exercise to-day was the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who wielded a power that reached all over the land. Continuing, Mr. Cave said one of the most interesting matters that was published in 'The Ringing World' last year was an article with reference to certificates for ringers. There were always two opinions on the subject, and even in their own association one branch strongly supported the proposal for diplomas, and

another was just as strongly against it. The subject came before the Council, and it was defeated, because if the Council did a thing they did it thoroughly and well. He thought diplomas and certificates might come, but, if so, it would be on a proper basis. He would like the Editor of 'The Ringing World' to advocate a plan modelled on the procedure of the great Musical Societies (hear, hear). If the thing was worth anything at all, it was worth paying for, and it would be more appreciated if those who went in for certificates paid in the same manner that candidates paid for musical examinations. They should be properly examined by proper examiners and receive recognised certificates if they qualified for them. He suggested that examinations should be held quarterly in all the dioceses, and that there should be practical and theoretical examinations. He suggested that in the practical examinations there should be five grades—the first for round ringing and call changes, to prove that the ringer had proper command of his bell before passing on to the next grade. His candid opinion was that in their endeavour to make change ringers to-day they started them on change ringing too soon as a general rule—they started change ringing before they could handle a bell properly (hear, hear). There were, in his scheme, other grades running up to No. 5, which would be for ability to ring a peal of Surprise Major, or, what was, perhaps, even a little higher, to ring seven 720's in seven Surprise methods. The theory examination should be on similar lines, and to cover the cost they should charge, say, 5s. per entrant, to be paid to the Central Council, who would provide the examiner. Such a scheme might not come in their time, but if ringing and ringers were to be raised to the status he would like to see, something of that sort would come presently. He threw out these suggestions to the Editor, in the hope that he might be able to take them up. The Exercise, he added, had never been better served by the Editor of any ringing paper than by Mr. Goldsmith, but if there was one thing which he would like to see introduced as a feature in 'The Ringing World' it was a page of compositions, which would be of great interest to all conductors.

The toast was accorded musical honours, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in reply, while disclaiming that he had any special power in the Exercise, said it had been the object of 'The Ringing World' during the eighteen years of its existence to use its influence to elevate the art and the status of the ringers, and that would continue to be its policy. 'The Ringing World' would advocate anything calculated to advance that end, and it would give all its support to any practicable scheme of diplomas that could be formulated on lines suggested by Mr. Cave. With regard to the suggestion that a page of compositions should form a regular feature of the paper, Mr. Goldsmith said no one would be more pleased than himself if it could be adopted, but, apart from considerations of space, there was always the difficulty of securing original compositions. Many people were anxious to get their figures published merely to ascertain if they were original, and some even to find out if they were true, and it was hardly fair to ask 'The Ringing World' to become the medium for that kind of thing. Further, the Central Council had published several books of peals, and the difficulty of finding any really new compositions to make a regular feature was considerable. At the same time, efforts were made to publish the figures of as many new peals as possible. In conclusion, Mr. Goldsmith expressed thanks to Mr. Cave for his kindly remarks, and thanked the company for their enthusiastic reception of his name.

Mr. H. J. Way gave the toast of 'The Artistes,' and said that as their hon. secretary had taken part in the handbell ringing, he was able to include Mr. Guise in the thanks which they desired to give those who had kindly entertained them. They had now had eight of those dinners, and Mr. Guise had conducted the business arrangements for them all, and they knew the success which he had achieved. The musical part of the proceedings had been in the hands of their old friend, Mr. Read, for many years. He was part and parcel of the Bristol Ringers' Guild, and with Mr. Emery annually provided them with a most delightful programme. They heartily desired to thank these gentlemen and all who had contributed to their entertainment.

Mr. Charles Read, replying, said it was always a pleasure to do what they could to assist the Bristol United Guilds.

This concluded the toast list. The musical programme was of a very diversified nature. It was arranged by Mr. W. S. Emery and Mr. C. Spurrier, and Mr. C. Read, I.S.M., was the accompanist. Miss D. Roberts and Mr. Courtney Hyde Frost sang songs, and Mr. Harold Knott gave a humorous recital and a clever exhibition of 'chapeauography.' Another clever turn was a demonstration of 'paperography' by Miss Molly Hyde, and by permission of the management of the Princess Theatre Miss Jennie Hartley and Mr. George Lacy, of the Pantomime cast, very kindly gave up a few minutes to entertain the company. In addition, there was handbell tune ringing and change ringing, all of which went to make up a most enjoyable evening, which concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The splendid arrangements made for the gathering were carried out by a committee consisting of the chairman and vice-chairman, Messrs. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), W. A. Cave, J. G. Jefferies, W. Knight, Miss E. Smith and Mr. H. Way (stewards), Messrs. U. Braven, J. A. Burford, J. Gould, F. T. Jewell, W. Lansdown, H. Pring, F. G. Leaker, W. H. Parker, H. Burt, R. C. Seager, W. S. Emery and G. H. Way, with Mr. Edgar Guise as hon. secretary.

PEALS ON FIVE AND SIX BELLS. MINOR METHOD COLLECTION HELD UP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Until the question of six-bell peals is settled, we cannot finish the new Collection of Minor Methods, and that must be my excuse for writing about it.

The old idea of a six-bell peal was that it must consist of at least seven true and complete extents. The words 'true' and 'complete' and 'extent' have been used in the Exercise for a couple of centuries, and they always have had, and have, a definite and unmistakable meaning. Then came Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor. The Exercise has fully agreed that this is a valuable composition. It meets a need; whether or no it falls within the old ideas of what a peal should be, it cannot be ruled out.

The resolution passed at Hereford was an attempt to adapt the old rule to the altered conditions; and it is, I think, not unfair to say that the intention of its promoters was to make just sufficient alteration to admit this arrangement (and, of course, any others exactly similar), but to exclude anything further. They feared, not without cause, that a wider rule might tend to lower the standard of six-bell peal ringing. The plan they adopted was to approximate this arrangement as far as possible with the old rule, and they tried to bring it within its spirit, if not within its letter. They argued something like this. If you write out the rows which comprise Mr. James' Cambridge you will find that, although it does not consist of seven Round Blocks, yet, if you count Rounds at the start, you have 720 true rows, followed by another 720 true rows (not beginning and ending with rounds), and so on for seven times, and therefore the arrangement does consist of seven true and complete extents. I think the argument is quite wrong, and I think that if you consider what ringing actually is and what happens in the tower, you will see why it is wrong. In the first place, ringing is change ringing, and not row ringing. The distinction goes to the very nature of ringing. The starting round is not a change. The Exercise never has considered it as a change, and does not do so now. It is a misuse of the word 'change' to call it so. And unless you do count rounds at the start as a change, six of the seven 720's cannot by any stretch of the word be considered true.

I cannot see why people should boggle at the meaning of the word 'change.' It is an ordinary English word with an ordinary and definite meaning. It is not used in ringing in a technical sense, except so far as we usually restrict it to the orders in which bells are rung. Primarily the word means the alteration from one thing to another, or one state to another; and it is essential that for one change there should be two things. By a not uncommon process in the English language the word is used in a secondary sense of the thing produced by the alteration. The double use of the word is as old as change ringing, and was quite familiar to the early ringers. Thus, if you are going away for a week-end you might say, 'I think I will take a change with me,' meaning that you would put an extra suit in your bag. But you must have two suits before you can have one change. You would not call the suit you stood up in 'a change.'

When we apply the word to ringing we can easily see what Stedman meant when he said that in Bob Minor there are seven hundred and twenty changes to be made. You start with 123456. Your first change is 214365, and it is a matter of mathematical fact that if you are going to have a true and complete extent, the 720th must be 123456. If it is anything else, the 720 is neither true nor complete, nor an extent. If you want any proof of this you have only to take the action and opinion of the Exercise for three hundred years. Nobody would dream of saying that Holt's Ten-part was true or complete or an extent unless the last Single is made, although rounds was rung at the beginning.

Well, then, if we can allow (as we assuredly must allow) an arrangement of Cambridge which contains six false and incomplete 720's, how can we in either justice or logic disallow an arrangement like Mr. Morris' 240's of Grandsire Doubles? It may be that you would not care to ring it yourself in a peal, but how can you forbid others to do so?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

MORRIS' ARRANGEMENT OF DOUBLES.

Dear Sir,—Evidently it appears that my remarks hitherto on the subject have, so far as you are concerned, failed to convey the orthodox and logical interpretation I specially intended they should do. Have ever I claimed that the individual 120's that constitute the blocks of 240's are true and complete? Certainly not. I made this quite clear in my first letter of the 14th ult. Yet in your remarks upon my last letter you particularly centre your criticism in this direction, so that it would appear otherwise. What I did claim, and still claim, is that each of the complete blocks of 240 changes in both Morris' and Pitman's arrangements were true and complete in themselves, inasmuch as each of the respective 240 blocks contain each of the possible 120 changes twice. Where then, I ask, are they (the complete 240's) false?

I would further like to point out (especially addressing Mr. Willson) that plain speaking does not consist of abuse and ridicule, but the opinions and conclusions, courteously expressed, one arrives at as

a result of an unbiased review and careful survey of the facts pertaining to the case, and, still further, that his arguments repudiating all compositions in this category are entirely beside the point at the present time. Doubtless, in the near future, definite measures will be taken to establish a recognised understanding as to the acceptance or abolition of such peals, but in the meantime statements of this nature merely represent an individual opinion.

Anyone who has read my recent letters on the subject will have noted that the sole purpose and objects I had in view was not so much to 'foist' anything on the Exercise, but to emphasise that all compositions or arrangements on this plan (true in themselves), being all guilty of violating the Central Council's ruling, which, as I have previously stated, demands that 'on all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds,' must necessarily all be dealt with in the same manner. I regret, sir, my repeated letters in reference to this subject, but I feel it necessary in the ends of justice to bring to the fore the exact situation as it is at present, and to emphasise that it must inevitably remain thus, until such definite measures, as I have already spoken of, are sanctioned and endorsed by the Central Council.

Leeds, Yorkshire.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

THE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES TROUBLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Perhaps I ought to feel humiliated, chastised, make obeisance, then hide myself in a corner; but somehow the spell does not work, and I am as truculent as ever. I am afraid I am too weatherbeaten and impervious to any pinpricks that Mr. J. T. Dyke can inflict. This is not a time for niceties of expression, or academic dissertations of hairsplitting. The late Sir A. P. Heywood once called a certain method 'a bastard—a mongrel.' The quidnuncs of his day turned up their eyebrows, but it made no difference to Sir Arthur, who usually called a spade by its proper name. Mr. Dyke says that he could exercise me in Doubles. Well, he might; but 'I hae my doots.' Forty-eight years ago, when I first began to ring changes, 'Grandsire Doubles' with inside bells as treble, was a common thing to the old brigade.

When he says that I 'am castigating the five and six-bell ringers,' he is wrong. He and I have rung seven-method peals together. I could call it by an English word common in Lincolshire, but let us say his statement is a 'terminological inexactitude.' There! That is in the nicest and best boudoir style, and will not offend the susceptibilities of the aesthetic Dominie.

This cold fact remains: The foundation of change ringing is TRUTH. Shall we allow this foundation to be undermined by mixing false and true?

I say that the word 'Splice' in this connection is a misnomer. You can splice methods, or two articles, making them stronger than before. The transposition of figures is not splicing.

At the foot of Mr. Dyke's letter was another, asking the same queries, but from a famous six-bell ringer, Mr. C. Severn, who has been a conductor of multi-method peals as long as I can remember. He calls the latest innovations, 'Freaks,' and JIE KNOWS.—Yours, W. WILLSON.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION AT EASTBOURNE.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Eastbourne on Saturday, January 12th, 42 members attending from Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's, and All Saints'), Hastings (St. Clement's), Heathfield, Lewes, Mayfield, St. Leonards, and Shoreham. The bells at St. Mary's Church were kept going merrily during the afternoon. A splendid tea had been provided at the Pitman Institute through the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Streatfeild), who presided, and also occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed.

The Hon. Secretary reported the death of an old and respected member, Mr. Joseph Sharp, of Eastbourne, and the company stood in silence as a token of respect.

Two new members were elected, Messrs. C. P. Grant and C. Anderson, of St. Clement's, Hastings, and the election of the following non-resident life members was also confirmed: Mr. P. Page, of Kensington, and Mr. C. W. Franklin, Ashford, Kent.

Mr. W. D. Smith, in moving a vote of thanks, congratulated the Vicar on having been appointed Suffragan Bishop of Lewes. Canon Streatfeild had always been a kind friend to the ringers of Sussex. He had been connected with the Church since 1839 (a period of 40 years), and during that time he must have had a great experience of ringers. The ringers of Eastbourne especially would lose a kind friend. Mr. Smith also thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the substantial tea which he had provided, and added that the company wished him God-speed in his new appointment.

Canon Streatfeild, in reply, thanked the members for their kind wishes. He hoped the association would inform him when the next meeting was to be held, and he would try to attend.

After the meeting, some of the ringers returned to the St. Mary's tower, and other members proceeded to St. Saviour's, where a good hour's ringing was indulged in, methods from Grandsire to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise being practised.

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. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on January 31st, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea will be provided by the Vicar and local ringers. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER. — The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30. Tickets, 5s. each, obtainable from the hon. secretary. The new Bishop of Southwell will be present. Visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Farnham District will be held at Aldershot Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th (owing to Farnham bells being unavailable). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcomed, and a good attendance requested.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting, in the Church Room. — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Next meeting at Widford on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at White Horse. Chelmsford Cathedral bells available in the evening. Subscriptions are now due.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Evensong 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Branston (6), Saturday, Jan. 26th. 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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Aldrington (Portslade Station) on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Div. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

YORKS ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Also St. Michael's (8) from 2.30. Divine service, in St. Chad's Church, at 4 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon R. H. Malden. Tea, 6d. per head. Subscriptions for the current year are now due, and should be paid without delay. A presentation will be made at this meeting to the honorary treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell) to mark his completion of 21 years of office, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will assemble to honour the occasion.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Chad's Room 6 o'clock. Meeting 6.45. — Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A dinner in connection with the Gloucester Branch will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26th, in Mercer's Hall, Cross Keys Lane, Southgate Street, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. (sharp). Tickets 3/- each. St. Mary de Lode bells (6) will be open from 4 to 5.30. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Tea in the Village Hall and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1929 can be paid at or before the meeting. — Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop, Notts, on Saturday, Jan. 26th.—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Titchfield (6) also available. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District. — A combined meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild will be held at Grimsby on Jan. 26th. St. Andrew's bells available afternoon and evening. St. James', afternoon 2 to 4, and evening, 7.50 to 9 p.m. Service at St. Andrew's 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. 9d. per head. Business meetings to follow. — A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Special business. Election of local officers, etc. It is hoped a good number of members will be present. All ringers and friends are cordially invited.—W. A. Cope, Local Sec., Smockington, Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, a good attendance is requested.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports and new rules and diagrams to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting in belfry at 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Runcorn Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. The hon. secretary will be pleased to hear from ringers requiring tea.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Church Cottage. Business meeting follows.—Rev. D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. — Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26th, at Oldham Parish Church. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The annual branch committee meeting will be held at Bray on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting to follow tea.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at Willesden, Tuesday, Jan. 29th. Bells from 7 to 9.30. All ringers welcome. A peal board, recording the first Spliced Surprise peal rung in the county, will be unveiled during the evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, February 2nd.

Bells from 3 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Evill) at 5. Tea, 1s. per member (non-members 1s. 3d.), at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All who require tea please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 29th. All ringers cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kempsey on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. 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 Wednesday previous. — J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand; subscriptions due. — F. Hinde, Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cheap trains to Boxmoor—then regular bus service. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, in the Church Room, after service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, January 29th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Waverley Hotel. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 29th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells of All Saints' (10) and Foundry (10) available all afternoon. By the courtesy of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. the bellfoundry will be open to visitors. Committee meet 4 p.m. at Fearon Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m., at Fearon Hall. General meeting follows. It is of utmost importance that those desiring tea acquaint Mr. D. S. Collins, 145, Paget Street, Loughborough, not later than Thursday, 31st inst., or they will be disappointed.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready early. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Presentation to the late secretary and also of attendance cup. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions can now be paid.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Will all who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Thursday, Jan. 31st, so that adequate provision can be made?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Will all members who have not yet paid their subscriptions please endeavour to do so at this meeting, as it is the last meeting of the year? If you are requiring tea, a card will be appreciated. Thank you! — Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — A billiard match and social will be held at the Bolton Borough Police Club, Old Hall Street, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Club open 6 p.m. (Names, please).—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern District, with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, will be held at Northallerton on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available afternoon. Tea at Russell's Café 4.30 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me by the morning of Jan. 31st.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—A peal board, presented by the ringers who took part in the peal of Bob Minor rung on July 14th last, will be dedicated by the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Harkness) on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing from 2.45. Will all who intend to be present and require tea let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 30th? — P. Amos, 47, Overstone Road, Northampton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. J. A. Cook, Wharf House, Red Bull, near Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, before Jan. 30th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 29th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting directly after tea. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 30th? — John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested. — James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Penistone, February 2nd. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. James Tinker, Church Street, Penistone, as early as possible. — R. Harrison, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 9th. A special service will be held at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Oddfellows' Hall, Orange Street, at 5.15. The Cathedral bells will be available after 4 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 7th? Members' subscriptions for 1929 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Bells (6) available; also Upton Pyne (6) and Crediton (8). All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Sandfords, Whimble, Devon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 9th, the bells of St. Clement Danes' being available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., after which a short service will be held. There will be a tea and meeting after the service at the Parish Hall. The bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East will also be available during the afternoon. Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 19th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports and new rules and diagrams to hand. A peal board commemorating a peal by the local band will be unveiled at this meeting.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The usual monthly meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each (Childwall Abbey), 6 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 5th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

MR. WILLIAM GIBBONS. of 24, Wigan Road, Ormskirk, has been appointed foreman of Christ Church Bellry, Aughton, Lancashire, in the place of the late Mr. W. Fairclough.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—C. R. Lilley's address is now Sherwood House, Bishop Street, Shrewsbury, Salop.

LATE NOTICES.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. — A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea must notify the secretary, G. A. Webley, Faringdon, by previous Thursday.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells of St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. Application has been made for St. Lawrence's. A ringers' service will be held at St. Giles' at 5 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea. Business meeting and smoking concert at the Rising Sun Coffee House, Silver Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. each. All intending to be present please notify the secretary by Wednesday, Jan. 30th.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the School. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 30th the hon. secretary, the Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday meeting at Houghton-le-Spring, on Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Parkinson's Café, Sunderland Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. a head. Reply as to tea to Mr. Parkinson, 1, Northview Terrace, Fence Houses, by the 28th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

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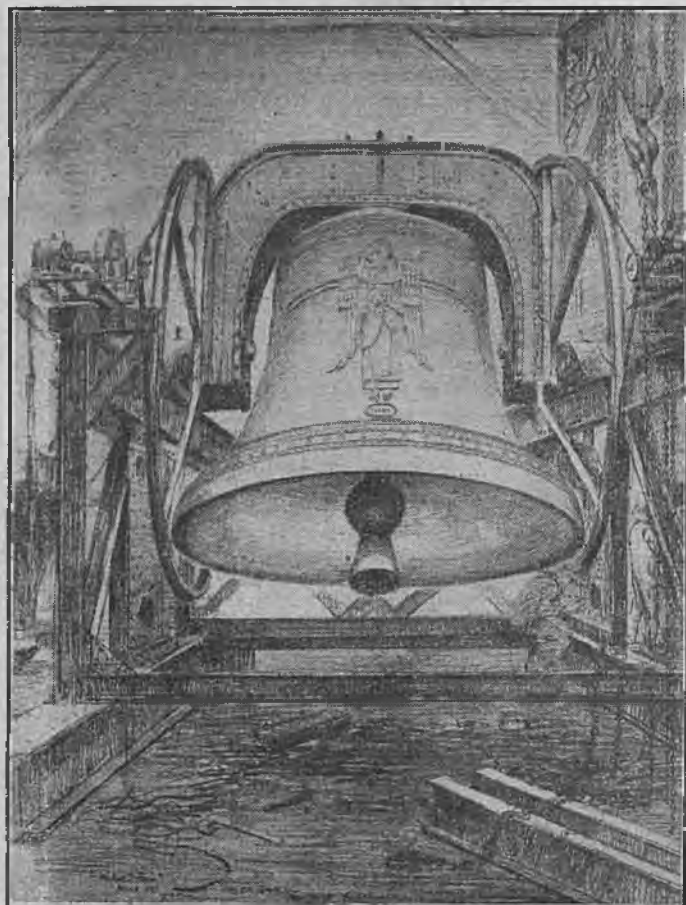
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We have had it from one of the members of the Committee that it was their intention to include certain compositions like Mr. Law James' London, and had it not been for the line taken by the 'The Ringing World' the figures would doubtless have gone into the book and, despite the intention of the Council at Hereford—Mr. Trollope has told us that the resolution then passed did not express the intention of the Council, so presumably the Committee know what the intention of the Council was—would have been passed on to the Exercise with the imprimatur of the Council and implying its sanction. It is well, then, that this action of the Committee should have been held up, but there seems to be no reason for withholding for another six months the issue of the work which the Committee are authorised to complete. They know the intention of the Council; they might, therefore, give effect to it and leave out that which the Council intended expressly to exclude. Six-bell ringing will not suffer by the omission of compositions such as Mr. Law James' London, but the standard of peals might well do so if it were included. Once admit this and similar com-

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positions and you cannot exclude arrangements which abrogate all the accepted theories of what should constitute a legitimate peal, such as calling bobs at eighty-three consecutive leads of Grandsire Doubles, or ringing 5040's of Bob Doubles with three bobs only. Is even Mr. Law James' London Surprise Minor composition worth it? It is not a question of whether these things would or would not be rung; it is a question of principle. If the bells in a peal on six bells are not to strike in 720, or on five bells in 120 different orders, before beginning the next 720 or 120, then the accepted canons of peal ringing built up in the centuries will be scrapped. Even the Methods Committee now realise they cannot lightly do this.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

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On Wednesday, January 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES E. SCOTT Treble	ERNEST GOSDEN 6
ERNEST E. FERRY 2	* ROBERT PARKINSON 7
EDWARD A. HERN 3	ARTHUR TUGWOOD 8
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 4	* WILLIAM SMEATON 9
JAMES L. GRAY 5	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN
* First peal on ten bells.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

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On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	ALAN R. PINK 6
RICHARD HAYES 2	MAURICE SMITHER 7
RAYMOND OVERY 3	* ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 8
CHARLES H. HAZELDEN 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 9
C. ERNEST SMITH 5	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal of Royal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 6184 CHANGES;

* HAROLD INCKLE Treble	† FREDERICK A. ADAMS 6
* WALTER WALLACE 2	† MAURICE E. WILSON 7
* CHARLES E. HART 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER 8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 9
ALBERT H. WARD 5	JOHN THORP Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN THORP.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY PRICE Treble	† MISS AMY JOHNSON 6
* ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	† WILLIAM H. COOPER 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	† HAROLD F. MARTIN 8
GEORGE E. LARGE 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
† HAROLD V. COOPER 5	† GEORGE PERRY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.
* First peal on ten bells and in the method. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5067 CHANGES;

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	ROBERT PICKERING 6
*LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
JOSEPH PIGOTT 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	*ALBERT J. HUBBLE Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Caterpilers. Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten. W. Fisher has now rung each bell in ten-bell peals.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD Treble	ALFRED PYE 5
*JAMES HORWOOD 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
†ALFRED PRIOR 4	ROWLAND WYSE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal, aged 65. † First peal in the method.

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S TRANSPOSITION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
FRANK HARRINGTON 2	HERBERT C. REASON 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
BASIL REDGWELL 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and the second peal on them since they were rehung in 1915. The band wish to thank the Vicar and Mrs. T. Baker for their kind hospitality after the peal. Mr. F. Claydon's 200th peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DAY Treble	FRANK CRABBE 5
TOM FORD 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
SAMUEL JONES 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7
CHARLES GREEDY 4	*WILLIAM MASON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal. The conductor's 300th peal. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Harry Morgan, who was buried on this day, and who, for the past fifteen years, had been a regular Sunday service ringer at the above church.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*THOMAS LEE Treble	HENRY GRACE 5
*JOHN M. BROADBENT 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
*THOMAS W. HESKETH 3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS 7
*PERCY GRINDEY 4	*PETER R. SOMPTER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

* First peal. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Alderman A. S. Mather, C.B.E., J.P., being the first peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings, the late Ald. Mather being the prime mover in the scheme.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

EDWIN R. GOATE Treble	WALTER BARRETT 5
GEORGE CURSON 2	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
FRED R. BORRETT 3	ROSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

First peal in the method as conductor, and 50th peal.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. E. S. POWELL Treble	*WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... 5
*JOHN ARBURY 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 6
*WILLIAM HOWE 3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 7
THOMAS LAVER 4	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE).

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 24, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*RICHARD E. JONES Treble	*WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

JAMES COWLEY Treble	WILLIAM BAGLEY 5
HENRY HESKETH 2	SAMUEL CADWALLENDER 6
WILLIAM HESKETH 3	JAMES W. HALL 7
GEORGE SAINT 4	PETER SHAW Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. HALL.

First peal by all the band, and first on the bells by a local band.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
FREDERICK J. COOK 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6
FRANK G. GLEAVES 3	CHARLES W. COOK 7
GEORGE E. CRISP 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by the late Sir A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by C. W. COOK. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. Horace Bernard Woolley, beloved Vicar of the above church since 1905, who passed peacefully away on January 19th, after a brief illness, aged 63. Mr. F. Warrington's kindness in muffling the bells and giving up his rope to another is much appreciated.

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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ... 5
RICHARD DIVALL ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
HERBERT TOMSETT ... 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED G. BRETT ... Treble	*HERBERT NEVILLE ... 5
FRED WELLS ... 2	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 6
ARCHIBALD KAY ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 4	MORTON W. PIERCE ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

* Elected a member previous to starting. The band desire to thank Mr. M. Pierce for taking a rope at the last minute owing to the sudden illness of Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 6
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... Treble	LESLIE W. BACON ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2	CHARLES MASON ... 6
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
JESSE J. MOSS ... 4	ARTHUR PASHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
JOHN BASS ... 2	JOHN SMITH ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung on the eve of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hackett's golden wedding. Mr. M. Hackett has been a Sunday service ringer at this church for over 50 years. First peal of Major on the bells since they were rehung.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ESHER, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILKINS MASSEY ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 4
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 2	JOHN GILL ... 5
HARRY BARBER ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. T. BEESON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN TURNBULL ... Treble	JAMES E. SCOTT ... 4
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	WILLIAM ROBSON ... 5
EDWARD A. HERN ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 22, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM NICHOLSON ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES ... 4
*MISS GLADYS NICHOLSON ... 2	*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
HENRY HAYNES ... 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

* First peal in seven methods. Mr. J. F. Milner was elected a life member of the Guild before starting.

MARKET DEEPPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD A. SNEATH ... Treble	*JOHN J. JUTSON ... 4
WILLIAM ROSE ... 2	*JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	*WILLIAM TILLEY ... Tenor

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On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*SAMUEL A. MARTIN Treble	†FRANCIS H. ROWLEY... .. 4
*LEONARD WOODBURN 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5
HORACE V. ROWLEY... .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. K. Fisher, patron of the living, who was interred on the same day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT 16, LIME GROVE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 20 in E.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	*PETER LAFLIN 7-8

Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples in hand, and 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT 3, CRESSING WAY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

BASIL REDGWELL... .. 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday last. Good use was made of the ring of ten bells until 5.30, when the party, numbering about 30, adjourned to the Church Room for tea.

The business meeting followed. Mr. A. W. Clark, being re-elected Master, took the chair. The remaining district officers were elected as follows: Mr. C. H. Reading, treasurer; Mr. D. Cooper, secretary; Mr. A. Gower, auditor; and Messrs. A. J. Trappitt, J. Beams and F. Woodiss representatives on the committee. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. A. J. Trappitt, the retiring secretary, for his past work in the district.

Meetings for the year were decided on as follows, viz.: Ashted on Easter Monday, Ranmore Common in June, Kingston in September, and the annual district meeting at Camberwell in January, and also a joint meeting with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, to be held at Ewell in May. It was also suggested, if possible, to hold a joint meeting with Guildford District at Guildford on August Bank Holiday.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, the ladies who waited at tea, and the steeplekeeper who had everything in readiness.

Ringing was afterwards done in all the standard methods, including Bristol Surprise, until 9 o'clock.

The new district secretary is now Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first monthly practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch held this year augurs well for the jubilee celebrations fixed for April 27th. Bray, still famed for its Vicar, seems to have an ever-increasing attraction for ringers, and though there were about thirty young ringers of both sexes present, amongst the older ones was that pioneer of ringing in this branch, Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal.

Ringing was restricted owing to the fact that the bellfounders have not yet completed their task, but everyone was satisfied, and it may be mentioned that a first-class Deputy Branch Ringing Master has been discovered.

The Vicar and other kind friends provided a most satisfying tea in a warm and comfortable room, where the committee meeting was afterwards held, and to which a number of other members returned for handbells, on which change ringing and harmony brought a most successful gathering to a close.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, on Saturday week. Ringing commenced at 4.15, and continued until 5.30, after which members were entertained to tea in the crypt.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. McCormick, was present at the business meeting, which took place in the Church Room, and addressed a few words of welcome to the members, remarking how pleased he was to see so many present, and how much pleasure it gave him to do all in his power to make the society's meetings a success.—The Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) responded and expressed the thanks and best wishes of the members.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which was passed. Next on the agenda was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; secretary, Mr. J. Sparrow, Chevington, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey; treasurer, Mr. G. Steere; auditors, Messrs. T. Newman and R. Bevan; trustees, Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy; senior steward, Mr. C. J. Matthews; junior steward, Mr. T. Bevan.

Other business having been disposed of, and several new members enrolled, a vote of thanks to the officers and those responsible for the tea arrangements brought the meeting to a close, and members returned to the tower for further ringing.

Great pleasure was expressed at the progress made by the society during the past year, thanks largely to the efforts of the Master.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Grantham on Saturday week, with a good attendance of members of the branch, ringers being present from Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Donnington, Market Deeping, Lincoln, Hough, Bottesford, Sleaford, Folkingham, Rippingale, Orston, and the local band. Service was held in the beautiful Parish Church, the Rev. Canon Markham conducting the short service and giving a very appropriate address.

The tea followed, held at the Black Dog Inn, at which 33 sat down.

The Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) presided over the business meeting. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place. No changes were made, the whole being re-elected en bloc.

One new honorary member and four performing members were elected.

The place of the next meeting was then discussed, and Hough was decided upon.

It was thought by those present that the annual report might be enlarged in the future, and brought up to pre-war standard again by entering the names of all members.—It was decided to leave this for the discussion of the Guild Committee.

The peal of ten bells was kept going during the afternoon and evening in methods ranging from Grandsire Caters to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to the Rev. H. Law James for presiding over the business meeting, and to all who made the necessary arrangements for a successful meeting.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting of the above society was held at Penn on Saturday, Jan. 12th, when there was a fair attendance. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Vicar (the Rev. E. Martill) through illness, and Mr. Churchwarden Twentyman. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. I. Crump, and the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary and treasurer) presided at the organette. An excellent tea, provided by the wardens and Church Council, was laid in the Church Room, to which 35 sat down.

The Rev. C. H. Barker moved that a vote of sympathy be sent to the Vicar, with the hope that he would soon be restored to health; also one of thanks to the churchwardens for their kindness in providing tea, and to the ladies for assisting at the tables.

It was decided to send the sum of half-a-guinea to the 'John Briant Memorial Fund.'

Handbell ringing was indulged in by some, while others returned to the tower.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Walsall on April 13th, when it is hoped the new ring of twelve will be ready.

142 720's OF MINOR IN 107 METHODS.

BUCKNALL RINGERS' RECORD.

During the year 1928, at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs, 142 720's were rung in 107 methods. The ringers taking part were: Mr. W. Wheeldon 101 (conducted 25), Mr. C. Preston 84 (8), W. Fradley 104 (25), Miss Alice Preston 114 (20), C. Bowen 101 (28), H. Billings 93 (8), R. Preston 125 (27), J. Wheeldon 112. During the year the Minor methods in the Central Council Collection of Methods were completed, this being the first time it has been done by one hand.

THE LATE REV. H. B. WOOLLEY.

A SCRATCH IN THE BELFERY RESULTS IN FATAL BLOOD POISONING.

The death of the Rev. Horace Bernard Woolley, which we recorded last week, spread gloom and regret throughout the Cambridgeshire village of Long Stanton, where, as parish priest of All Saints' since 1905, he had won by his devoted services the love and esteem of his parishioners.

In the previous week the Rev. H. B. Woolley, while oiling the bells in the belfry of All Saints' Church, scratched his hand. It was a very slight wound, but blood poisoning set in, and an operation performed in the Evelyn Nursing Home, Cambridge, was of no avail. On the Sunday after the accident he officiated as usual, but he passed away on the following Saturday.

During his long incumbency, he built up the church life of the village, and held the affection of the parishioners. His life-long recreation was the art of bellringing, and it was a joy to him to be able to complete the peal of bells in the tower of All Saints' by adding three bells. For some years he was secretary of the Hunts District of the Ely Diocesan Association, and one of its leaders to the end of his life. His two sons, as well as he, were members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he was one of the oldest members of the Cambridge University Guild.

The deceased cleric was an old Persean, and he graduated at Cambridge with a second class in the Historical Tripos of 1885. Four years later he was ordained priest, and he held curacies at Brentwood, Brunston, Mildenhall and Bury St. Edmunds, before receiving the benefice of All Saints'.

In addition to increasing the bells of All Saints' he furnished the church, and his most recent work in connection with the fabric was the reroofing of the south aisle.

A VILLAGE IN MOURNING.

The weeping parishioners at the funeral service on Tuesday week testified to the love which he had of them. Women sobbed quietly during the service, and several had to leave the church because they were overcome by emotion. The whole parish was mourning, and the parishioners filled the church.

Officiating at the service were the Rural Dean, the Rev. R. P. Moline (Rector of Cottenham) and the Rev. Canon Baron-Suckling (Rector of Barsham). Others of the clergy present were the Rev. E. J. I. Dredge (Lolworth), W. W. Partridge (St. Luke's, Cambridge), A. C. Hare (Willingham), H. G. Hooton (Impington), C. F. Stebbing (Swavesey), F. G. Weston (Over), L. B. S. Abbot (Conington). The immediate mourners were Mrs. Woolley (widow), Mr. C. W. Woolley (son), Miss Gertrude Woolley (sister), Mr. Richard Woolley (nephew), Mrs. Wright, Miss B. Wright, Mr. John Oliver, Miss C. Clutterbuck, Miss L. Clutterbuck, Mr. and Mrs. Thorogood. The elder son of the Vicar is in Borneo.

The Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary was represented by Mr. J. R. Gibson and the Rev. W. W. Partridge. The Old Persean Society sent Mr. Roger Smart and Mr. J. R. Bullock. The Rev. A. C. Blyth, Dean of Selwyn College, was present with a number of undergraduates, members of the Selwyn Boat Club, of which Mr. Woolley's son was captain.

The following represented the Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. R. Copeman (general secretary), Messrs. T. R. Dennis (treasurer), C. W. Cook (who is also churchwarden of Long Stanton), F. Warrington, G. J. Crisp and F. J. Cook (Long Stanton), A. G. Rivers, E. G. Hibbins, H. J. Hazell and Miss V. Shorter (Cambridge), Messrs. W. R. Matson (Godmanchester) and F. G. Gleaves (Willingham). The sidesmen acted as bearers, and the hymns sung were 'Jerusalem the golden' and 'The King of Love my Shepherd is.' The 'Nunc Dimittis' was chanted as the coffin was carried from the church.

Large numbers of wreaths were sent from friends and various organisations, including the Cambridge University Guild, the Ely Diocesan Association, the Long Stanton ringers, and the Histon ringers.

On Saturday a muffled peal of Boh Major was rung at Long Stanton.

At Ickleton Parish Church, Cambs, on Thursday evening, January 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with muffled bells as a last mark of respect to the deceased gentleman: L. Flitton 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, R. Clements 3, E. Flitton 4, W. Hutley 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, A. Lilley 8.

THE LATE REV. H. C. COURTNEY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It may not be known to the biographers of the above that the deceased was a peal ringer long before he joined the Gloucester and Bristol Association. His name seemed familiar and stirred certain memories: and on turning up old records I found that he rang a peal of Triples with me at St. Nicolas', Nuneaton, on Thursday, March 24th, 1892. He was then Rector of Hatton, Warwickshire, and on that occasion brought with him his gardener, Mr. W. Male, who then rang his first peal. The next time I met Mr. Male was last year at Warwick.

W. WILLSON.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District was held at Guildford on Saturday week. The bells of the Cathedral Church and of St. Nicolas' were available, and were made use of during the afternoon. The service, held at the Cathedral, was conducted by Canon E. C. Kirwan, and the Rev. J. D. Carter, of Witley, gave the address. He based this on the text, 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God,' from 1 Cor. x. This was the spirit, he said, in which all members of the Guild should enter on their duties. To his mind, bells were the most attractive of all ways of producing music in the open air. He touched briefly on the history of bells from the time of the nations of antiquity through the gradual development of the art of ringing in this country down to the present time. He reminded his listeners that bells had played a prominent part in the history of the Celtic peoples, especially the Irish. One of the first uses of church bells was to call people to the services. This was an absolute necessity in the days when there were no watches or clocks. Bells were great messengers of joy and sorrow. They seemed to carry messages for each season of the year. He referred to the strange stories of the uses (now all past) to which bells and helfries were put in former days, and reminded the members that the belfry was a sacred place. He concluded by appealing to the Guild to do their duties in the spirit of his text.

Members from the two Guildford towers, Old Woking, Shalford, Godalming, Shere, Clandon, Haslemere, Cranleigh, Worplesdon, Pirbright, Ewhurst and Albury, and visitors from Farnham, Pulborough, Chertsey, Ottershaw and Aldershot, to the number of 66, sat down to tea in Holy Trinity Hall.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. W. Harrison presided. January 18th, 1930, was fixed as the date of the next annual meeting, and it was resolved to hold the service at St. Nicolas' Church.

The balance sheet, showing a balance of £5 18s. 3d. in hand, was read and adopted.

The members stood in silence for a short time as a token of respect for four deceased members, Mr. Luff, of Chiddingfold, Messrs. Jelly and Tickner, of Worplesdon, and Mr. Harwood, of Pirbright.

The Ringing Master, in his report, stressed the importance of the attendance at combined practices of members at whose towers these were held. In future, he said, the combined practices would be held at the various towers on their usual practice night. He had not kept a record of the peals rung in the district during the year.—It was resolved that in future the Ringing Master should keep the District record of peals.

District meetings are to be held during the coming year at Cranleigh, Chiddingfold, Shalford, Pirbright and Godalming.

It was resolved that in future the election of officers of the District should be by ballot, and it was decided to recommend that officers of the Guild should be elected in the same way. Happily, there was no need to ballot at this meeting, as in no case was more than one nomination received.

Mr. N. V. Harding had to resign from the secretaryship owing to business reasons. The members expressed their regret, and thanked him for his work during the past year.

The following officers were elected: Mr. G. Grover, of Clandon, hon. secretary; Mr. C. Hazelden, Ringing Master; Messrs. Burdock and Whittington, representatives to the Executive Committee, and Mr. N. V. Harding, district auditor. On the resignation of Mr. Melville from the assistant secretaryship, this office was abolished.

Everyone was pleased to see Admiral Walker well enough to attend.

DEATH OF A NEWPORT RINGER.

The passing of Mr. Harry Morgan, of All Saints', Newport, Mon., has removed a well-known and highly-respected figure from the ranks of South Wales ringers. On Monday, January 14th, he was to all outward appearance in fairly good health, and took part in the usual weekly practice. He was also at practice at St. Woolos' Church on Tuesday. On Wednesday evening he was taken suddenly ill, and succumbed to heart failure.

The deceased was an ex-county policeman, and whilst stationed at Chepstow learned the first rudiments of change ringing. Removing afterwards to Trellech and Blaiza, where there were no bells, he had no opportunity of ringing until he retired from the Force and moved to Newport, where he joined the All Saints' band, and on June 28th, 1913, rang the treble to his first peal. He was not keen on peal ringing, and altogether had rung only about half a dozen peals of Grandsire. In touches, he was capable of ringing the four standard methods.

The funeral took place at Newport Cemetery, the last rites, performed by the Vicar of All Saints' and hon. treasurer of the association, being attended by uniformed police, of which deceased had been a member for 26 years. Ringers attended from St. Woolos' and All Saints' Churches, Newport, and from Caerleon. Mr. Morgan will be sadly missed in the belfry.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE OF HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of the 11th inst. you give particulars, supplied by Mr. G. H. Cross, of records of Holt's Original having been conducted on two occasions in 1752 at Norwich by a ringer taking part in the peal, as taken from the 'Norwich Mercury' by Mr. Philip Sadler and you state that Mr. Cross remarks that the claim that this was the first achieved at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, in 1791, by the Ancient Society of College Youths, should be corrected in the recently published history of that society. It might be well, therefore, for me to give the source from which the record claimed by the College Youths was taken by the committee appointed to revise and draw up the new Rule Book.

In Snowdon's 'Grandsire' on page 133 appears the following:—

Holt, as has already been related, called his one-part peal from a manuscript copy, and did not take any other part in the performance. We may be sure that many a conductor would feel ambitious to call the peal without such assistance, but it was not until forty years after its first performance that this object was attained. On Sunday, October 23rd, 1791, the College Youths rang this peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, when it was conducted by James Bartlett, who rang the treble, and thus gained the honour of being the first man to conduct the peal and take part in the ringing.

One would hardly have supposed that a ringer of the parts of Mr. George Cross had not perused the pages of this interesting work of outstanding merit in the art of change ringing, and that he was apparently unaware of Snowdon's remarks on this subject, seems strange, to say the least of it. Passing over this point, however, if the statement now claimed of there being two previous performances of this peal at Norwich and another at Saffron Walden is correct, how can it be explained that Snowdon, in his patient and painstaking research work, should not have come across these records, or should have ignored them altogether, if he did? Snowdon must have been brought into very intimate contact with Norwich when collecting data for his various books, and the question arises, Was there insufficient proof to satisfy him that the peals referred to were the famous Original?

With reference to Mr. Cross' recent letter in your issue of January 18th, inquiring whether the peal of Bob Triples rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715, was not the first peal of 5,000 changes ever rung, he will find this point very fully dealt with in Snowdon's 'Grandsire' on pages 117 and 118, and I would suggest his possessing himself of a copy of this book.—Yours faithfully,

G. N. PRICE.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Widdford on Saturday last, thirty-seven members, representing nine towers, and one visitor from St. Andrew's, Holborn, sitting down to tea, which was presided over by the Rector of Widdford (Rev. F. R. Thurlow).

The District Master, Mr. G. Green, presided over the meeting, at which four new hon. members were elected, and several ringing and probationary members were also admitted.

Fryerning was chosen as the place of the next meeting, to be held in March. After the meeting, which ended 'in smoke,' a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and the tower was again visited, and various touches brought round in methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major. Chelmsford Cathedral bells were also made good use of in the evening and Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, etc., rung.

NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION'S FINE MEETING.

On Saturday, January 19th, the annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Wivenhoe. Ringing commenced soon after 2 p.m., and at 4.30 p.m. a special service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Jack, who gave the association a welcome to Wivenhoe. Afterwards, nearly 70 members sat down at the Parish Hall to a splendid meat tea provided by the local branch and their friends. The Rev. Jack presided, supported by the churchwardens and their wives, the organist, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), Mr. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), and the district secretary (Mr. R. W. Staunard). At the subsequent meeting the District Master and district secretary were unanimously re-elected, Mr. Howard thanking them for their past services, and congratulating the district upon having two such men to fill the positions.

Two honorary members, six ringing members, and five lady ringing members from the local company were elected members of the association.

Mr. Nevard and Mr. Howard thanked the local ringers for their hospitality, and the vote was responded to by the Vicar.

No fewer than 23 companies were represented at this meeting. The next meeting will be held at Wormingford in April.

The sum of £1 15s. was collected for the widow of Mr. Sadler, of Braintree, who is in needy circumstances, and 16s. 2d. was received in the collection in church towards the association's Bell Restoration Fund.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Cambridge University Guild celebrates its jubilee on Monday, for it was on February 4th, 1879, that it was founded, and thus followed the example set a few years before by the sister university at Oxford. The career of the Cambridge University Guild, however, has been a much more active one than that of Oxford.

Ringers throughout the country will hear with regret of the illness of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the veteran hon. secretary of the Kent County Association. He is down with an attack of pleurisy.

Those visitors to the Sherwood Youths' dinner at Nottingham on Saturday, who stayed over Sunday, had the privilege of inspecting the new hour and quarter-bells (cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.) hung in the new Nottingham Exchange. The hour bell is 11½ tons, and the total weight of the four quarter bells is about 10½ tons. The clock is being supplied by Messrs. Cope and Co.

When completed, the Exchange will be one of the finest public buildings in the country. Across the front is carved in the stonework a frieze representing Nottingham industries. A bell is a reminder of the craft carried on in the city by the Oldfields.

In the second of the two peals of Ipswich Surprise Major, published in our issue of January 18th, there should be a bob at 'home' in the 9th course instead of in the 8th, as printed.

Rope guides and a centre lamp have been fixed in Ickleton tower by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, which greatly facilitate ringing. The bells are rung from the centre of the church, and there is a long flight of rope to the ceiling.

Tuesday is the anniversary of two long peals. On February 5th, 1783, a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung in 7 hrs. 48 mins. at Bromley, Kent, and on the same day in 1888 12,041 Stedman Caters was rung in 7 hrs. 26 mins. at Appleton.

Tempus fugit. Many readers of 'The Ringing World' will recollect the astonishment with which they read of the ringing of the first peal of London Surprise Major on handbells by the brothers Pye and Mr. W. Keeble. This great performance took place twenty-five years ago next Tuesday.

The bells of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, were opened on February 7th, 1783. And what an opening! Three different bands each rang a peal. The College Youths rang two peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and the Cumberlands a peal of Grandsire Triples.

A peal report from East Crompton has been sent without the name of the conductor.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It would be interesting to know whether your correspondents, Messrs. Kippin and Darby, have actually heard York Minster and St. Martin's, Birmingham, bells, either in the towers or their immediate vicinity, or whether they are voicing opinions they have formed from hearing them broadcast.

In the latter event, I suggest they would be well advised to reserve judgment until they have had an opportunity of hearing them at close quarters. It is a well-known fact that some poor bells 'come over' the ether very well—take, for instance, the bells of the Cathedral (St. Philip's), Birmingham. These are a very poor lot—a really miserable ring of ten—and yet I have received from time to time scores of expressions of appreciation when they have been broadcast. Many of these have been from ringers, some of whom have taken me to task for suggesting that they should be recast not broadcast. I know from personal experience that they do sound quite passable over the wireless, but that does not alter the fact that as a ring of bells they are a disgrace to the Cathedral and to the city.

Again, I have just received a letter from a ringer of very wide experience who says that he hopes soon to have another opportunity of a pull on the 'fine new ring of twelve' at St. Martin's, but adds, 'I don't care for them much on the wireless.' This surely indicates that one is not safe in forming an opinion as to the tone and quality of bells that have only been heard per radio. Possibly your correspondents have heard the bells direct, and, if so, I am surprised that they should aver that York Minster bells have a 'nasal twang.' I don't know what this means—it doesn't sound very appropriate—but, as one who has heard and rung on them, I would like to express the hope that it may prove to be a highly contagious disease, and that other rings of bells up and down the country may soon be 'suffering' from it.

A. PADDON SMITH.

Birmingham.

THE WIRELESS EFFECT.

Dear Sir,—I have noted the remarks of Messrs. Kippin and Darby in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated January 18th. I wonder if these gentlemen have heard York Minster bells other than over the 'Wireless.' If the answer is in the affirmative, then the point at issue is a matter of opinion. If the answer is in the negative, then they are not in a position to judge what York bells actually sound like.—Yours truly,

York Minster.

G. HORNER.

THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

W. D. CROFTS COMMEMORATION DINNER.

In the ancient history of change ringing the Society of Sherwood Youths played a not unimportant part. Established in the year 1672—in the days of Fabian Stedman—the society has continued with various vicissitudes down to the present day, and its most famous member was the Nottingham solicitor, William Doubleday Crofts, who was born in 1742, and died in 1809. To him the Sherwood Youths owed a great deal of their fame in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and by his ability as a ringer and conductor they achieved many great performances. The resuscitation of the society was brought about largely in order to keep green the memory of Crofts, as well as to encourage the art and to extend social intercourse among the ringers in and around Nottingham. Since 1923 a commemoration dinner has annually been held. This year's gathering, which took place on Saturday at Nottingham, brought together a party of between 60 and 70, who spent an extremely enjoyable evening at the Welbeck Hotel under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. Albert Coppock). The Lord Bishop of Southwell was the guest of the evening, and other guests were Canon Gordon (Rector of St. Mary's), the Sheriff of Nottingham (Alderman William Green), and Mr. A. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor'), who was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Muriel Baker. Among others present were the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Messrs. C. Harrison, J. P. Fidler, D. Collins (Loughborough), W. E. White and J. H. Marshall (Cotgrave), G. Walker (Birmingham), Wiseman (Croxton Kevel), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), H. R. Cobbin, Miss I. B. Thompson (hon. treasurer of the society), Mr. F. Blood (hon. secretary), F. W. Bailey (steward), Messrs. A. Archer, J. Ward, M. Bend and W. Flinders, veteran Nottingham ringers, etc.

A feature of these gatherings is the entertainment, which is always a feast of good things, thanks to the Master, who is closely in touch with the musical fraternity of the city. Miss Alice Varley sang songs, including old favourites, very sweetly, and took part in a duet with Mr. Coppock; Mr. Charles Morley, a talented tenor vocalist, rendered a number of solos in great style, while humorous contributions came from Mr. Charles Riley (who also recited 'Kissing Cup's Race' with great dramatic effect), and Mr. Edgar Roulstone, who acted as accompanist. Variety was introduced into the programme by the solo dances of little Miss Kathleen Pearce, whose skill in this direction promises to take her far in the Terpsichorean art. In addition, courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples, and tunes were rung on handbells.

A VERY IMPORTANT BODY.

After an excellent dinner, well served and thoroughly enjoyed by the company, the Chairman proposed the loyal toast, which was cordially honoured. He then thanked the Bishop of Southwell and the Sheriff of the City for honouring the gathering with their presence. He pointed out to the Bishop that change ringing was as British as cricket, and when the ringing world produced what in cricket was a Larwood or a Gunn, or any of the other famous old names, they felt it their duty to keep his memory alive.

Mr. J. P. Fidler proposed 'The Church,' and remarked that in the church bellringers they had the most efficiently organised body of voluntary churchworkers. As ringers they prided themselves on their work, which they did to the best of their ability. It was due to the ringers' organisations that a great change was introduced into the towers, which, while at one time places of ill-repute, were now often kept and as much thought of as the sanctuary. He thought the Church and State, who of late had been engaged in somewhat heated controversy, might follow the example of ringers, who, if they had differences, met at dinner and became good friends. Dinners such as the one they were enjoying that evening, were held in a number of centres, and they had a wonderful effect in creating good feeling among those who met at them (applause).

The Bishop of Southwell, in responding to the toast, said it was a great honour and a great pleasure to accept the kind invitation given to him to be present that evening. They were a gathering not merely of ringers but of a really fine body of church voluntary workers, and he recognised that they were a very important body. He was grateful to them for all they did, and he honoured their calling, although he was hopelessly ignorant of their art. He had had the honour of attending ringers' dinners before, for in his parish at Poplar, and also at Hackney, there was a fine peal of bells. So it was not the first time he had had the pleasure of sitting down to dinner with bellringers, and he recognised very sincerely what the church owed to them—it owed them a very great deal. Whatever bellringers might have been in days gone by, there was to-day no finer body of men connected with the church. He saw on one hand that night a cohort of veterans, and he saw before him one who was but a boy. In ringing, they had all ages and types, old and young, drawn together by their common interest in that wonderful science and art of ringing. He wished them all God-speed in their work, and he gratefully acknowledged the debt which the Church owed to the noble band of ringers all over the country (applause).

A PEAL OF TWELVE SUGGESTED.

Mr. George Walker submitted 'The City.' That, he said, was a gathering of Sherwood Youths, and he was himself an old Sherwood

Youth. Every Sherwood Youth loved his own county and was proud of it. He left Nottingham over forty years ago, but he thought as much of the city as ever he did, and loved it more every time he returned to it. Many improvements had taken place in Nottingham since he lived there, and the city was holding its own with other places in its desire to keep abreast of the times. Nottingham, however, had not got a peal of twelve bells, but it had, in St. Mary's Church, a magnificent and historical structure in which to put them—one of the finest parish churches he had ever seen. There could be no finer tower than St. Mary's in which to hang a ring of twelve, and he hoped he would live to see the day when there was a peal of twelve in that tower (applause).

Mr. Sheriff Green replied in a racy speech. Public men, as seen through the Press, were, he said, 'a bad lot' (hear, hear, and laughter), but, however they might differ in their opinions, thank God that in the public life of that city and the country there were Christian men who stood for Christian principles and actions (hear, hear). Nottingham was the finest city in the world, without a shadow of doubt, with the finest Lord Mayor God ever sent into any city (applause), and they had the finest set of city councillors and aldermen in the country (laughter and applause). Mr. Walker apparently found it well to migrate, but he found it necessary to come back to get a good dinner (laughter). Mr. Walker had told them that they had the finest mother church he had ever seen, and he (the speaker) trusted they had the same respect for the Vicar of that mother church as they had for the building. The Sheriff went on to refer to many improvements which had been carried out in the city, schemes which had reduced the death rate and made the place a healthier, a happier, and a more pleasant place to live in. Among other things they had improved the sanitation, they had built a new university, they had widened their streets, and made lovely boulevards, and they had built a new magnificent market hall. Such improvements cost money, and when they saw what had been done, the ratepayers ought not to grumble, although it was usual for those who had to foot the bill to say that those who had spent the money ought to be kicked out of office (laughter). As a church worker himself, the Sheriff spoke of his own love of the bells, and he reminded the ringers that in their work they were sending out a call to the people, bidding them come into the House of God to worship. Though they might fail in their task, the ringers were recognised and appreciated for the services they rendered to the Church (applause).

Mr. W. E. White proposed 'The Visitors,' whom he cordially welcomed to Nottingham.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who first responded, expressed the thanks of the visitors for the enjoyable time the Sherwood Youths had given them, and recounted some of the interesting experiences of his recent 16,000 mile tour to the West Coast of America.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith also responded.

The Chairman gave 'The Silent Toast,' and mentioned that during the year there had passed away Mr. David Smith, of Mansfield, Mr. Richard Lovett (who was at the Sherwood Youths' last dinner), and one, who, while not a ringer or a member of any ringing association, would be remembered as a violinist in a band which had played for their dancing, Mr. William Mann, who met his death under tragic circumstances in that very hotel.

The toast was honoured in silence.

A PARALLEL AND A CONTRAST.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, called upon for a speech, referred to the brotherhood which linked ringers together in a remarkable way, and congratulated Nottingham on the wonderful entertainment which it had provided that night. They knew, he said, who was the originator of that very pleasant evening, and who was responsible for the greater part of it—their Master, Mr. Coppock. On September 24th, 1924, he (the speaker) took part with other Sherwood Youths in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Mansfield, which the Master conducted. The reason for the peal was that the old Sherwood Youths walked from Nottingham to Mansfield and rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob on September 24th, 1774. In that peal James Wilkinson rang the 2nd bell, and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson rang the 2nd bell in 1924. There was one great difference, however, and that was, whereas the ringers after the 1924 peal went across to the Church House, where he was only too glad to entertain them to tea, James Wilkinson, no doubt, took his band in 1774 across to the Ram Inn (laughter). That showed how they had progressed. He hoped the days of the Sherwood Youths would be very long, and be more and more successful (applause).

This concluded the speeches, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to music, the proceedings being brought to a close with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

In the afternoon many of the ringers took part in touches on the bells of St. Mary's Church.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Sunday, Jan. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Sprothorough, for evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, also 180 Plain Bob: H. Metcalfe 1, M. Fowler 2, O. Greatehead 3, E. Short 4, W. Dent 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. H. Harding, wife of one of the Sprothorough band, who died on January 20th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

A 'MIXED' 5,040.
To the Editor.

Sir,—From what the Rev. H. Law James says in his last letter it appears that he is prepared to read anything into the definition of peals of Minor. I will just touch on the one statement that 'the motion allows us to ring seven true and complete compositions mixed up in any way we like.' Then the following 5,040 of London Minor consists of four true and complete extents with the 6th called WRW, and three with the 5th called RWR, and it contains nothing else except the bobs added to do the mixing and to secure variation. It is given by the ends of the parts of two courses each, and has the tenors right way at back. Considerable variation is possible on the plan. I ask Mr. James if he thinks this peal comes within the definition.—Yours truly, JOSEPH W. PARKER.

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'WHERE IS THE VALUE?'

Sir,—I had intended that my first letter on this subject should also be the last, but Mr. Trollope makes use of one or two phrases in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' which call for some comment. He states that the Exercise has fully agreed that Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Surprise Minor is a valuable composition. May I ask, in all humility, where the value comes in?

I always thought that for anything to be of value it should be free from taints of any description. Surely, Mr. Trollope would not have the six-bell ringers to believe that because Mr. James' arrangement brings up all the 5-6's at back stroke, and in doing so strings together six 720's which are all false, it is a thing of any value? I most emphatically say 'No.' Then he goes on to say: 'It meets a need.' May I ask what need it meets? Surely, Mr. Trollope is aware that Cambridge can be called in a great many different ways. I can string together seven 720's in seven Round Blocks, each block being true in itself, that will test the capability of the best Bob caller to negotiate successfully. Certainly, all the 5-6's will not be back-stroke changes, but they will have less 5-6's at hand stroke than it is possible to obtain in a peal from the first eleven methods given in the Council's book of legitimate Minor methods.—Yours truly,

Killamarsch.

C. SEVERN.

'THE GRANDSIRE DOUBLES TROUBLE.'

Dear Sir,—The letter in your last issue under the above heading is typically Willsonian. Stripped of the dialectic rings, which with airy brilliance are thrown round our heads, the letter contains nothing of use, and this was the chief reason for my remarks on 'W.W.'s' previous letter. The contrast between it and Mr. Trollope's admirably reasoned contribution is great indeed.

Mr. Willson's letter contains its usual misstatement, which, although trivial, is nevertheless characteristic. He says we have rung seven method peals together, wherein he is wrong. We rang together one only.

The word 'truth' as applied to five and six bell peals is necessarily comparative. From one point of view they are all false. 'Splice' I used in the ringers' sense—i.e., to join broken ends. If a round block inserted into a six-score does not do this, then what does it do?

I put forward in my last letter the opinion that 50 six-scores rung differently is a bigger task than an ordinary seven-method peal of Minor. As I am one of the only two men in the Exercise who are in a position to know, I think that due consideration should have been accorded the conclusion to which I have arrived.

Mr. Willson, on the strength of having rung some six-scores of the type many years ago, appears to doubt what I have said.

May I conclude with an appeal for constructive criticisms, as against the ruthless tearing down of other people's ideas. If you must destroy, do put something else in the place.—Yours, etc.,

J. T. DYKE.

NOT 'LEGAL TENDER.'

Sir,—Mr. Trollope, in his most serious mood, is at the same time most humorous. After spilling a column of ink in support of the tradition of ringing and leading his readers 'up the garden' in the most subtle and ingenious manner, he executes the usual volte face in his last paragraph, viz.: 'Well, if we admit this, as we assuredly must, ...'

Had he prefixed the par by saying 'I think,' not a word could be said, but Mr. Trollope, in the almighty 'WE,' presumes to speak for the whole Exercise. He does not. The question naturally arises, Why must we assuredly admit it? No one has yet said what ad-

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

SECRETARY RETIRES AFTER TWENTY YEARS' WORK.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday last at the St. Martin's Hotel, the bells of the Cathedral having been at the disposal of members during the afternoon.

The chair was taken by the Guild's Presiding Ringing Master, Ald. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., on whose proposition the Lord Bishop of Birmingham was re-elected president. All the vice-presidents (the Rector of Birmingham, Alderman Pritchett, Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, W. Kent, T. Russam and J. George) were re-elected, and the name of Mr. Jas. E. Groves added, as a mark of appreciation of his services to the Guild as Deputy Ringing Master for many years.

On the proposition of the secretary, Mr. Alderman Pritchett was unanimously re-elected Presiding Ringing Master, the Secretary adding that all present would wish to congratulate him on having entered upon his 75th year in the best of health and full of vigour.—The Alderman said that he should be pleased to retire in favour of a younger man, if the members thought it would be desirable, but, as they unanimously showed, the members thought the right man was in the right place. Mr. Pritchett thanked them for the expression of continued confidence in him, and said he would do his best to attend the meetings, etc.

Mr. Albert Walker was re-elected Deputy Ringing Master, Messrs. T. Russam and T. H. Reeves trustees, Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway auditors, and Mr. G. F. Swann librarian.

Mr. Smith then said that, owing to business pressure and frequent absences abroad, he could no longer give the time and attention demanded by the secretarial duties, and tendered his resignation. He added that he had held the office for twenty years, and that it was, perhaps, time they had a change. Incidentally, he remarked that his predecessor, the late W. H. Goddon, had also held the secretaryship for exactly the same period. Mr. Smith then proposed that Mr. T. H. Reeves be elected secretary and treasurer in his stead.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Dowding, supported by Mr. A. Walker and Mr. F. Price, and carried unanimously.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Alderman Pritchett and seconded by Mr. Walker, was then passed with acclamation: 'That the warmest thanks of the Guild be tendered to Mr. A. Paddon Smith for his invaluable services as secretary during the past twenty years.'—On the proposition of Mr. Perrens, Mr. Smith was elected a vice-president.

Ten new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Colehill.

The balance sheet for the past year was received and adopted, the financial position of the Guild being shown to be very satisfactory.

It was decided that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner should be held at Saturday, March 2nd, next, at the usual time.

A careful note should be made of the new secretary's address: Thomas H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District took place at Winchester on January 19th, over fifty members attending from neighbouring towers, including North Stoneham, Wootton Hill, King's Somborne, Highclere, Winchester, Twyford, Stockbridge, Micheldever, Portsmouth, Hursley and Eling.

Ringing took place at the Cathedral and also at St. Maurice's Church, where service was conducted by the Rev. Watson, who gave a splendid address.

After the service, the members adjourned to Messrs. Dumpers' Restaurant, where an ample tea awaited them, the Rev. Watson and Rev. Theophilus, of King's Somborne, joining the company.

The business meeting followed, with the Vicar of St. Maurice's in the chair. All the officers were re-elected, dates and places for the quarterly meetings were fixed, and votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells, also to the Rev. Watson for the use of St. Maurice's bells. After this an adjournment was made to the towers, where further ringing took place.

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vantage the mixing of false and true in each extent gives over the original entity. There is a strong suspicion abroad that had the Cambridge Minor been the work of a less illustrious composer than Rev. E. H. James, it would have been laughed out of court. It is on a par with a case that came before the Criminal Court recently. A man was charged with engraving and uttering counterfeit bank notes. So cleverly were the notes engraved that they baffled both counsel and the judge to detect the false from the true, and called forth admiration for the work entailed, but this did not deter the Lord Chief Justice from sentencing the prisoner to penal servitude. The notes were not 'legal tender.' They would go into the museum of curiosities, and that is where the latest Minor and Doubles productions ought to go. Clever, but not 'legal tender.' We assuredly must not accept the cleverest concoction in composition, no matter from whom it emanates, when the same results—the extents—can be obtained in the legitimate manner.—Yours, etc.,

W. WILLSON.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY WILLIAMS, OF HEADINGLEY. A GIFTED CONDUCTOR.

Ringers of Yorkshire have sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Henry Williams, who for more than thirty years was the conductor of the ringers at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds. Born sixty-three years ago, at Wolverley, near Kidderminster, the deceased migrated at an early age to Kidderminster, and was soon identified with a famous band of that period, who made ringing history, under the able leadership of Mr. Richard Groves. His calling, that of a gardener, took him to Leeds rather more than thirty years ago, and it was not long before his commanding personality and wonderful ability gathered round him a band who made a great name for themselves, both as splendid strikers and as pioneers in method ringing. Woe to the unwary visitor to Headingley at that day, who had nothing to commend him beyond a knowledge of a wide variety of methods, for he would be sharply reminded that accurate striking was more important than a plentiful supply of methods.

At that time Headingley was a splendid training ground for the young ringer, and the visitor who showed aptitude and keenness was assured of a great welcome. An outstanding gift of Mr. Williams was the one of rehearsing the whole of the changes in his head while ringing was in progress, and it was no novelty to hear him talk off the changes as they were being rung in some new and abstruse method. At Headingley was rung the first peal of London Surprise in Yorkshire, in 1904, and at that time it was the usual thing to have five Surprise methods rung for Sunday service. On one memorable occasion the writer remembers ringing with the band of that day no fewer than eleven methods on the fine ring of eight at the Priory Church at Bridlington.

The deceased is believed to be the only ringer to conduct a hand-bell peal blindfolded, this performance being well authenticated. In all, Mr. Williams rang 45 peals for the Yorkshire Association, and 35 for his native association of Worcestershire.

Neglect of a chill, contracted early in the year, brought on a sharp attack of pneumonia, culminating in death on January 12th. The funeral took place at Arncliffe Church on the following Tuesday, when the Yorkshire Association was represented by the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) and many of the principal officers of the association and members. In an address in the church, the Vicar of Arncliffe paid a high tribute to the deceased, and after the final prayers in the church had been said by the president, a well-struck plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the west end of the nave by Messrs. F. Renton, J. Cotterell, P. J. Johnson and J. Broadley. Among the ringers present were Messrs. Arthur Craven, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotterell, Mr. and Mrs. T. Maude (of Pudsey), Messrs. J. Broadley, E. Wheeler, A. Gill, F. Renton, G. Titterton, J. W. T. Holgate, S. Sadler, W. Whitaker, G. Barraclough and P. J. Johnson.

The deceased will be greatly missed by a very wide circle of friends, and this opportunity is taken of offering deep and sincere sympathy to Mrs. Williams and her daughter in their bereavement.

P. J. J.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT TO HOLD MORE MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Leicester District was held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, on Saturday week. The bells were raised about 3.40 p.m., after which they were kept going to Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. After tea the belfry was again visited, and many other ringers had by this time arrived. It was pleasing to note a specially large party from Ratby. The bells were soon set going again, the methods rung being Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich. The bells were lowered in peal just before 7.30 p.m.

The ringers then made their way to the Talbot Inn (the place of several former meetings), where the business meeting was held. Mr. A. S. Hains occupied the chair, and 26 members were present. On the proposition of Mr. W. H. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. Brewin, the local officers were re-elected 'en bloc'.

As the annual general meeting of the M.C.A. falls at Leicester this year, two extra members were elected to the committee to help in making arrangements for this meeting. These were Messrs. Norman S. Bagworth and Rowland Barrow.

The 'general' officers of the association were also renominated.

Five new members were then elected, viz., Mr. Edward C. Turner, of Leicester Cathedral band, three from Ratby, and one from Husbands Bosworth. Mr. Fred Bowley, of Kirby Muxloe, was re-elected a member of the association.

It was decided to try the experiment of holding eight meetings a year instead of four as at present, the idea being to let the annual and quarterly meetings continue as at present, and in between each of these to hold a meeting at some five or six bell tower, now seldom if ever visited, with the hope of raising interest in those quarters. Will members please note, and do their best to support the meetings, the first of which will be at Whetstone.

The meeting close with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and towerkeeper, and the remainder of the evening was spent in the way ringers like best.

DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT PAIGNTON.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Paignton on Saturday, ringers being present from Paignton, Collaton, Brixham, Cockington, Torquay, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Exeter, Lowton and Clyst St. George. The bells were kept going in the Grandsire method during the afternoon, and a service in church was conducted by the Vicar of Paignton (Rev. Prob. H. Mackworth Drake), who gave an excellent address.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay (chairman). A report of the past year's work was presented and adopted.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were both re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and both suitably returned thanks.

A letter was read from the Vicar of Staverton (Rev. E. D. Drake-Brockman), who was elected an hon. member, inviting the branch to hold a meeting there, and this was accepted, the date chosen being Saturday, May 11th.

A discussion arose as to whether two of the four meetings a year should be informal meetings, and it was agreed to this suggestion.

A discussion also took place as to a suggestion that the Guild inaugurate an annual dinner, and it was decided to support the proposal.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address, also to the organist, and this was carried.

This concluded the business, and the tower was visited again, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Shrewsbury on Saturday last. Over 40 members were present from Clive, Broseley, Coalbrookdale, Wem, Ellesmere, Moreton Corbet, Ludlow, Wellington, Connid, Worthen, Malinslee, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, etc., also visitors from Crewe and Wrexham.

Ringing commenced at St. Mary's, but had to be stopped at 3.15 owing to a service. The members then visited St. Chad's, and rang on the fine peal of twelve until 6 o'clock. Tea was then partaken of in St. Chad's Institute, and the business meeting followed, Mr. F. A. Barnett, of Wem, presiding.—Apologies for absence were received from the president and Major Corbett.

The Secretary read the report and presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of over £40. Six peals have been rung during the year.

The instructor, Mr. W. Short, has resigned on account of ill-health, and it was decided to leave this office vacant for a time.

The Rev. C. B. Crowe, one of the committee, having left the district, the Rev. C. S. Jackson, of Broseley, was elected to this office.

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, assistant secretary, asked to be relieved of the duties, and Mr. A. Pritchard was appointed to succeed him.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Rodenhurst for his services.

All the other officers were re-elected, and fourteen new members added to the Guild.

Quarterly meetings for this year are to be held at Wellington, Moreton Corbet, and Whitechurch.

The meeting close with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Chad's for the use of the bells, and the members returned to St. Chad's for further ringing until 9 o'clock. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters, and Cinques, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Bob Royal, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal.

NETTLEBED'S IMPROVED BELLS.

The ring of six bells in the village of Nettlebed, Oxon, have recently been put into good ringing order, and on the first Saturday in the new year a band of Diocesan Guild ringers, at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Harding), journeyed from Reading to try the bells, and to meet the local ringers, who are Guild members.

They found the bells improved almost out of knowledge by their visit to the Whitechapel Foundry for tuning, while the work of re-hanging by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, left nothing to be desired, and ringing there is now a real pleasure.

A 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung in good style by F. Hopgood, H. Tucker, Miss Davis, Rev. C. Jenkyn, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, jun., after which several 120's of Doubles were rung with the local men, finishing with a touch of Oxford Bob Minor. The whole party then adjourned to the Village Hall, where they were most hospitably entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Harding.

When at length it was time to return from the snow-clad heights to the Thames Valley it was agreed by all that they had spent a really good afternoon.

GUILDFORD.—On January 24th, at St. Nicolas Church, for evening, on the eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 1,335 Stedman Caters: F. Radford 1, C. Hazelden 2, C. N. Burdock 3, E. A. Etheridge 4, Mrs. Hazelden 5, W. W. Thorne 6, G. Tomsett 7, E. Radford 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

MINGLING AND COMMINGLING.

BY IRENEUS PISTOR.

Sunday, January 20th, is set down in the memoranda of the writer, firstly because it was the dedication day of a pair of 'silver trumpets' at St. Wilfred's, West Hallam, Yorks; secondly, because one into whom he inculcated the first rudiments of the art and science 'fell over' him without a word of apology or a kindly 'cheerio,' but passed by on the other side, like the Levite of old. Such 'chimed ill' with the mingling and the commingling music of the glorious little octave, whose trebles merrily sing out 'TAY-LOR' before 345678, which contain the metal of a mediæval ring cast by the Heathcotes, of Chesterfield, metal cast by Hy. Oldfield in 1618, and metal cast by Warner 1878.

Gone are those items mentioned in the Edwardian inventory, mingling and commingling in one homogeneity in the back six. Gone are those who indented their signatures to the memoranda—which was given to the officers of the 'Boy King'—mingling and commingling are their crumbling dust, gone to the bosom of Mother Earth. Mingling and commingling 'neath a richly-earned altar tomb in the north side of the chancel lies all that is left of the once mighty Powtrells; yet, reader, mingling and commingling in that congregation were the descendants of those whose names were inscribed in the parochial registers of St. Wilfred's, when the noble House of Powtrell held sway over the parish and manor. Mingling and commingling with those assembled to witness the simple and soul-stirring dedication were the shades of those who had gone before. They passed and repassed, like some phantasm, before the broken and shattered easements of the writer.

Mingling and commingling, nevertheless (at my elbow), in one's own flesh, ran the blood of Elizabeth Toplice, whose transgressions had been mystically washed away at that massive octagonal font, which was at that time some 300 years old. Lizzie, not content with the primary rite, didst, with love such as only West Hallam damsels can bestow—beguile one Robert Carryer, whom she married in 1658. Mingling and commingling in the veins of a ringer—who sat in the rear of the writer, at the base of that embattled tower which was rebuilt by the Powtrells—ran that which was a lifegiving stream in the earthly habitation of Cassandra Hodges (daughter of one Richard and Ann Hunt), who was born in 1648.

Gone are the Powtrells, Portes, and the Doughtys, yet there remaineth living witness of the humble Elizabeth and the meek Cassandra, mingling and commingling. Risen phoenix-like from the ashes of the past to a further life—let us hope—of centuries, are those bells which mingled and commingled with the very life, work and worship of Elizabeth Toplice and Cassandra Hunt, mingling and commingling with the round, soft and velvety tone of the increased peal, rings out in clarion accents the words chosen by the Lord Bishop of Derby for his text on this day of days, and taken from 1 Cor. ix. 16: 'Vae Mihi Si Non Evangelisavero.' Ah, reader, 'Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel'—truth—for there is no 'nasal twang' in either this light peal of Taylor's which graces the steeple of St. Wilfred's, or in that very triumphant example of Loughborough fame, which adorns the Minister of Ebor.

'Nasal twang' is obviously mingling and commingling in the 'cheap receiving set,' owned by the Limited Company, who adversely criticise the noble peal at York.

Thanks, Mr. Editor, for your indulgence, but, finally, may I offer a hint to the owners of the 'cheap set'? If the nozzle of the village blacksmith's bellows is inserted into the lower end of the lateral curvature of the spine of the loud speaker, and about two pulls are administered, it will remove all fragments of old conversations, debates, and French lessons, that are mingling and commingling, without question, therein.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 20th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, 1,248 Pudsey Surprise Major: T. Walker 1, Miss Freda Orr 2, C. Roberts 3, W. Madgwick 4, E. Pike 5, W. Hewett 6, J. Kentish 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on January 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandire Triples in 44 mins.: William R. Gutteridge (first quarter-peal) 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. H. Lucas 3, R. Warnett 4, E. G. Swift 5, P. E. Jones 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, Miss E. M. Cooke 3, T. Birch 4, J. Cooke 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6. This was arranged to enable the three lady ringers to ring a 720 altogether.

LATE NOTICE.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe on Saturday, February 9th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar (Rev. R. C. Evill) at 5. Tea, 1s. per member (non-members 1s. 3d.), at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand; subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cheap trains to Boxmoor—then regular bus service. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting in the Church Room, after service. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Waverley Hotel.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells of All Saints' (10) and Foundry (10) available all afternoon. By the courtesy of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. the bellfoundry will be open to visitors. Committee meet 4 p.m. at Fearon Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m., at Fearon Hall. General meeting follows.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome.—L. G. Tanner, Local Hon. Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Will all members who have not yet paid their subscriptions please endeavour to do so at this meeting, as it is the last meeting of the year? If you are requiring tea, a card will be appreciated. Thank you! — Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — A billiard match and social will be held at the Bolton Borough Police Club, Old Hall Street, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Club open 6 p.m. (Names, please).—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—A peal board, presented by the ringers who took part in the peal of Bob Minor rung on July 14th last, will be dedicated by the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Harkness) on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing from 2.45.—P. Amos, 47, Overstone Road, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting directly after tea.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance is requested. — James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Penistone, February 2nd. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. James Tinker, Church Street, Penistone, as early as possible. — R. Harrison, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells of St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. Application has been made for St. Lawrence's. A ringers' service will be held at St. Giles' at 5 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea. Business meeting and smoking concert at the Rising Sun Coffee House, Silver Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. each.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredonbury.

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, must be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Feb. 5th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 7th; St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; 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.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 9th. A special service will be held at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Oddfellows' Hall, Orange Street, at 5.15. The Cathedral bells will be available after 4 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 7th? Members' subscriptions for 1929 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 9th, the bells of St. Clement Danes' being available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., after which a short service will be held. There will be a tea and meeting after the service at the Parish Hall. The bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East will also be available during the afternoon. Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 19th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports and new rules and diagrams to hand. A peal board commemorating a peal by the local band will be unveiled at this meeting.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The usual monthly meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each (Childwall Abbey), 6 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 5th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

PETERBOROUGH AND LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and Southern Branches will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Will those requiring tea please make their own arrangements, as there are several restaurants?—C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, Lincs, and W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough, Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells at the Parish Church available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Lawrence Church Room at 5. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Feb. 7th.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in Church Room. Will all those who require tea notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 5th? — H. J. Chaffey, Upper Childdown, Longcross, Chertsey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Members entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens. Those requiring same please notify me by the 5th inst.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. — A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea must notify the secretary, G. A. Webley, Faringdon, by previous Thursday.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 6th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Bells (6) available; also Upton Pyne (6) and Crediton (8). All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Sandfords, Whimble, Devon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Royden (Herts) on Saturday, Feb. 9th, at 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Those requiring tea kindly notify me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 9th. The bells (8) will be ready at 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Compton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. C. M. Jotcham, The Parsonage, Compton, Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 6th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Kindly say not later than Tuesday, Feb. 5th, how many we may expect from your tower for tea.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Blaydon on Feb. 9th. Bells of Blaydon and Winlaton will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock at the Co-operative Café. Will members intending to be present please advise me by Feb. 7th?—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. City bells available during afternoon and evening. Service, All Saints, 4.15. Tea, Booth Hall, 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Feb. 5th. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Teas at 1s. 6d. a head to all who notify Mr. J. Eccleston, 8, Mafeking Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, not later than Feb. 5th. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready early. Tea can be provided if sufficient number apply before Feb. 7th to C. D. Potter, Prospect Villa, High Street, Royston, Barnsley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by kind permission of the Rev. M. L. Mann (Vicar). Tower available 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea at 5.30 and business meetings. All ringers welcome. A card to either secretary by the 14th would be appreciated.—Kent County Association, A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; Romney Marsh Guild, A. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Feb. 13th, without fail?—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Feb. 23rd, meeting at Watford (8). Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Cheap trains to Watford from all stations.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MARRIAGE.

BIBBY—SUMMERFIELD. — At St. Lawrence's Church, Frodsham, on Saturday, Jan. 26th, Francis Bibby to Hannah (Annie) Summerfield. New address: Abbots Acre, Townfield Lane, Frodsham.

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AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Tuesday, January 15th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 55 mins.: W. Robinson 1, A. W. Brighton (London) 2, W. Nevinson 3, E. Jennings 4, F. Hindle (Blackburn) 5, T. E. Hewertson 6, T. B. Newton (conductor) 7, W. Fisher 8.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 12th. The bells of St. Mary's Church were ringing early in the afternoon, and service was held in the Lady Chapel at 4.30. Rev. Canon Hone, M.A., Rural Dean, was the preacher, and took for his text the words, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice, weep with them that weep, being of one mind one towards another.' His application of the text towards ringers' associations was admirably put. The upward path to great success in the art of change ringing must always be attended with trials, failures and disappointments, but unity of purpose, faith in one another, rejoicing with those who win, weeping with those who lose, would eventually create that union in which all would be of one mind one towards another.

Mr. W. Palmer (Badworth), a former president, presided at the organ, and the service was much appreciated, and joined in heartily.

A tea was provided in St. Mary's Parish Room, about 34 ringers and several ladies sitting down. Afterwards, the business meeting was held, Canon Hone taking the chair. Letters of apology were read from Mr. A. Hartley and Vice-President W. Reynier (Sandal), who were unwell and unable to attend, also from Mr. Geo. Lewis, who was that day attending the funeral of Mr. Evinson, a Sheffield ringer.

A letter was received from Canon and Mrs. Hone, thanking the members for a beautiful photo of the association's garden party held in July last, when Bishop Eden attended.

Further business concerned the ringing contests to be held during the coming year, but the discussion was not so general as one would have expected on such matters. Members seemed to prefer to let the bells give a pronounced answer at the actual contest, so matters will go on much as before.

There was only one nomination for president—Mr. A. Nash, Wath. This nomination of a popular, practical and active ringer was promptly and unanimously carried. For the office of treasurer, Mr. A. Panther was re-elected, and the same applied to the office of secretary, to which Mr. D. Potter was reappointed.

The auditors (Messrs. A. Nash and A. Goldthorpe) announced that the financial report of the treasurer had been found correct and in good order, and these were passed by the meeting.

No application being to hand for next place of meeting, the secretary was requested to secure Monk Bretton.

Canon Hone was warmly thanked for all his work for, and interest in, the association.

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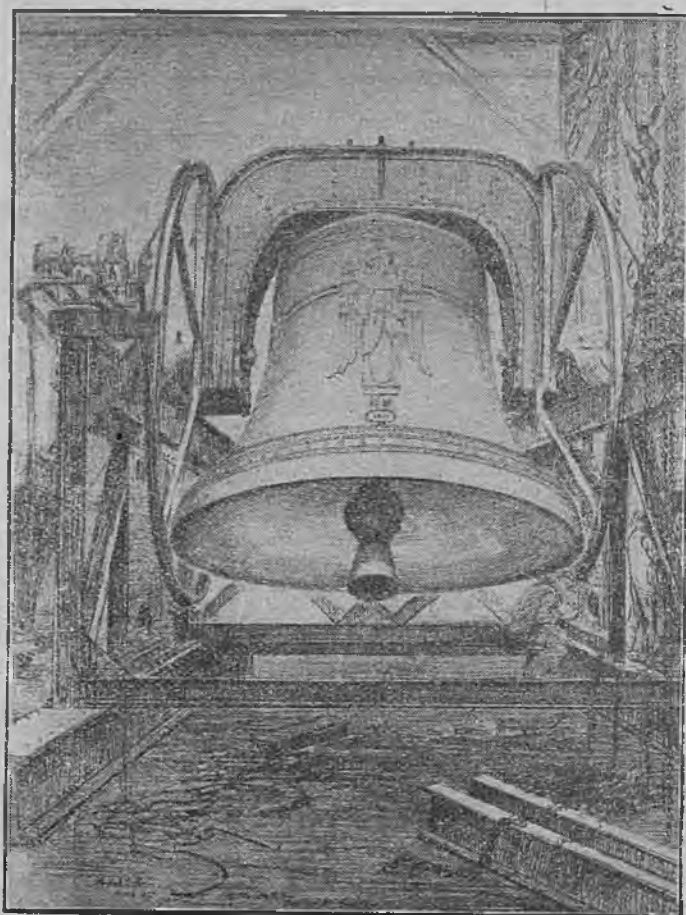
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THE REVISION OF HISTORY.

History is being called into question by letters which have recently appeared in our columns on the subject of early peals and the first performances of Holt's Original. First of all a correspondent questioned the College Youths' record that a peal, rung in 1688-9, was composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable, when, according to Snowdon, in 'Grandsire,' quoting from 'The Clavis,' Annable died in 1755 between sixty and seventy years of age. Mr. E. A. Young's reply to this was the suggestion that Annable was older than he was thought to be by those who recorded his age in 'The Clavis.' Since this there has come another challenge to the records of the Ancient Society, viz., that the claim that its members rang Holt's Original on the first occasion on which it was called by a ringer taking part in the peal can no longer be upheld, other performances of this peal (between the years 1752 and 1754), with the conductor ringing one of the bells, having now come to light. In defence of the College Youths' claim, Mr. G. N. Price puts forward Snowdon's history of the Grandsire method, in which the peal of 1791 was treated as the first, and Mr. Price asks, if the other claims to earlier peals are correct, how can it be explained that Snowdon in his patient and painstaking research work should not have come across these records, or should have ignored them if he did? 'Snowdon,' says Mr. Price, 'must have been brought into very intimate contact with Norwich when collecting data for his various books, and the question arises, was there sufficient proof to satisfy him that the peals referred to were the famous Original?'

On the question of Annable's age, it is doubtful if anyone can now provide definite evidence unless it can be supplied from some of the ancient parish registers. The question of the 'Original,' however, seems to be fairly plain. In the case of one at least of the Norwich peals the full details were given in the 'Norwich Mercury' of the time (1752), including the names of the ringers and the added intimation that 'the peal being so intricate the London Bell Ringers thought it impracticable for a man to ring one of the bells and call the bobs at the same time.' The particulars of the two peals, in 1753 and 1754, at Saffron Walden, were discovered about 15 years ago among some old newspaper cuttings from publications of the period, and in these, also, the names of the ringers are given. In view of these facts, therefore, there seems little doubt that the College Youths' peal of 1791 was not the first time the 'Original' was performed under the same conditions.

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Jasper Snowdon was, as we all know, a most painstaking man, but even he could not have searched all the newspaper files throughout the country, and it is quite easy to believe that the records of the Norwich and Saffron Walden peals never came under his notice. Had they done so it is only reasonable to assume that he would at least have mentioned them, even if he had had some doubt as to their authenticity, because he analysed at great length many other of the early performances. Even the questioned 1689 peal he accepts, with limitations, in the phrase 'it seems not improbable that such a performance may have taken place at this date.' Had Snowdon known of the Norwich and Saffron Walden peals, he surely then would have said something about them and not merely have left the subject with the statement 'we may be sure that many a conductor would feel ambitious to call the peal without such assistance (manuscript), but it was not until forty years after its first performance (1791) that this object was attained.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*JOHN ANDERSON... .. Treble	*GEORGE W. MURRAY ... 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 2	ERNEST E. FERRY ... 8
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	*ROBERT ANDERSON ... 9
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 4	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 10
JOSEPH ROWELL... .. 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 11
WILLIAM STORY... .. 6	*ADAM DEAS... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal on twelve bells. Arranged for Mr. Thos. H. Reeves, of Birmingham.

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 7
JOHN HAYES 2	JAMES MORGAN 8
ERNEST COTSFORTH 3	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 9
WILLIAM SCONCE... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 10
RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 5	SAMUEL JONES 11
HARRY F. HOLDING 6	JAMES H. HOLDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band, excepting the 5th ringer, and first peal of Cinques by most of the band.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 6
ERNEST BISHOP 2	H. W. L. WELLS... .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 8
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 4	LOUIS A. WILSON 9
HERBERT W. BISHOP 5	W. A. BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

J. Austin hails from Gloucester, S. Wiltshire from Chippenham, W. C. West from Melksham, and L. A. Wilson from Wootton Bassett.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRICK, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*GEOFFREY ASHMAN Treble	†WILLIAM E. DRAKE 5
WILFRED H. BIXTON 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
FRANK F. HILL 3	HERBERT G. FREYWELL ... 7
WILLIAM A. PARSONS 4	*EDGAR ASHMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since recasting and augmentation. Ringers of treble, 5th and tenor are local service ringers.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOHN PETERS Treble	FRANK RINGE 5
†ROBERT HEAZEL 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
ALBERT RAINBIRD 3	ERNEST FORBANK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ALBERT PRYKE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
CECIL C. MAYNE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
*FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 3	RICHARD BECKLAND 7
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal in the method and 50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 'send-off' to Cecil C. Mayne, Master of the Branch, who is leaving the district for Bournemouth.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HORACE F. STEEBS ... Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON 5
JAMES HUTCHBY 2	WILLIAM SMITH 6
*CLARENCE BOLLARD 3	*DAVID COLLINS 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

W. JACK DOVE Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
*REGINALD FINCH 2	†JOHN BURSTON 6
†FRANK BURGESS 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
ERNEST SIBLEY 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method, also on the bells, since being rebung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th and to Mr. John Hensman.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	*THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
*RONALD H. BULLEN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
HERBERT E. ADSLEY 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Oxford. This peal contains 70 Bobs and 50 Singles, the calling being arranged to cut out much of the long dodging when the tenors are on the front.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

J. W. T. HOLGATE ... Treble	†S. HELLIWELL 5
*W. WATERHOUSE 2	†F. JACKSON 6
†FRANK BLACKITH 3	†HARRY BLACKITH 7
†FRED BLACKITH 4	G. MOORHOUSE Tenor

Composed by H. V. HUBBARD. Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the marriage of J. W. T. Holgate.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROLAND KENDALL ... Treble	*HARRY WILDE 5
*ARTHUR SKELTON 2	CECIL DRAKE 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	†WILLIAM AMELER 7
ALBERT PICKLES 4	HAROLD PEACE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by WILLIAM AMELER.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

BROWNEDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JAMES MILLER Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
FRED RIGBY 3	JOHN T. MILLER 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	E. ROGER MARTIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (156). Conducted by E. R. MARTIN

First peal on the augmented ring, and rung half-muffled to the memory of Rev. Father Turner, O.S.B., late Rector, who died on February 6th, 1928. He commenced the scheme for the restoration of the clock and bells, but died whilst the work was in progress. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. J. Wilson for his kind hospitality after the peal.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY & BARNLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. WILSON ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	OLIVER GREATHEAD 6
MILTON FOWLER 3	ALBERT NASH 7
ARTHUR FIRTH 4	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

First peal of Oxford by all except ringers of 3rd and 5th. Messrs. Fowler and Greathead were proposed and elected members of the Sheffield District Society previous to starting for the peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

R. EDWARDS... .. Treble	P. PAGE... .. 5
F. WELLER... .. 2	K. PATTENDEN... .. 6
F. G. BRETT... .. 3	C. W. PLAYER... .. 7
E. G. BUESDEN... .. 4	A. BATTIN... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

* WILLIAM C. RHODES... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS... .. 5
GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH... .. 6
† FRED PRICE... .. 3	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON... .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE... .. 4	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of conductor.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY PAGE... .. Treble	THOMAS PAGE... .. 5
GEORGE WINES... .. 2	WILLIAM PAGE... .. 6
FREDERICK LASBURY... .. 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS... .. 7
* ERNEST STITCH... .. 4	GEORGE POPPELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

70th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Page, Ton Pentre, mother of the treble, 5th and 6th ringers, on the occasion of her 74th birthday.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

JAMES F. SMITH... .. Treble	LESTER L. GRAY... .. 5
* THOMAS ROGERS... .. 2	JOHN BREESSE... .. 6
G. RONALD EDWARDS... .. 3	† JOHN COOKE... .. 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Major. † 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

HERBERT TURNER... .. Treble	GORDON TURNER... .. 5
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL... .. 2	HARRY MORGAN... .. 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL... .. 3	EDWARD DALINGWATER... .. 7
HERBERT HAIGH... .. 4	C. ALAN HEWITT... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

First peal of Major for treble and fifth ringers, who are father and son, and are local men. Rung on the 37th wedding anniversary of Mr. C. E. Fowler, conductor of the Anston ringers. A birthday peal for the ringer of the seventh.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES... .. Treble	WILLIAM MILLER... .. 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD... .. 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER... .. 6
ALFRED PRIOR... .. 3	GEORGE DAWSON... .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

First peal on the bells.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PRESTON... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. TUCKER... .. 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS... .. 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER... .. 6
* ALFRED T. GREENWOOD... .. 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, 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 15 cwt.

EDWARD C. MERRITT... .. Treble	THOMAS BURTENSHAW, SEN... .. 5
FREDERICK CRIPPS... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 6
ROBERT H. NOAKES... .. 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
ALFRED W. GROVES... .. 4	GEOFFREY WEST... .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS JONES... .. Treble	CHARLES OLLIER... .. 5
* WILLIAM PEARCE... .. 2	ALFRED FROST... .. 6
JOHN HARTLEY... .. 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT... .. 7
† ERNEST BENNETT... .. 4	* ARTHUR CARR... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

PHILLACK, CORNWALL

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELACK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.	
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD... .. 5
JOHN SEDGLEY... .. 2	FREDERICK G. VILES... .. 6
JOHN WOOD... .. 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN... .. 7
PHILIP J. HITCHENS... .. 4	W. JERVIS HODGE... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. S. ROBERTS.

Rung on the Feast of the Purification of B.V.M. First peal on the bells, a beautiful new ring by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Also first peal on eight by a band all resident in Cornwall, for the Guild, as conductor; and on eight by the tenor ringer. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar, the Rev. Anthony Wills, for providing tea at the Vicarage after the peal.

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NORTH WINGFIELD.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. P. TARLTON Treble	W. SWAIN 5
MISS O. TARLTON 2	E. MALLINDER 6
MISS D. TARLTON 3	BEN WHEELER 7
F. KNOWLES 4	B. WHEELER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. P. TARLTON.

Rung in honour of the conductor's 67th birthday. First peal by Miss O. Tarlton, and first attempt. First peal of Major by the ringer of the 7th. Miss O. Tarlton was proposed a member of the association before starting for the peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

IGHTHAM, KENT.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM HOLLMAN Treble	*FREDERICK WOOLWAY 4
*JOSEPH HODGES 2	WALTER NEALE 5
*HERBERT WOOLLEY 3	*HENRY STANLEY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER NEALE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by the local Sunday service ringers. This peal was rung to welcome home the Rev. Roland H. Streetfield, Rector of Ightham, from his convalescence.

EAST CROMPTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchant's Return, Woodbine, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. THORPE Treble	J. R. BUCKLEY 4
C. HOWARTH 2	*H. BUTTERWORTH 5
R. H. BYROM 3	J. BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Conducted by J. BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the completion by Mr. G. Wilde of 50 years as a service ringer at the above church, during most of which period he has been the leader. It was also a birthday peal for the conductor, and a wedding anniversary peal for the 3rd ringer. All the above are service ringers at the above church.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Beverley, York, Durham, Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ROBERT MOLTON Treble	ALFRED PRIOR 4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2	GEORGE DAWSON 5
WILLIAM MILLER 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DAWSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor.

WOLLASTON.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings

*SAMUEL THOMPSON Treble	JOHN BASS 4
HAROLD V. COOPER 2	*CHARLES W. COOPER 5
*SIDNEY THOMPSON 3	*PERCY RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. + First peal of Doubles inside. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a wedding and birthday compliment to Mr. W. Gibbs, a member of the local band.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Owen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine and Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob, one Oxford Bob and two Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

*FRANCIS BURNE Treble	HAROLD G. BEARD 4
FRANK TYSOE 2	ERNEST FREEMAN 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, January 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford, with different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	ALAN R. PINK 4
PETER CHARMAN 2	JOHN COOK 5
REGINALD JOHNSON 3	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	Cecil NICE 4
*KENNETH SNELLING 2	ALFRED J. BULL 5
*NELSON ELLIOTT 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells, which have recently been recast and relung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH BOWELL Treble	GEORGE W. MOSS 4
*CHARLES A. ANDREWS 2	GEORGE A. ANDREWS 5
STANLEY G. MOSS 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD Tenor

Conducted by G. A. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Minor. An 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. Ringers of 2nd and 5th are from Thorington, of treble from Great Bromley, the rest local.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 16, Lime Grove,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Mr. Jas. Shaw, a much respected member of the Lancashire Association and Chester Diocesan Guild.

ACCIDENT TO MR. JAMES GEORGE.

In the evening of December 1st last, when alighting from a train at Birmingham Station, Mr. George was pushed between the platform and train, injuring both legs badly.

He has now nearly recovered, and hopes shortly to renew his activities.

This note will explain his sudden silence to his many friends.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. LINCOLN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln District took place at Branston on Saturday, January 26th. It was previously arranged that a district meeting should be held at Branston during the latter part of last year, but owing to a serious case of illness near to the church the event had to be postponed. Another date was chosen, and at the time when preparations were almost complete, the opening of the Cathedral bells was timed to take place on the same day, consequently the district meeting suffered a second postponement. In view of these circumstances, the holding of the district's annual meeting at Branston was, in a way, compensation to that tower. A fine day favoured the occasion, and the attendance, numbering about 50 ringers, was very gratifying. The towers represented were: Lincoln Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's, Bassingham, Blankney, Bardney, Metheringham, Waddingborough, and Branston, and there were also visiting ringers from the North Notts Association towers of Sutton-on-Trent, North Collingham, and Workson.

Touchees in various methods were rung during the afternoon, when the Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. R. Bond, of Lincoln. The lesson was read by the Rev. T. S. Pocock, of Bassingham, and the Rector of Branston (the Rev. J. J. R. Pells) gave an address, in the course of which he explained a number of the inscriptions appearing on the local bells. He mentioned that, according to tradition, the fifth bell, which was the oldest in the tower, was said to have been rung at the time the Spanish Armada was defeated. Next in age came the tenor, the third and the fourth, which are of the Elizabethan period and, lastly, the treble and second, which were installed about 30 years ago. The Rector went on to explain various points of interest in the church.

An innovation in the service was the assembly of a male voice choir, mainly composed of ringers of the Guild, and a very pleasing effect resulted.

Tea was then partaken of in the Rectory, and the caterers were the recipients of appreciation for the excellent tea provided for the small charge made. The day seemed brimful of innovations, for, while the visiting ringers were having tea, a number of the local ringers were giving a few of their musical items on the handbells.

A business meeting followed, and the Rev. R. Bond, who is president of the district, occupied the chair. He referred to a number of past year's events, and mentioned Lincoln Cathedral bells. He congratulated the Cathedral ringers upon the rapidity of their progress. Similarly, the Chairman referred to the achievement of the band that accomplished their peal of London Surprise Major after many unsuccessful attempts. With regard to the Lavenby peal of bells, the Chairman intimated that the bells had now gone to the bell foundry, and upon their return the district would benefit by the acquisition of another peal of six.

These remarks from the chairman constituted good news for the district, and they were received with applause.

All the officials were re-elected for another year, thus exemplifying the confidence the ringers have in the leaders. The officials are: Rev. R. Bond, president; Mr. H. Maroon, secretary; Mr. J. Waldon, Ringing Master and also district representative.

Four meetings were appointed to take place during the year at the following places: Nettleham, Bardney, Lavenby or Brant Broughton, and Caythorpe, and the corresponding meeting to Saturday's event will take place at Waddingborough next year.

Three new members were elected, and, coincidentally, they were all lady ringers, consequently their acceptance was received with applause. They were Mrs. C. McGuinness and Miss S. Norton, of Lincoln, and Mrs. East, of North Collingham. The latter was elected as a non-resident life member.

At the close of the business, handbell ringing was indulged in, and, after a few attempts, a course of Stedman Caters was accomplished.

The method of College Single was chosen for preferential study for the Nettleham meeting in April.

The bells were lowered about nine o'clock, bringing to a close a most successful meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Ightham on Saturday, January 12th. During the afternoon and evening, touchees of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung. Members attended from most of the towers in the district, also from Ashford, Canterbury, Tonbridge and Rochester districts, 17 towers being represented. At the service the association form was used. Tea was partaken of at the Old Chequers, 40 members being present.

In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. Neale presided at the business meeting, when 24 new members were elected, including the bands of Ightham and Snodland.

It was decided to hold a bye-meeting at Bearsted on February 23rd.

A collection on behalf of Mrs. Bates was taken, and amounted to £1 4s.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar brought the meeting to a close.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESS OF COMBINED PRACTICES.

The annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Leatherhead on Saturday, when 32 members attended. The district towers represented were Banstead, Leatherhead, St. Martin's, Epsom, Newdigate, Ashted, Cobham, Dorking and Ewell, and there were visitors from Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Walton, Thames Ditton, Beddington and London. The ringing during the afternoon and evening included rounds for some who had not previously rung on ten, and methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The business meeting was held after tea at the Institute, Mr. Albert Harman, District Ringing Master, presiding, in the absence of the Rector, who was unable to remain for this part of the proceedings.

The Ringing Master reported that the ringing had been very successful. Twelve peals had been rung in the district, including two of Treble Ten, one of London Surprise, four of Double Norwich, one each of Kent Treble Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. This last was the first peal by the Guild, and was rung at Capel. The combined practices had been successful, the most notable feature of which had been that those who attended had advanced both in the standard of ringing and the methods rung. He hoped they would continue to work together for the advancement of ringing in the district.

Mr. A. H. Winch, who was responsible for organising the combined practices, reported that 33 of these practices had been held, and there had been a good average attendance. The main object of these practices should not be overlooked—that of giving the local band visited the advantage of practising with more advanced ringers, and he hoped the members would do all they could to continue to make these meetings successful, and especially to attend at those towers where there was not at present a full band.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. G. Woodiss) said the district had had a very successful first year, and they hoped to do still better in the coming year. In looking down the list of towers, however, they would see that a number had not got a full band, and they must do their best to make these bands up as quickly as possible. He particularly thanked Mr. Harman (the Ringing Master), Mr. Winch and Mr. A. Dean, of the Leatherhead tower, for all the assistance they had given him. The future looked rosy, and they looked forward hopefully to extending their influence and making up the Sunday service bands at all their towers.

The number of members in the district was 65 ringing and three honorary members.

The balance sheet, which showed a small balance in hand, was adopted, and the general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) congratulated the district upon the work accomplished, and the lead it had given to the other districts, particularly in the matter of combined practices.

No new nominations having been received, the retiring officers were re-elected.

The meeting unanimously accepted the invitation to hold a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Ewell on May 11th, and decided upon the following places for district meetings during the year: Christ Church, Epsom; Newdigate, Dorking; St. Martin's, Epsom; Ashted, and the annual meeting at Leatherhead.

A discussion took place on the rule requiring a fortnight's notice of nomination for office, and it was stated that this would be reviewed at the next annual meeting.

Mr. A. H. Pulling brought forward the question of what should be recognised as a peal of Minor or Doubles, and asked the members to study the question, which was an important one to the Exercise.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, Mr. A. Dean and members of the Leatherhead tower for the arrangements made, and to the officers for their services during the past year.

FARNHAM DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The first annual meeting of the Farnham District was held at Aldershot on January 26th and was attended by a muster of 45 members and visitors from Ash, Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Frimham, Seale, Brixton, Chertsey, Finchampstead, Guildford (Cathedral), Ottershaw and Woking. Among the visitors were Miss H. E. Mills, hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, now well on the way to recovery to health after her serious accident, Admiral T. P. Walker, hon. treasurer of the Guild, who is recovering from a protracted illness, Mr. A. H. Pulling, who took light exercise on the treble of Aldershot's light ring of eight (tenor 8 cwt.), and Mr. W. J. Paice, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Canon Girling, Rector of Farnham, conducted the Guild's service, and a splendid tea was afterwards partaken of in the Parish Hall.

After tea, the business meeting was presided over by Canon Girling, after he had been proposed by Admiral Walker and seconded by Mr. R. Hasted as an honorary member.

The year's work was reviewed. First, the Ringing Master (Mr. Hasted) reported that three peals had been rung and three lost.

The Secretary reported that they had passed a rather quiet year. They had opened the year with 14 honorary members and 86 ringing

members, and closed with 16 honorary and 104 ringing members respectively from a district of only 11 towers, only one of which was not in union with the Guild. Most towers were affiliated under the Guild's scheme. The year closed with a really handsome balance in hand. The Secretary also said that during the year he had given help to the Ash band, and now they were able to ring Bob Minor for Sunday service, while some of the band could also ring Kent Treble Bob. He also reported that Frensham, after about six weeks' tuition, were able to ring Grandsire Double for service. Until last November this was a 'stone' tower. There still remained Crondall, Bentley and Hawley to convert.

After the secretary's report, the district warmly thanked him for his first year's work, which, by his report, showed he had accomplished a great deal.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, as a visitor, congratulated the district and the officers, and said that this was the best report he had heard, and that he thought the secretary had done really well by breaking new ground so successfully. He hoped the district would be proud of him.

For the post of Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted was re-elected, as his was the only name nominated.

Although the secretary was nominated again to fill that office, he said that he wished to retire and let someone else carry on, but after some discussion he agreed to continue in office.

No other nominations had been received for district representatives other than those in office, and they were re-elected except Major-General Deane, who had left the country.

Mr. T. F. Neighbour, of Seale, was elected, subject to his being willing to stand.

The following list of fixtures was proposed and approved: March, Crondall; May, Bagshot; July, Farnborough; August, Hawley; November, Seale. The Hawley meeting is to be a combined meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The Secretary said that he hoped the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild would join in with them in this meeting and arrange for the use of the Yateley bells for the afternoon and evening. He had written to the hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District of that Guild (Rev. D. Board), asking him to put it before his district, who were also holding their meeting that day.

Mr. W. J. Paice said he would like to see this joint meeting an annual affair, and that his Guild would support it wholeheartedly.

Nine new members were elected, viz., two from Seale, four from Frensham, and three from Aldershot. Two new honorary members from Farnham were also elected.

(Continued in next column.)

THE WIRELESS EFFECT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the various letters on this subject, and think the letter of Mr. A. P. Smith gives the key to the solution. He says that while 'St. Philip's (Birmingham)' are really a miserable ring of ten, they come over the ether very well. Now my humble opinion is that twelve bells are too much for broadcasting, especially the modern rings with so many tones and notes, and the rapid striking that is necessary to ring Cinques does not give the microphone a chance, and so the 'nasal twang' is produced.

If we could hear the back 8 or even 10 at York or St. Martin's, I think there would be some different opinions formed.—Yours truly,

GEO. F. SWANN.

JUDGED BY PERSONAL SATISFACTION.

Dear Sir,—May I trespass upon your valuable space in acknowledgment of an article I have read by 'Irenæus Pistor' regarding the crude criticism of Birmingham bells, which were broadcast? I would like to draw the above-named gentleman's attention to the fact, first, that the set did not belong to the 'Limited Company, and, secondly, it is not a set which one would class cheap, as the average working man would have to fast a lengthy period and save all his earnings in the endeavour of buy the 'cheap set.' Bells, like voices and other musical instruments, are judged by personal satisfaction, and naturally criticised accordingly, allowing everyone freedom of choice.—Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH E. DARBY.

EXPERIMENTS.

Further experiments with the position of the microphone are to be made at St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, before the next broadcast of the bells takes place from that church. A peal attempt next Tuesday will give the B.B.C. their opportunity.

(Continued from previous column.)

The ladies who carried out the catering were warmly praised by Mr. Stroud for the splendid way they had provided for the wants of the visitors, and they were accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

At the conclusion, thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Aldershot (Rev. H. Le Fleming) for the use of the bells, the curate (Rev. I. Smith) for attending to conduct the service, and Mr. T. A. Stroud (who is both organist and ringer at Frensham) for his services at the organ.

This may well be called a ringers' meeting, as all who took part in it were ringers, from Canon Girding, who conducted the service, to the ladies who catered, and even the 'blower' of the organ.

Ringling took place both during the afternoon and evening.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The old peal of six at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City (Samuel Pepys' Church) are to undergo restoration, and it is hoped to add two trebles. The six were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, four years before the Great Fire, and they are to be restored by the same foundry (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank).

The Bishop of Guildford will dedicate the two new trebles at Woking Parish Church, converting the present six into a ring of eight, on Saturday, May 11th. The bells are being provided through the energies of Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., who is one of the local service ringers, and are being cast at the Whitechapel Foundry.

We would remind intending visitors to the Johnson Commemorative Dinner on Saturday, March 2nd, that all applications for tickets should be made to Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, the newly-appointed hon. secretary.

Thirty years ago to-day the first peal of Forward Major was rung. It was composed and conducted by Mr. John Carter, and was rung at Deritend.

The first peal of Superlative in the 'Metropolis' was rung by the St. James' Society at Bethnal Green on February 9th, 1850.

On February 11th, 1810, the spire of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, fell with disastrous results, a number of worshippers, including several children, being killed.

A peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob was rung at Oldham in 7 hrs. 26 mins. on February 12th, 1821.

One of the early long peals of Grandsire Cinques was rung at Cornhill on February 14th, 1731. The length was 7,018.

The longest peal on twelve bells, 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, was rung at Painswick on February 14th, 1920.

LIGHTING THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to thank those who have replied to my request for advice, both those who have written to you and to the many who have written to me direct.

There is one point which puzzles me. Everyone has said that it is necessary to have the lights on the stairs fixed on three wires, so that they can be turned off either at top or bottom, but no one has said why. It seems to me to be merely a 'stunt,' the advantages of which are outweighed by the disadvantages.

What is required is a light which cannot be turned off by anyone outside the ringing chamber. This is easily arranged here, as we ring on the ground floor, and the main switch is on the floor above (the clock chamber). The stair lights should be small, and each connected to the chamber to which that flight of stairs leads. They will thus be a sign that that particular chamber is in use, and whoever is occupying it will not inadvertently be locked up from below.

I agree that a central light over the bells, within reach of anyone standing on the bell-frame, is best. But in our case it would be very difficult to get at the centre of the roof (just under the leads) to fix it, and equally difficult and costly to get there for repairs. Is the only alternative a bracket lamp over the door?

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE J. LOWE APPEAL.

The following sums have been received on behalf of the appeal for Mr. J. Lowe, made by the Lancashire Association:—

	£	s.	d.
Manchester Branch	8	1	0
Rochdale	2	6	0
Rossendale	10	6	
Liverpool	1	3	0
Blackburn	3	16	0
Preston	12	0	
Pylde	1	14	0
Bolton	3	15	0
Furness and Lake District	4	14	6
Rev. Canon Elsee	1	0	0
Mr. R. Newton, U.S.A.	10	0	
Mr. J. Goodhead	10	0	
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal	5	0	
Miss A. Brierley	1	0	
Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolstencroft	5	0	
Mr. A. Barnes and Friend	3	6	
Mr. E. Jennings, Kendal	5	0	
Mr. G. Lindoff, Dublin	5	0	
Mr. A. E. Wreaks, Paisley	5	0	
Mr. W. Idle, Dewsbury	2	0	
A. and H. Lees	2	6	
Friends at Glossop (per Mr. J. Buckley)	7	0	
Mr. R. Best	4	0	
Friends at Glodwick (per Mr. W. Wolstencroft)	5	0	

Total ... £31 2 0

Any friends willing to subscribe to the above should send their contributions to Mr. J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There can be no reasonable doubt that the intention of the Council at Hereford was to widen the rule for five and six bell methods to meet the situation caused by Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge, and at the same time provide a barrier against merely freak peals. The intention of the people who were originally responsible for the resolution was to open the door just wide enough to let in Mr. James' Cambridge (and exactly similar compositions), but to bar it tightly against anything further. You, sir, will correct me if I am wrong here. But the intention of many people, who both spoke and voted in favour, was certainly wider than that. Mr. Law James seconded the resolution, and, if I remember rightly, he assured us that its scope was wider. The Council can hardly have had the intention of disallowing his arrangement of London because it had not then been put together. It was, in fact, composed and published as an example of what the resolution did allow.

After the meeting there was quite a lot of discussion and disagreement as to what actually the resolution did mean, and I think it is certain that, though the whole Council was agreed on the main principles, the details—the point at which the line was definitely drawn—were anything but agreed to.

Now let us turn to the resolution itself. And first it must be pointed out that it must be read according to the ordinary grammatical meaning of the words, and in view of the generally accepted custom and tradition of the Exercise. The intentions of its authors or of the people who voted for it are not to the point. It lays down that a peal of Minor shall 'consist of at least seven true and complete 720's.' That is quite plain. Now, Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge does not consist of seven true and complete 720's. Even if you count starting rounds and so reckon 720 true rows, the 720 is not complete. For a 720 is something more than 720 rows. It consists of so much hunting, dodging and place making, so many bobs and singles, and without these it cannot be complete. For instance, could you say that you had rung a complete 720 if the final bob or plain lead was not made? In the tower it is the work which matters above everything else, and if that is not complete the 720 is not complete.

Therefore, the resolution, if read according to the natural meaning of the words and in light of the custom and tradition of the Exercise, does not allow Mr. James' arrangement of Cambridge. And that is why I say that it does not express the intentions of the Council or of its authors.

Mr. Bankes James' composition is not made up of 720's. It consists of one true 720 and two blocks of 2,160. Each of these is made up of three incomplete 719's, no one of which can be brought round, and the three are joined together by one Q set. If you will turn to any 720 of Bob Minor (single, half-way and end), where the half-way is 43256, you will find an exactly similar composition. There the incomplete 719's are joined by Singles, and you will find the same construction in many old peals—Reeves' 13,440, for instance. The only difference is that Mr. James has used each of his 720 rows three times, and seeing that in a 5,040 each row must be repeated, he was thoroughly justified in doing so. If you want to see what the composition really is, apply the accepted rules of variation. You will speedily see that any idea that it can be considered to be in separate 720's, goes by the board at once.

The fact is that Mr. James has made a new departure in Minor composition. It is all in accordance with the natural development which is always going on in ringing. We should, I think, try and see what it involves and what good we can get out of it, rather than try and force it by an unnatural use of words into the old ideas. One thing I must say, and that is that it recognises to the full the principles of truth and completeness on which you and others rightly set such store. And so, too, does Mr. Morris' arrangement of Doubles.

And now let me ask you some plain questions. Are we, in preparing this new book, to abide by the resolution passed at Hereford and exclude Mr. James' Cambridge? Or are we to read it liberally and twist its plain words so as to admit it? And if we may so read it, why cannot we also admit Mr. Law James' London? Or must we wait until the Council has cleared up the mess? A leading ringer said to me, when we were in the middle of that other dispute about the names, 'Why don't you go ahead and use your own judgment and chance the result?' I said that I preferred the thing to be done legally if possible, and he only laughed. Would you like us to take his advice in this instance? I am not at all sure that it was not good advice, but 'even the Methods Committee' has some regard for the opinions and wishes of others.

I fully recognise Mr. Severn's abilities as a six-bell ringer and his right to speak on this matter, but I think he will find his answer in the fact that other six-bell ringers are increasingly using Mr. James' arrangement, and that shows that it does meet a need.

Mr. Willson is more funny (unintentionally) than convincing. He lectures me for presuming to say that we must assuredly admit Mr. James' arrangement (that being the opinion of the Central Council and probably the majority of the Exercise), and a few lines later he

forgets his lecture and announces pontifically that we must not admit it.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

[As Mr. Trollope asks us a plain question, we would give a plain answer, and say that, if the Hereford resolution excludes Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge, then the committee should not include it in their new publication.—Ed. 'R.W.']

ORTHODOX OR UNORTHODOX.

Dear Sir,—It has always been declared, all through the history of change ringing, to

'Ring out the false,
Ring in the true,'

and rightly so. It is the bed rock, the very foundation of change ringing, and a beautiful ideal.

It may, perhaps, be true that circumstances and conditions are different to-day, as compared with those prevailing at the time of the commencement of our art. But the word true has the same, identical, unchanged meaning to-day.

In the course of our ordinary, usual ringing, when a change 'comes up' a second time, a change that has already been rung, the ringing ceases, as this repeating is not true. No ringer, participating in a peal, on hearing rounds 'come up,' will continue ringing, because something has happened which causes the changes to be untrue, and the untrue will not be countenanced.

Perhaps the proper word to use to describe the controversial peals of Doubles and Minor is 'unorthodox,' because these compositions are unusual, away from, out of, the ordinary.

The rounds rung at the 'pulling off' of the bells is not part of the peal composition, but the rounds at the conclusion is the last change. This final change, rounds, completes the peal. That is the orthodox. Therefore it is for the Central Council to say whether it will recognise orthodox and unorthodox, or only orthodox compositions, or draw a line and recognise certain unorthodox compositions, but refuse others.

I cannot see how the Central Council can refuse others, and if unorthodox compositions are accepted, it must tend to make our ringing unorthodox, unusual, out of the ordinary—yes, untrue.

But whatever rule is passed, it must be properly worded, and in the most detailed wording, with no possible loopholes for a carriage and four or chariots and horses.

Of course, if the Central Council does decide to fail to recognise unorthodox compositions, it does not necessarily follow that they will not be rung again, for the Central Council cannot forbid.

Mr. Trollope, in paragraph 2 of his letter, on page 59, says, 'It cannot be ruled out,' and in the last paragraph: 'If we can allow as we assuredly must allow.' Why 'must allow'? There is no must about it. If the Central Council chooses, it can rule it out.

How about an enterprising conductor, out for a fresh record, addressing the band about to start for a peal, in some such style as this: 'Now, my lads, when I call "Go," don't go off in the usual way, but ring so and so (say 46157836), which is the 2,753rd change of the composition, but don't get hurried when rounds "come up," but ring on to the 2,752nd change, and I will call "That's all." Rounds will "come up" in the middle.'

Would such a performance be countenanced as a peal? It is not enough to say, 'Oh, rats,' or something like that, which does not answer the question. Shall we call it a peal?

It behoves us all, as true change ringers, to see to it that nothing is done to damage this foundation of our art, but ever continue to

Ring out the false,
Ring in the true.

Referring to the word 'change,' has it not been given out by Mr. Trollope in articles in 'The Ringing World' that a change is not a row, but that which takes place between the rows?

In my humble opinion, an excellent point of view is expressed in the latter part of paragraph 4 of Mr. Trollope's article on page 59, which tends to show that the suit (the row) is the change, and the change is not between the two suits (the two rows), which is merely the act of changing.—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

'NOT LEGAL TENDER.'

Sir,—As was to be expected from previous letters on the so-called extents of Doubles and Minor, I think our 'versatile journalist' of the Exercise. Mr. Willson, has very briefly and accurately described what these freak compositions really amount to, viz., clever, but 'not legal tender,' which I take it means 'counterfeit.'

This, surely, is sufficient to warrant these compositions be excluded from any performance as a peal record.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ADHERE TO 'TRUTH.'

Sir,—Mr. Trollope's letter in your issue of January 25th is, from the point of view of the Exercise, a damaging one for the Central Council's reputation, to admit that six out of seven 720's are not true to the Council's ruling, and in the same sentence say we must admit it. Why must? You, Sir, in your leading article this week, say 'it is acceptable to the Exercise.' Admittedly that is so, but the Council's duty in regard to this matter is not to judge whether

it is good or popular, but to adhere to truth in these matters, and once the Council gives way on that point to eminent composers or to popularity, the Exercise will lose its confidence in that body.

The next meeting of the Council will be an important one, as they will then have to decide whether they will maintain the standard of peals. May I suggest to Mr. Trollope, if he is thinking of sending in a resolution concerning this Minor question, to publish it your paper early enough, so that our 'solicitor' members can study it, in case they may be able to discover some hidden meaning which we ordinary ringers cannot see on the face of it.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

A FINE PIECE OF WORK.

Sir,—I never intended to join in the controversy re above, yet this week's 'R.W.' compels me. May I apologise for butting in. Mr. Severn says, 'Where is the value?' There is none, from my point of view, except to the conductor. I find in ringing peals of Minor the different bands I have met care not for the different 700's, but what a look should a 6-5 turn up! Recently we rang a peal of Surprise, and previous to the peal I warned the band to be prepared for a real surprise. This is the retort I got, 'Call the boys where you like, bring five-six up right way, and we will ring the method.' With Mr. Willson's remark, 'not legal tender,' I agree, but all the same it is a fine piece of work of the Rev. E. B. James. If ever I call this peal I shall, however, call the W.R.W. first. This, I contend, would be the true 720 first, the other six would naturally finish as the composer's first six. Ringing is an art by itself. Let us keep it from the 'nasal twang' of notes in Court. I have rung seven complete, different 720's, with 5-6 the right way. I should say Mr. J. W. Parker knows how. Yet I wonder if this would be accepted from my pen?—Yours truly,

F. WARRINGTON.

Long Stanton.

'SCRAP THE LOT.'

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with your views regarding the Minor and Doubles. If E. B. James' Cambridge means the inclusion of H. L. James' London and the Doubles, I say, scrap the lot.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. BARBER.

Newcastle.

(Other letters are unavoidably held over.)

THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to give in the new book a large selection of five-bell methods, including some that (if judged by the standards of Minor and Major methods), would hardly be called regular. We are doing this, because the scope of five-bell ringing is so very limited. I should be glad if anybody who has the figures of any old method will send them to me with its old name. It is the names I am anxious to get.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGERS FROM TWELVE YEARS OLD TO EIGHTY.

The annual meeting of the Presteigne District Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, was held at Staunton-on-Arrow. After ringing and a service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. Cornish Watkins, M.A.), tea was served in the Church Room, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Watkins. Twenty-three members were present, representing seven towers out of eight in the district. The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

The Secretary reported that combined practices had been held at Eardisland and Pembridge since the last meeting. In the past year seven combined practices had been held, with an average attendance of eight members, and three meetings with an average of twenty-five members. Three peals had been rung, and nine members had qualified for certificates. One tower had dropped out, and one rejoined.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. W. Evans, Lyonsall) and the district secretary (Mr. J. Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow) were re-elected.

Two new members from Kington and six from Dilwyn were elected for 1929.

It was decided to hold a combined practice at Kington in February, and the next quarterly meeting at Dilwyn in April.

The district includes ringing members whose ages range from twelve to eighty. The Vicar of Kington (Rev. H. Greene) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Watkins for their kindness, also to Mr. Evans, a young ringer of Eardisland, who ably presided at the organ.

The tower was again visited, and, other ringers having arrived, ringing was kept up until nine o'clock in the following methods. Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North and East District took place at Edmonton on Saturday last, and, in spite of the unkind elements, a large number of members attended. Ringing began almost punctually at 3 p.m., continuing until 5 p.m., when divine service was held. The Vicar (Rev. R. C. Evill) in his address gave the association a cordial welcome, and reminded the members of their services to God, which were most important services. He made sympathetic reference to the passing of George Paice, an old and valued member of the association and a ringer at Edmonton for some 25 years.

Tea was afterwards served in the Institute, a company of 50 sitting down to an excellent meal. The Vicar presided, being supported by Mr. E. A. Crusha (organist), Mr. J. Parker, the district officers, etc. It was a great pleasure to have amongst the company Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol) and Mr. W. Lawrence (district hon. secretary, Herts Association).

At the business meeting the chair was taken by Mr. W. Pickworth. Reference was made to the absence, through illness, of the president, and the secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Milne conveying the sympathy of the members. A vote of sympathy was also accorded Mr. W. Dell, of Hadley, who is seriously ill.

A last tribute of respect was paid to the late Mr. G. Paice by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

The balance sheet, showing a credit balance of £22 17s. 7d., and assets to the value of £96 11s. 3d., was adopted, subject to audit, on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Oram, seconded by Mr. H. J. Eldred.—Twelve new members were admitted.

The whole of the district officers were re-elected, as also were the auditors and members of the Central Committee.—The next district meeting was fixed for Stamford Hill (St. Ann's) on March 16th, and Southgate was chosen for next year's annual meeting.

A discussion took place on the Spliced Minor and Doubles controversy.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. R. C. Evill for his address at the service and for the use of the bells; to Mr. E. A. Crusha, the organist; and to the local ringers, mentioning Mr. W. Bowden, for arrangements made.—The Vicar briefly acknowledged the thanks of the members, once again expressing his pleasure at the visit of the association. Mr. J. Parker, on behalf of the Edmonton band, also welcomed the members, and hoped the meeting had been enjoyed by all.

A well-struck course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Messrs. G. W. Fletcher, G. H. Cross, G. R. Pye, W. Pye and J. Thomas. A course of Cambridge Surprise Major was also rung, Mr. C. W. Roberts taking part. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m. Most of the standard methods were rung, including four Surprise methods, which were rung separately and spliced together. An encouraging feature was the progress made by several of the younger members of the association, which it is to be hoped will continue.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A practice meeting was held at Willesden on Tuesday, January 29th. A good attendance crowded the small belfry, and it was found difficult to slow away those not for the moment taking part in the ringing. During the evening the Rev. A. E. Smith visited the belfry for the purpose of unveiling a peal board recording the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung in the county. The Vicar expressed his deep appreciation of the honour done to Willesden by the ringing of such a peal, and congratulated the band on being successful. He was especially glad at the share taken in ringing the peal by members of his own band. The Vicar asked Mr. H. Kilby to unveil the board, which was done, revealing an excellently written record, done in gold lettering on a black background, of the peal.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in thanking the Vicar for his attendance, urged upon ringers present the necessity of perseverance. Only by this could they succeed, whether in easy methods, or in the kind of ringing which was recorded on the board just unveiled. Mr. Coles also expressed grateful thanks to Mr. Harry Kilby for presenting the board, and to Mr. J. Botham, a youthful member of the Willesden band, for so well writing the same.

A short touch of 224 changes in four Surprise methods was then rung by Messrs. E. Lankester, J. A. Trollope, G. M. Kilby, G. R. Pye, C. T. Coles, J. Bennett, H. Kilby, W. Pye (conductor), in the same order as they stood when the peal was rung.

Mr. W. Pickworth and Mr. N. A. Tomlinson ably looked after the ringing and saw that methods were rung to suit all present. Altogether a very pleasant and successful meeting.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Thursday, January 10th, at St. Marie's Church, Sheffield, members of the district companies met and rang various touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect for the late Mrs. Dixon (wife of Mr. G. O. Dixon, a member of St. Marie's company), who was interred on that day. Mrs. Dixon died on Sunday, January 6th. Of a quiet and retiring disposition, she had, unfortunately, been a great sufferer for several years, having undergone severe operations. She leaves, in addition to her husband, a family of grown-up sons and daughters to mourn her demise.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MR. C. H. JENNINGS RETURNS TO OFFICE IN DORCHESTER BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Dorchester on Saturday week, and there was a fine attendance of members, representing Abbotsbury, Bradford-Feverell, Bere Regis, Charminster, Dorchester, Fordington, Wood, Wyke Regis, while welcomed visitors outside the branch were the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, East Dorset Branch), Messrs. A. V. Davis (Bournemouth), G. Preston (Christchurch), J. Davis and E. Townsend (Poole), W. Ingham (Parkstone), W. Cheater (Ringwood), and W. Bastable (Swanage).

The bells of Fordington and Dorchester were available during the afternoon and evening. Service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Dr. G. C. Niven), the Rev. C. A. Phillips read the lesson, and the Rev. J. Wynn-Wernick (Vicar of Sydling) gave an inspiring address. The service was fully choral, and was led by the choir.

Subsequently, tea was served in St. Peter's Institute, and at the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman), supported by the Revs. Dr. G. C. Niven and C. A. Phillips, Messrs. J. T. Godwin (churchwarden), J. Benger (hon. secretary), and J. W. Smith (assistant hon. secretary), with members and friends to the number of 70.

The chairman welcomed them all, and especially their visitors, and he gave a hearty welcome to their old friend, the Rev. C. A. Phillips. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Niven for all he had done, to the choir and organist, to the ladies for waiting at the tables, and to all who had assisted in any way.—Dr. Niven, replying, said how much he welcomed them to St. Peter's. He thought at times the ringers were too much ignored, and he wished some people could be there that day to see what they had done and were capable of (applause). A letter of apology was received from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), who had had such a serious illness that the doctor and specialist almost gave up hope of his recovery. In his letter he said: 'The King and I have been running level all along, and now we are both on the mend but fearfully weak.' The Rev. F. L. Edwards (general secretary) also wrote. He said he had heard of the impending resignation of the hon. secretary, and they were greatly indebted to him for the businesslike way he had carried out his duties. The Rev. C. D. Job, Vicar, and Messrs. W. Williams (West Lulworth), Hewlett (Puddletown), Hunt (Buckland Newton), A. H. Drew (Brighton), the latter an old member of the branch, also sent apologies.

The Secretary, in his report, said three meetings had been held, and a great feature of the year was that 27 new members had been elected.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand (including savings certificates) of £10 14s. 3d., which was considered very satisfactory.

Mr. R. N. Dawes was re-elected chairman of the branch, amid applause. In returning thanks, he said how gratifying it was to see so many young men come forward to take up ringing. He hoped this would continue. The Chairman stated Mr. Benger had written to him, sending in his resignation. Mr. Benger said he had increased work, and he did not think he was able to carry on, as it was very difficult for him to get away on Saturdays.—His resignation was received with regret.

At this juncture the chairman sprang a pleasant surprise on Mr. Benger by presenting him with a fountain pen, and asked him to accept it with their best wishes, as a slight recognition of the able manner in which he had carried out his duties. He hoped that every time he used it he would think of the happy occasions he had had with the branch (applause).—Mr. Benger was cordially received and thanked the chairman and members most sincerely. He said he would certainly do as the chairman had stated.

The Chairman said, on receiving Mr. Benger's resignation, they had to look round for another secretary, and they thought there was no one more energetic and suitable than their old secretary, Mr. C. H. Jennings, who had returned to his home (applause). He had great pleasure in proposing him for his old post, which he carried out from the formation of the branch until he went away.—Mr. Benger endorsed the chairman's remarks and seconded the proposition. No other nominations coming forward, the chairman put it to the meeting, and it was carried with applause.

Mr. Jennings thanked them all for the confidence they placed in him. It was true, as the chairman had said, that he was their first secretary on the formation of the branch, and carried it on for 13 years. He strongly appealed to the members for their support. He said it did not matter how energetic a secretary was, he could not make it a great success unless he had the co-operation of them all, and he appealed to them to do their very best.

Mr. G. T. White (Dorchester) was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. H. A. Runyard (Wool) was elected Deputy Ringing Master.

Messrs. K. Spier and J. Wescott (Charminster), A. Lovell and S. Symes (Sydling), and J. Gillingham (Frampton) were elected members.

The place of next meeting, Wyke Regis, was proposed, but Mr. A. Rose (captain) pointed out that July was much better for them, and it was agreed to hold the second quarterly meeting there, and the first quarterly gathering was left in the hands of the secretary to arrange.

Mr. Benger said how he would like to thank his assistant secretary, Mr. J. W. Smith, who had greatly helped him in the work of the branch.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips said he brought good wishes from East Dorset, and congratulated them on having Mr. Jennings as their hon. secretary again. He wished to thank him for the way he had assisted the East Dorset branch in their monthly practice in the higher methods, he not having missed one during the year. He also thanked Mr. C. Benger, who had also given them valuable help. He wished the branch all prosperity for 1929.

This concluded the business, and the two towers were again visited. Thanks to the help of the visitors, some fine touches were brought round, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at the beautiful church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Potterne, on Saturday, February 2nd (Feast of the Purification).

Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and continued till 4.30 p.m., when the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Kewley, R.D., unveiled and dedicated a beautiful peal board, designed and made by Mr. George Wells, the cost of the lettering (which is done in gold leaf) being borne by Mr. C. S. Burden, a native of Potterne, and a respected member of St. Paul's Cathedral ringers and the College Youths. The board records a peal of Grandsire Doubles (5,040 changes) rung there by Potterne ringers on Thursday, October 2nd, 1924: Thomas Raddon treble, George Wells 2, Sidney Hillier 3, Charles S. Burden 4, Cecil Raddon 5, William Mead and Leonard Swift tenor. Conducted by S. Hillier.

After the dedication, at the request of Canon Kewley, those present stood in silence in memory of Thomas Raddon and William Mead, who have passed away since the peal was rung.

The Guild service followed in the church, conducted by Canon Kewley, Mrs. W. Hollaway being the organist, in consequence of the illness of Mrs. Kewley.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, after which a short business meeting was held. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the branch, presiding. He thanked Canon Kewley for the reverent manner in which he had unveiled and dedicated the board, and said it made a great deal of difference to the ringers. He also referred to the death of Mr. J. C. Day, of Warminster, churchwarden of the Minster, who, although not a ringer, took a great interest in the bells and the ringers of Warminster, and welcomed the branch when the meetings were held there.—Those present stood in silence.

It may be interesting to state here that the last public duty the late Mr. Day performed in connection with the church was to attend the annual meeting of the Warminster ringers the Wednesday before his death, which occurred on the following Friday.

Several new members were elected, and, on the motion of the chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to Canon Kewley for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist and those who prepared the tea.

Canon Kewley, in his reply, regretted the absence of Mrs. Kewley, and suggested the advisability of getting a proper form of service suitable for the dedication of peal boards.

A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on Mr. Hillier's handbells by E. F. White, C. D. Heginbotham, S. Hillier and E. Green, followed by some Grandsire Doubles by the three last-named.

The ringers returned to the tower, and ringing continued till about 8 p.m. The following towers were represented: Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Potterne, Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon, Bishop's Cannings, Holt, Molksham, Rowde and Warminster.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. In spite of the wet weather, a very pleasant time was spent.

A BRIGHTON GATHERING.

A party of about twenty spent a very enjoyable evening at Brighton on Wednesday, January 23rd, when the St. Nicholas' ringers held their annual dinner and musical evening at the Pavilion Restaurant, which was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Collinson), who was supported by his churchwardens.

The Vicar, in replying to a toast proposed by Mr. F. Bennett (captain of the band), remarked how pleased he was to be able to be with them, and how he appreciated the efforts of the bellringers, and congratulated them on the increased strength of the band.

Mr. R. Hoather, who, unfortunately, met with an accident, and is at present lying at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, was the only member of the band absent, but he was not forgotten, although unable to be present. Good wishes for his speedy recovery were expressed, and the secretary was asked to send him a letter to this effect.

With Mr. Marsh at the piano, songs, etc., were rendered by Messrs. Bleach, Burchett, Coard, Hart and Dawe, while a few touches on the handbells by Mrs. Hairs, Messrs. Bennett, Drew and Hairs, made the evening go with a swing, only to come to a close too quickly with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN KENT RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. A. C. Winsor ('Charlie'), a ringer well known in Kent circles, more especially in the Rochester District, who had been attached to the Frindsbury tower for upwards of 40 years, and was also one of the band at Rochester Cathedral.

The late Mr. Winsor had been ailing for the past four months, and passed peacefully away on Sunday morning, January 20th, at the age of 56.

The interment took place at Chatham Cemetery on Saturday, January 26th, when, singularly enough, a meeting of the Rochester District was held at Mr. Winsor's home tower at Frindsbury, and, consequently, the bells were rung half-muffled.

In addition to the family mourners, the Kent Association was represented by the following members of Rochester District: Messrs. W. Haigh and W. Spice (district representatives), F. M. Mitchell (district secretary), E. A. G. Allen, C. J. Norris, W. Easter, F. Belsey, H. Springate, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spice, R. Smith, W. Walker, C. M. Mitchell, V. A. Jarrett, S. Jarrett and others. The curate of Frindsbury was the officiating clergyman, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

After the committal service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Messrs. E. A. G. Allen, W. Haigh, W. Easter and C. Norris.

His fellow-ringers at Rochester Cathedral and Frindsbury sent beautiful floral tributes.

The passing of the late Mr. Winsor leaves a gap in the association's ranks which it will be hard to fill. A member of the Kent Association for nearly 40 years, he always took great interest in the business of the association, and it was very rare he missed a district meeting. By his cheery disposition he endeared himself to all his fellow-ringers. As a ringer he was always willing to give his assistance, whether in a peal attempt or helping a struggling band of 'youngsters.'

The late Mr. Winsor commenced his ringing career at Frindsbury at the age of 14, and he has been continuously attached to that tower until his death. He rang his first peal (Kent Treble Bob Major) at Gravesend on April 26th, 1901, and his last at Frindsbury on October 20th, 1928.

His complete list of peals, as far as is known, was: Kent Treble Bob Major 17 (conducted 2), Oxford Treble Bob Major 5, Stedman Triples 18, Double Norwich Major 18, Grandsire Triples 4, Victory Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 3, Stedman Caters 7, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 3; total, 78 (conducted 2).

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH CREATE A RECORD.

A very successful meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Oldbury on Saturday, January 19th. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Harrison), and the association form was used. The Vicar, instead of the usual address, gave a very homely talk on how pleasant it was to be in each other's company.

Tea was served in the schools, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by Messrs. Hall and Allsop (churchwardens), Mr. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master of the Northern Branch), and Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary).

It would not be unfair to say that a record was set up by the Branch in electing three whole companies of ringers, namely Oldbury, Bowdley and Chaddeley Corbett, who, with individual ringers from other towers, made up a total of 40 performing members and 6 honorary members. Instructors were also applied for for these towers.

The Secretary stated that at the opening of Bowdley bells in September of last year, and through the assistance of Mr. J. Broad, he had had a talk with the Rector of Bowdley, who said he would be very pleased to have the branch at Bowdley for the June meeting.

It was unanimously decided, on the proposal of Mr. T. J. Salter, to accept the Rector's invitation.

The Secretary made reference to the death of Mr. J. W. Smith, and mentioned that, although not a member of the association at the time of his tragic death, Mr. Smith had been a very old member of the association. At the Secretary's suggestion, it was decided that he should personally convey the association's deepest sympathy to Mrs. Smith.

Mr. A. E. Parsons moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Oldbury for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service, to all those who had provided such a splendid tea, and to the ladies who had so kindly waited upon them. He coupled with it the names of Mr. and Mrs. Hadley, who, he said, had given of their best to make the meeting such a huge success.—The Vicar, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he hoped that he would have the pleasure of the members' company again in the near future. His ringers had become very keen, and he thought with an instructor they would soon make rapid progress.—The Vicar then moved a vote of thanks to the secretary for his work, and this was carried unanimously, the Secretary briefly replying.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT TO HOLD MORE MEETINGS.

The members of the Southern District of the Surrey Association held their annual general meeting at Charlwood on Saturday week. Over 40 members from Reigate, Redhill, Betchworth, Buckland, Burstow, Merstham, Horley, Charlwood, Godstone, Oxted, Limpsfield Chart met at 3.30 p.m. and rang various touches. A service was held in the church, and a short address was given by Rev. W. Grainger Thompson. Mr. H. Bashford kindly presided at the organ.

Tea was provided at the Half Moon, after which the business meeting was held. The Rev. W. G. Thompson was elected to the chair. Mr. Maurice A. Northover referred to the loss the association had sustained through the death of Mr. F. H. Beaumont, of Buckland Court. He said that Mr. Beaumont was loved and respected by all who knew him, and not only would his passing be felt by the Surrey Association, but by the village of Buckland and many organisations throughout the county. The Buckland Society had lost a true friend.—The members present stood in respect of his memory.

The committee recommended that six meetings, including the annual general meeting, be held annually, instead of four as in the past, and that the remaining five meetings be held at Leigh, Limpsfield Chart, Betchworth, Kingswood and Redhill, subject to it being possible to carry out the necessary arrangements.—This recommendation was adopted.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Godstone. The next quarterly peal is to be attempted at Buckland, the method to be seven Minor methods, and to be conducted by Mr. L. Tidy.

Mr. George F. Hoad, of Reigate, was re-elected as Master of the district for the ensuing year, Mr. Alfred Bull, of Horley, was re-elected hon. secretary, Mr. Maurice A. Northover, of Reigate, was re-elected hon. treasurer, Messrs. D. K. Burt, H. Hooper and L. Tidy were elected on the committee, and Mr. A. Gear was re-elected as auditor.

Mr. Bull, the hon. secretary, submitted the annual report, which was adopted. Twenty-seven new members had been elected during the past year.

Mr. Northover, hon. treasurer, presented the balance sheet for 1928, which showed a satisfactory balance. This was received and adopted.—Messrs. W. P. Pooley, W. Slaughter, G. Woodman and R. Jenkins were elected members.

Rev. W. G. Thompson was thanked for presiding at the meeting, and for addressing the members at the service. A vote of thanks was then accorded to the secretary for his untiring efforts during the past year. At the conclusion of the meeting, ringing was resumed, methods from Grandsire to London Surprise being rung.

COALBROOKDALE RINGERS' DINNER.

The Coalbrookdale Society held their third annual dinner at the Coalbrookdale Inn on January 19th. The Vicar (the Rev. T. Eland) presided, and was supported by Messrs. H. Hughes and F. Johnson, churchwardens. Alderman Walter Roberts and Councillor J. S. Barker, Messrs. A. E. Edwards, F. H. Fowler, T. Doughty, F. Francis, A. J. Garbett, N. Griffiths, H. Brown, W. Burd and W. Westbrook were amongst the visitors. Sixteen of the local ringers were present, and the sidesmen were represented by Mr. E. Johnson. The function was arranged by Mr. William Saunders (head ringer and towerkeeper), and an excellent meal was served by the host (Mr. E. Bailey), ably assisted by Miss Maund. After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Councillor Barker proposed 'The Church and State,' and extended a hearty welcome to the newly-appointed Vicar.—The Chairman very suitably responded.

'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Fred Johnson, and Mr. T. Doughty replied.

Alderman W. Roberts submitted the toast of 'Continued prosperity to the Coalbrookdale ringers,' and Mr. W. Saunders suitably replied.

The health of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. T. Doughty, and the Vicar responded very feelingly.

During the evening Mr. Saunders explained the origin of the function, and said its object was to promote a feeling of goodwill amongst all the ringers.

A musical programme was rendered during the evening by the following: Alderman Walter Roberts, Messrs. P. Reighway, A. A. Dennis, F. Aston, W. Harper, J. Bowen and F. Francis. Handbell selections were rendered by the Coalbrookdale ringers, and Mr. F. Fletcher was the accompanist. At the close of the evening the chairman referred to his predecessor, the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, and asked all present to drink to his health and success in his new parish at Morpeth, Northumberland. This was supported by Councillor Barker and Mr. T. Doughty.—The singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, January 29th, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Shaw 1, A. Houghton 2, J. Brierley 3, H. Norgrove 4, J. Shaw 5, S. Bowker 6, T. Wilde (composer and conductor) 7, A. Hough 8. Rung on the eve of the 50th anniversary of Mr. James Shaw's first peal, which was rung on January 30th, 1879.

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, must be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; 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.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 9th. A special service will be held at St. Alphege Church at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Oddfellows' Hall, Orange Street, at 5.15. The Cathedral bells will be available after 4 p.m. Members' subscriptions for 1929 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 9th, the bells of St. Clement Danes' being available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., after which a short service will be held. There will be a tea and meeting after the service at the Parish Hall. The bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East will also be available during the afternoon. Meetings for February: Monday, the 11th and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 19th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions now due. Reports and new rules and diagrams to hand. A peal board commemorating a peal by the local band will be unveiled at this meeting.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each (Childwall Abbey), 6 p.m.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

PETERBOROUGH AND LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILDS.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and Southern Branches will be held at St. Martin's, Stamford, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Will those requiring tea please make their own arrangements, as there are several restaurants?—C. T. H. Bradley, Folkingham, Lincs, and W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough, Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells at the Parish Church available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Lawrence Church Room at 5.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in Church Room.—H. J. Chaffey, Upper Chilton, Longcross, Chertsey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Members entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newton St. Cyres on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Bells (6) available; also Upton Pyne (6) and Crediton (8). All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Sandfords, Whimple, Devon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Royden (Herts) on Saturday, Feb. 9th, at 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Those requiring tea kindly notify me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 9th. The bells (8) will be ready at 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Compton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Blaydon on Feb. 9th. Bells of Blaydon and Winlaton will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock at the Co-operative Café.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Tower open from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. City bells available during afternoon and evening. Service, All Saints, 4.15. Tea, Booth Hall, 5 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Prospect Villa, High Street, Royston, Barnsley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Lydlinch (5 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Lydlinch (5), Hazelbury Bryon (5), Sturminster Newton (6), Stalbridge (6).—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Ravenshorpe on Saturday, February 9th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by kind permission of the Rev. M. L. Mann (Vicar). Tower available 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea at 5.30 and business meetings. All ringers welcome. A card to either secretary by the 14th would be appreciated.—Kent County Association, A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; Romney Marsh Guild, A. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Feb. 13th, without fail?—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Feb. 16th. All those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. Jervis, 7, Littlemoor, Eckington, not later than Feb. 13th.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Thrapston (8) on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 12th?—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 5.45. Tea (free) 4.45. Heene bells will be available in the evening.—A. W. Groves, Dominion Road, Worthing.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Allesley on Feb. 16th. Bells available during afternoon and evening.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Binfield, Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Feb. 23rd, meeting at Watford (8). Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Cheap trains to Watford from all stations.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting of the above will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, in the Parish Room after service. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 19th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30. Tea 5, followed by short meeting. Numbers for tea by 20th inst.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Feb. 23rd, meeting, Watford. Bells open from 4 till 8.30. Tea (Old School) 5.40. Number for tea by 20th. Cheap trains from all parts to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 41st annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, 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. 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. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

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A meeting of the Central Division was held at Aldrington, a six-bell tower, on Saturday, January 26th, the number present being 21. After ringing in the afternoon, a short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. T. Mogridge), who gave an excellent address. A capital tea was served in the Church Hall. The Rector took the chair at the business meeting which followed, and was supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman). Mr. Keith Hart kindly undertook the duties of the divisional secretary, Mr. Stone being unable to be present. Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, St. Nicholas', Brighton, were the new members elected; and the election of Mr. Alfred T. Greenwood, of Portsea, as a non-resident member, was confirmed.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the hall for tea, for the service, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting, was carried, and acknowledged by the Rector.

A collection taken at the service, on behalf of the Benevolent Fund, amounted to 6s. 6d.

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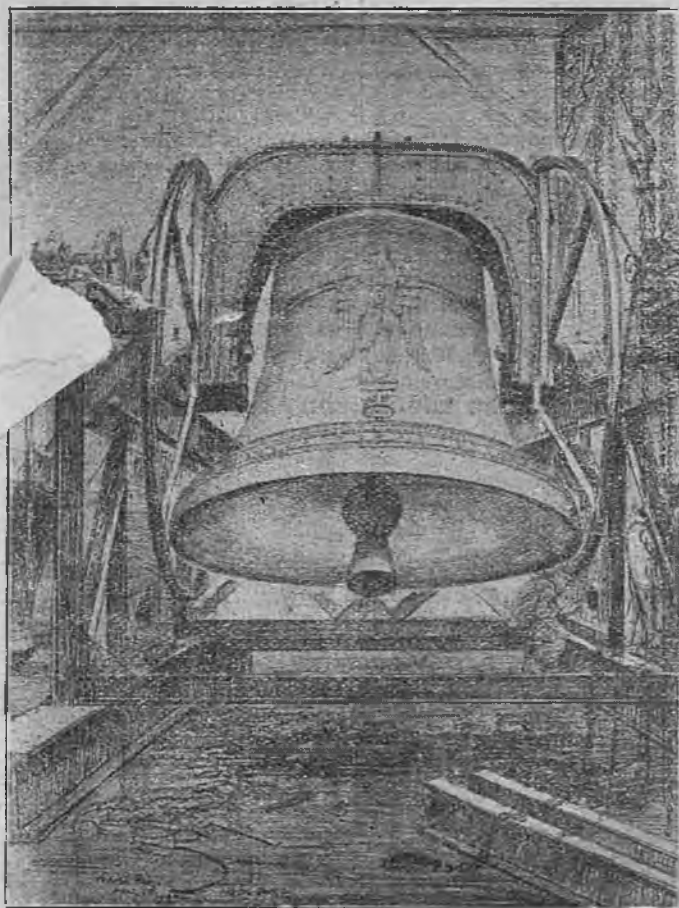
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Again, those writers who are so anxious to read into the Hereford resolution something which is certainly not apparent on the face of it, are endeavouring to persuade the Exercise that they alone know what the Council intended. Thus we have the Rev. H. Law James persisting in the view that the resolution means, not what it says, viz., 'seven true and complete 720's,' but seven differently constructed 720's. In this definition of a peal of Minor the word 'seven' is used, we take it, with the same meaning that it has always been used since the Council defined a peal of Minor; it is used in conjunction with the words 'at least' to indicate that any number of 720's less than seven do not constitute a peal. It ought not to have been necessary to emphasise a point like this, but the argument that only by an arrangement of seven different 720's could a peal of London Surprise Minor be got, which would comply with the Hereford resolution, shows the shifts to which members of the Methods Committee are reduced to justify the views which have been put forward. Mr. James would hardly contend that in the corresponding resolution relating to Doubles the 'forty-two' means that number of differently constructed six-scores.

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

C. HARRY WEBB Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
*J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	PERCY HARRISON 7
†ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 8
C. FERGUSON HOWITT 4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON

* First of Cambridge Royal, and 100th M.C.A. peal. † First on ten bells. Quickest peal of Royal on these bells. Rung as a token of thanksgiving for the convalescent of H.M. King George V. after his prolonged and serious illness.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM ... 5
MADRIC T. SYMONDS ... 2	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 3	LAURENCE POULSON ... 7
THOMAS CHINERY ... 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. HARDY.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. T. Chinery belongs to Long Melford, the rest are local men. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Symonds, towerkeeper, on reaching his 71st birthday.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

G. WILFRED SLACK ... Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK ... 5
MRS. J. COTTERELL ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
JAMES COTTERELL ... 3	SYDNEY SADLER ... 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of affection and respect to the late Mr. Henry Williams, who was conductor at Headingley for more than thirty years.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Priory Church of SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	CHARLES MASON ... 5
REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 2	JESSE J. MOSS ... 6
JOHN HOLMAN ... 3	ARTHUR PASLEY ... 7
HAROLD KENT ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. FLINT.

* 250th peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the rebuilding of the south transept of the Priory Church, which was reopened for service on January 24th, after being in ruins 400 years.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

* G. BARLOW ... Treble	J. LKES ... 5
A. TAYLOR ... 2	G. W. SCHOFIELD ... 6
B. THORP ... 3	H. BARLOW ... 7
O. MOORES ... 4	* J. WARWOTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. SCHOFIELD.

* First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
J. ARNHEIM TROLLOPE ... 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method by all the band, and by the association. It was rung without previous practice. First peal in the method in the South of England. For composition, see 'The Ringing World,' October 26th, 1923.

CHESTER LE-STREET.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, February 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

* THOMAS J. A. EDMONDSON Treble	WILLIAM BROWN ... 5
ERNEST E. FERRY ... 2	GEORGE SIDDLE ... 6
* SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 3	JOHN CRAWFORD ... 7
* LOADMAN DONNISON ... 4	FREDERICK SHERRATON ... Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER.

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal. All are service ringers at the above church except the conductor.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* GORDON CROSS ... Treble	FREDERICK DENTY ... 5
MISS MARIE CROSS ... 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 6
MISS VERA ROBINSON ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 4	* WALTER BRADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

* BERTRAM WEBBER ... Treble	* WILLIAM G. LAVERS ... 5
WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT ... 2	WILLIAM RUNDLE ... 6
* FRANK PACKER ... 3	THOMAS G. MIERS ... 7
WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 4	ALFRED WONNACOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. WONNACOTT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor are residents of Plympton.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
WILLIAM PYE ... 2	HARRY KILBY ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS ... 7
THOMAS LOCK ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WALTER SMITH ... Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 5
DANIEL REDGWILL ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard.

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NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HN THOMPSON Treble	WALTER STONE 5
ARRY ARGYLE 2	ALFRED KING 6
HOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7
STONE 4	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by D. H. ARGYLE.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, February 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN GOOCH Treble	GEORGE WHITING 5
WILLIAM WREEDEN 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE BENNETT 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	ALBERT E. WHITING ... Tenor

Conducted by G. WHITING.

All the above are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
JOHN HAYES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Pegler and Mr. H. W. Wilde.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* DENNIS MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Major.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	GWYN L. LEWIS 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 7
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by I. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. STITCH.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal of Major in the diocese for the Guild. 50th peal together by the ringers of 3rd and Tenor. Thanks are given to Mr. A. Edwards for having bells up and everything ready.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALEXANDER EVANS Treble	* CLIFFORD POBLE 5
ALFRED WYATT 2	DAVID TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM COLES 3	JOSEPH T. DYER 7
PERCY MERSON 4	HARRY LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. EVANS.

* First peal and first attempt.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E flat.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
WILLIAM LATTER 3	F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CASHMORE Treble	LEONARD A. SMITH 5
ALBERT J. GREEN 2	FREDERICK C. CASE ... 6
* HARRY G. RINGWAY 3	THOMAS E. READ 7
THOMAS E. ROBERTS 4	GEORGE FODDY Tenor

Conducted by T. E. READ.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

CALDICOT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

WILLIAM DODD Treble	WILLIAM ALSOP 5
* CYRIL G. HOOPER 2	SAMUEL JONES 6
ARTHUR G. SPARKES 3	WILLIAM MARGETTS ... 7
ARTHUR LEWIS 4	WILLIAM HOOPER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

* First peal inside. † First peal.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and 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 22 cwt. in D.

HAROLD ROBBINS Treble	ALBERT R. W. WHITE ... 5
CECIL H. PAWSEY 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
* ALBERT NASH 3	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 7
VICTOR WILLS 4	HENRY KINGTON Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First peal on an inside bell. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Canon F. R. Wood, father of the conductor, who is leaving the parish after 30 years' devoted ministry. He has always taken a keen interest both in his bells and his ringers.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HARRY BOSWELL Treble	†HERBERT T. PIPER 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	*THOMAS E. TAYLOR 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4	*ALBERT ADDISON Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. The conductor, who has previously rung a peal on each of the above bells, has now conducted a peal on each bell, and is the first ringer to accomplish this in this tower.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

THOMAS B. KENDALL Treble	ARTHUR H. HORNER 5
MRS. JAMES COTTERELL 2	ALBERT C. FEARNSLEY 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 7
JAMES COTTERELL 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY.

Thomas B. Kendall's 200th peal. Ringer of the treble from Shipley, 2nd, 3rd and 4th from Bradford, 5th and 6th from York, 7th from Rothwell, tenor from Armley.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent, rung alternately. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	*MISS KATHLEEN FLETCHER 4
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 2	*MISS D. R. FLETCHER 5
GEORGE MARTIN 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss F. Berry, at whose house the band were afterwards entertained to a sumptuous repast.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of 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 JOHN G. AMES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES H. MARTIN Treble	FREDERICK S. TOBB 4
WILLIAM J. NORTON 2	ERNEST BONFIELD 5
FREDERICK CHERRIOTT 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

Rung to commemorate the 36th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. C. H. Martin, who very kindly consented at the last moment to fill the place of one of the band who was taken ill. Ernest Bonfield was elected a member of the association prior to starting the peal. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the grand old bells dating back 300 years.

CADELEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK J. DAVEY Treble	ARTHUR G. SELLEY 4
SAMUEL J. HOPKINS 2	HARRY POOK 5
*RICHARD HARRIS 3	*RICHARD WILMOT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

WINCHCOMBE, GLOS.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 120's, with 13 callings

P.S. E. ASTON Treble	W. LARGE 4
W. COLEMAN 2	G. HIATT 5
J. GARDNER 3	C. W. LOCKE Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DURHAM SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

ROBERT HOWARD Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS 2	FRANK HARPER 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

WILLIAM SHARP Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
WALTER PERKINS 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

BLETSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERNEST A. QUE Treble	JOHN POTTER 4
†JOHN R. SMITH 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
*JOSEPH CRISSELL 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON Tenor

Conducted by J. T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal. J. R. Smith was elected a life member of the association in the tower.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	HARRY CARTER 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	CHARLES CLAYDON 5
MOSES BILLINGS 3	FREDERICK STOKES Tenor

Conducted by F. W. STOKES.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Tuesday, January 22nd, 720 of Plain Bob: *R. George 1, *E. A. George 2, G. Lindoff (conductor) 3, D. Gibson 4, G. Lindoff, jun., 5, J. Tough 6, *J. Colbert 7. * First 720.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 of College Single, one of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one of Plain Bob.

BERNARD BAILEY... .. Treble	FRED WHEELER 4
ERNEST T. MALLENDER ... 2	BERNARD WHEELER 5
FRED CLARKE 3	FRED KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. KNOWLES.

Rung in honour of the wedding in India of W. G. Latham, son of Rector of the above church.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, February 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Caths.)... 1-2	S. H. WOOD (Magdalene) ... 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn)... 3-4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Caths.)... 7-8
J. R. DOFFIELD (Selwyn) ... 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Non-Conducted.

This peal was not conducted, but it is not claimed as strictly silent, and there was no witness. It was rung to celebrate the jubilee of the above Guild, which was founded on February 4th, 1879.

KING'S NORTON GUILD.

The King's Norton Guild spent a very pleasant evening on Saturday, February 2nd, as the guests of their late Ringing Master, Mr. F. B. Yates. The company, which included Messrs. F. J. Smallwood (Derby) and Albert Walker and James George (Birmingham), sat down to an excellent dinner of Christmas fare at the Bull's Head, King's Norton. After dinner, and the loyal toast had been enthusiastically received, the ringers settled down to a very enjoyable programme of music and handbell ringing. Songs were capitally rendered by Messrs. A. S. Downes, W. Dowling and Harry Withers. The host gave the toast of 'The Guild,' and expressed his regret that he had been obliged to resign from the position of Ringing Master. He should, however, continue to support the interests of the Guild and join the ringers in the tower as often as possible in the future. He regretted the absence from the gathering of Mr. P. O. Laffin, through illness, and expressed the indebtedness of the Guild to Mr. Laffin for the excellent work he had done for it in the past. He hoped he would speedily recover, and be back amongst them again soon. He expressed his confidence in his successor, Mr. Chas. Webb, and congratulated him upon his appointment as Ringing Master.

Mr. Smallwood supported the remarks of Mr. Yates, and wished the Guild every success.

Mr. Webb, in replying, pointed out that the future of the Guild depended very much upon what the members made it.

Mr. Spencer proposed the chairman's health. This was supported by Mr. A. Walker, and received with musical honours.

All those who contributed to the evening's enjoyment acquitted themselves well, but special mention must be made of the redoubtable Mr. Harry Withers, who, in addition to playing several touches in ringing methods on the piano, produced a whistle and 'rendered' items in a style which astonished the company and produced much mirth. It is a far cry from the playing of a whistle to a performance on a carillon, but Mr. Withers appears to be able to completely fill the space.

One very pleasing incident during the evening was the toast of 'The Ringing World' at 9 p.m., by Mr. Albert Walker, who said that the Editor would be raising his glass at that moment to all the ringers then assembled together.

Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable and successful gathering.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for morning service, on Sunday, January 27th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering: P.C. Wilkinson 1, P.S. Schleuter 2, Inspector Bottrill (conductor) 3, H. Spink 4, P.C. Digby 5, J. Ridpath (churchwarden) (first 720) 6, P.C. Davis 7, P.C. Stapleton (first 720) 8.

This tower is now the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Guild of Change Ringers, who hope to instruct the local ringers in method ringing, as only call changes have been rung here for many years.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE HON. TREASURER.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, January 26th. The day's proceedings commenced with the audit in the Church Schools, by Messrs. G. B. S. Webb and G. Noble. The day being exceptionally fine, a large number of visitors arrived to take advantage of the ring of eight at St. Chad's and the ring of eight in the neighbouring tower of St. Michael's Church. The annual service took place in St. Chad's Church; previous to which Mr. H. Percy Richardson gave a recital on the splendid organ, which was much appreciated. The sermon was preached by the Vicar of Headingley (Rev. Canon R. H. Malden). Taking as his text 1 Cor. x. 31, the preacher stated that the ringing of bells was a Christian thing. All art was born of religion, and bellringing existed for religion. There was sometimes a danger of that link being forgotten, as some who rang seldom, if ever, entered the House of God. Such ringing must be regarded as hypocritical, and any such ringers must have forgotten the words of the text. It would seem that more was thought of self-glory than the glory of God. This outlook on life, where it existed, was wrong, and the art should be actuated by the desire to serve religion.

Tea was served in St. Chad's Schools, and (as is the custom) many more visitors required tea than those who had ordered it, to the embarrassment of the providers.

The business meeting followed immediately afterwards, with the president (Mr. R. C. C. Marshall) in the chair, he being supported by Mr. Raymond Hepper and the principal officers of the association. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Messrs. J. H. Blakiston, J. W. Addison and T. Cole.

In proposing the acceptance of the annual report of the committee, the President called attention to the attendance at the Snowdon dinner, and urged members to make an effort to attend that function in future. Attention was also drawn to a resolution by the general committee, 'That as the peal of Liversedge Spliced Treble Bob, rung at Liversedge on February 4th, does not comply with the rulings of the Central Council, in that Bob Major lead-ends are not produced, nor is it possible to ring a plain course in the method, it does not desire a repetition of this performance, and it requests all members to respect the rulings and decisions of the Central Council when contemplating the ringing of a peal in any method.'

Opportunity was taken of congratulating Mr. J. Broadley on having rung 331 peals for the association, this being the highest number rung by any member resident in the county.

The President, in moving a vote of condolence to the widow of the late Mr. Henry Williams, of Headingley, paid a warm tribute to the deceased, who had served the association in turn as general committee man, trustee and general secretary.—This vote was carried by the members rising in silence.

The balance sheet was carried, on the motion of Mr. B. G. S. Webb, seconded by Mr. W. Barton, and the auditors were thanked for their services on the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. Cotterell.

Opportunity was taken at this meeting to mark the completion of twenty-one years of office as hon. general treasurer by Mr. James Cotterell, and he was presented with a gold watch as a token of the regard and esteem of the members. In making the presentation, the President thanked Mr. Cotterell for his many valued services, and conveyed the good wishes of the association to him, trusting that he would be spared for many years to continue in the post he has filled so long and honourably.—Mr. Cotterell made an eloquent reply.

It was moved by Mr. J. Wooler, seconded by Mr. W. O. Talbot, that a meeting be arranged if possible at Whitby on Easter Monday. A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Far Headingley and wardens, also to the preacher and organist, was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. C. D. Potter, this motion including a vote to the Rev. Canon R. H. Malden for his sermon, and to the wardens of Headingley for kindly granting the use of the bells.

A vote of thanks to the local company, and the ladies who waited at the tea tables, was responded to by Mr. G. E. Lawson, who gave a warm welcome to the association.

It was moved by the President, and seconded by Mr. G. Lewis, that Mr. Raymond Hepper be elected an honorary member, and on this being agreed to, Mr. Hepper made a most interesting speech.—Messrs. J. Smith, W. E. Townend, F. Alderson, W. Hick, F. West and the full band at Marsden, were elected as members of the association, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, who occupies the dual offices of Vicar of Far Headingley and the president of the Yorkshire Association. Thus ended a most pleasant day and meeting, train time calling a halt eventually to all the ringing activities.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Lavenham, Suffolk, on Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Symonds 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, W. Fayers 3, F. F. Mortlock 4, M. Symonds 5, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 6, F. A. Poulson 7, F. A. Turner 8. This quarter-peal is the composition of the editor of 'The Ringing World' (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), and was rung as a birthday compliment to him, the band wishing him many happy returns.

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, February 2nd. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Grandsire Caters were rung on the bells of St. Lawrence's and St. Giles'. A service was held at St. Giles' Church, conducted by the Rev. E. Sheppard and the Rev. F. Phillips. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild) gave the address, his text being, 'Let us wait on our ministering' (Rom. xii. 7).

A splendid tea was then served at the Silver Street Hall, a company of 55 sitting down, members being present from most of the towers in the branch, together with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer), Mr. L. Joyce (branch chairman), Mr. W. S. Pearton, the Rev. St. George Edwards, the Rev. H. G. Harding, and visitors from Faringdon, Hillingdon, Newbury and Bucklebury.

The business meeting and election of officers followed. Mr. L. Joyce was elected chairman with acclamation. The balance sheet was read and adopted, and the secretary's report showed it had once more been a successful year, there being an increase in hon. and ordinary members, and an increased balance. The quarterly meetings held during the year, too, had been successful.

The Master spoke of the restorations which had taken place in the branch during the year, namely, Henley, Nettlebed, and St. Mary's, Reading.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Hopgood) was then re-elected, and Messrs. Wiggins and Foster were elected auditors. The general committee, Messrs. W. Appleby, H. Tucker and J. Swain, were re-elected.

The quarterly meetings for 1929 were arranged for Shiplake, Nettlebed and Henley.

Satisfactory tower reports were given from most of the foremen of the branch.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. J. C. Gillmor, R.D., and the organist, Mr. P. R. Scrivenor, F.R.C.O., of St. Giles', for the beautiful service which was rendered.

An impromptu concert followed. Miss Peggy Pocock sang delightfully, accompanied by her sister, Miss Vera Pocock. Messrs. Fordery and Gash also entertained with songs, and Miss D. Ford with recitations. Humorous stories were enjoyed from Messrs. Curtis, Gash, and Hopgood.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

DEVON GUILD.

The spring quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Newton St. Cyres on February 9th, about 80 members being present, including representatives from 15 bands in union, several honorary members, and visitors from other branches. The service in church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. B. Ball, officiated and gave a most inspiring address, was followed by a tea and business meeting, the Rev. E. V. Cox presiding.

Six change ringing certificates were presented by Mrs. Powell, wife of the president, and three new associate members were elected to the branch. The date of the autumn meeting was fixed for September 7th, at Kenn.

Parties visited the towers of Newton St. Cyres and Upton Pyne, where the use of the bells was much appreciated.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday, January 26th, at Worksop, Notts, and although the weather was exceptionally favourable the attendance was very poor. Consequently the quality of the ringing left much to be desired, the methods being limited to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. A splendid tea was provided in the old Gate House, which stands at the entrance to the grounds of the Priory.

After the tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, the business meeting took place, the Vicar's wife, Mrs. D'Arcy, presiding.

A decision regarding the design and inscription of the peal tablet which is to be placed in Handsworth belfry commemorating the first peal of Major ever rung by ladies, was subsequently arrived at, and the work is to be started at once. The subscription list still remains open, as the necessary amount is not yet forthcoming, and donations, however small, will be very gratefully acknowledged.

Duffield was suggested for the next meeting, and the date fixed for April 14th, when it is hoped all members will endeavour to attend.

Votes of thanks were extended to Canon D'Arcy for the use of the bells, to his wife for taking the chair, and to those responsible for providing such an excellent tea, credit for this being chiefly due to Mrs. Scott, of Rotherham, who had personally undertaken the catering.

All those present then attended the short evensong, and before going back to the belfry stayed to inspect the glories of the magnificent old Priory Church, which is a splendid specimen of Norman architecture, dated 1103 A.D. Further ringing took place in the evening, and brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One hundred and forty years ago to-morrow, St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, rang a peal of 14,224 Bob Major at Aston in 8 hrs. 45 mins.

London lost a ring of twelve bells on February 17th, 1836, when a destructive fire occurred at Christ Church, Spitalfields.

The old Society of Trinity Youths, now defunct as an organisation, but some of whose members are still to be found, rang their first peal, which was Grandsire Triples, at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on February 18th, 1782.

The first peal of College Single Major was rung 40 years ago next Monday at Warnham, Sussex.

Henry Haley, one of London's greatest ringers, was born on February 19th, 1819. He did many brilliant things, including composing and conducting the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung on handbells. Altogether he rang 182 peals, of which he conducted 155 and composed 105. He was the first to utilise in a peal composition the 'handstroke' position in Stedman Caters.

The first 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells was rung at Leicester on February 21st, 1903.

The sender of a report of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Moorside, Oldham, on February 2nd, has omitted the number of changes.

JUBILEE OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

The Cambridge University Guild celebrated its 50th birthday on February 4th, having been founded on that date in 1879.

Owing to the unfortunate death of the Rev. H. B. Woolley, one of the Guild's oldest members and firmest friends, it was decided to postpone the jubilee celebrations till September, when the Guild will be holding its annual tour in the Cambridge district.

The occasion was, however, celebrated by a non-conducted peal of Bob Royal, which was rung on handbells in the rooms of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, president of the Guild, in Trinity College, on the evening preceding the jubilee day (as reported elsewhere in this issue).

PARSON WHO 'LOATHES' CHURCH BELLS.

St. Michael's Church, Derby, has no bell, but the Cathedral Church on one side and St. Alkmund's on the other each possesses a peal. The ringing of the bells apparently interfered with the parochial meeting at St. Michael's, and the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. Page, made the following outburst:—

'Personally I absolutely loathe church bells. They are like a red rag to a bull to me. They are a mere row—no music at all.'

'I always class three things together—church bells, Scottish bagpipes and cats at night. I do not know which is the worst.'

'I often wish that campanologists were made to camp on Salisbury Plain and stay there.'

We have to thank a great many correspondents for sending us copies of the above, and regret we cannot print all the comments which we have received thereon.

One writer, however, asks what Mr. Page is going to do about his future destination. 'There may be bells in heaven,' he says; 'in the other place there would be no risk of hearing them—the temperature would melt them.'

DEATH OF ANOTHER SUSSEX PIONEER.

Another old pioneer of ringing in Sussex passed away on January 30th, in the person of William Palmer, who was for about 40 years a member of the St. Nicholas' Society, Brighton, and for some 35 years of that period was captain and steeplekeeper. In early life he was a sailor, but settling in Brighton he joined the St. Nicholas' Society, and in company with the late James Searle, John Jay, G. F. Attree, Harry Weston and others, laid the foundation of change ringing in Brighton. He joined the Sussex Association at its start in 1885. He kept no record of his peals, but he rang about 170 altogether. An excellent treble ringer, he rang that bell to a large number of Surprise peals in and around Brighton. Through ill-health he gave up ringing about three years ago, and about two years ago had, under the doctor's orders, to give up work. Though well provided for, to walk about doing nothing was more than 'old Bill' could stand, and he had to be taken to the Mental Hospital, at Haywards Heath, where he died, and was buried on February 2nd. Thus passes another veteran, highly respected by all who knew him.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been informed by the composer, Mr. A. Knights, that a peal of 5,728 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Willesden by members of the Middlesex County Association on January 10th, 1925, is false. This peal is therefore being withdrawn from records. I had expected this to be notified by the conductor, Mr. J. E. Sykes, but it is possible that he is away from home.—Yours faithfully,

G. T. COLES,
Joint Hon. Sec.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES. CONSTRUCTION OF LONDON MINOR GROUP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Ringing World of February 1st contains a leading article, a letter from Mr. Parker and another from Mr. Severn, which show the writers have not yet understood my position.

About 35 months ago someone wrote and asked me for seven 720's of London Minor in which 5-6 never come up the wrong way about at the back. Under the old definition this is impossible; there are only four 720's which will do so.

When the motion was moved at Hereford, I seconded it, because I could see that it would enable us to get a real peal of London Minor containing this very important condition. That answers Mr. Severn's question.

Mr. Parker publishes what he calls a mixed 5,040 of London Minor, which he states contains four extents having the tenor called WRW, but this is impossible. There can be only one extent in which the tenor is called WRW, and there is only one in which the 5th is called RWR, and so Mr. Parker's arrangement does not satisfy the condition.

To satisfy the definition as passed at Hereford we must have seven 720's, not one repeated seven times.

Here are the four old ones which keep 5-6 the right way about behind:—

A	C	D
23456	23456	23456
64235.1	64235 —	42635
64362.4	52643 —	56423 —
23645.1	36524 —	34562 —
34256.4P	53462 —	25346 —
	45236	32654
Q sets bobbed.		
25	62453 —	63425
35	34625 —	54632 —
45	56342 —	26543 —
B	35264	35264 —
23456	42356 —	42356 —
23564.4	Q sets bobbed.	Q sets bobbed.
45236.1	25 34	26 34
45362.4	24 35	24 36
34256.1P	23 45	23 46
	56	56
Q sets bobbed.		
26 36 46		

There are five more which also keep 5-6 right, and I select the following three:—

E	F	G
23456	23456	23456
64235 —	42635 —	42635 —
52643 —	56423 —	56423 —
36524 —	34562 —	45362 —
53462 —	25346 —	34256 —
45236 —	32654 —	
		2 rep.
62453 —	63425 —	26543 —
34625 —	54632 —	
56342 —	26543 —	52364 —
35264 —	35264 —	35426 —
23456 —	23456 —	43652 —
		64235 —
34256 —	34256 —	52643 —
Treated the	and	36524 —
same.	42356	
	ditto	2 rep.
42356 —		
ditto		Q sets.
Q sets.	Q sets.	23
23 34	23 34	24
24 35	24 36	34
25 45	26 46	

Now E and F have 18 bobs in each, but they fall into three separate round blocks. G has 9 bobs and falls into two three-part round blocks.

We introduce one of these round blocks into E and the other into F, and obtain two round blocks containing three true and complete 720's. The Q sets of each are differently treated. Thus we get the seven:—

23456 E G	23456 F
56423.2	56423.2
62345.3 E	34562.1
53624.1	25346.1
46532.1	54632.3
63254.3	26543.1.G
42635.1	52643.5.H
56423.1	36524.1.F
34256.2.F	45362.1
	34256.1.P

Finally, Mr. Severn states that my brother's seven 720's of Cambridge are all false.

It is very easy to make false statements, and Mr. Severn must either withdraw this statement or prove it true, and this he cannot do.

H. LAW JAMES.

AGREEMENT DESIRED.

Sir,—It is surely a little unreasonable on your part to cry out because you cannot eat your cake and keep it. As Mr. Trollope has already stated, the Methods Committee propose to insert in the new edition groups of 720's on the Bankes James' plan suitable for all 'Trebble Bob' methods as well as grouping, like those of his brother for London, etc., and also six-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the lines indicated in Mr. Atkins' letter in your issue of January 11th last.

The weight of opinion expressed in your correspondence columns during the past weeks is undoubtedly due to the effect that all these are excluded by the actual wording of the resolutions passed at Hereford. Some writers think that certain of the arrangements can get through the meshes, but most take the view that all are excluded.

At the same time there is a strong feeling (whether that of the majority, time alone can show) that some at least of them should be permitted. And if they are to be allowed I am convinced that the members of the Exercise would wish to have the recognised arrangements permanently available in the new collection. At the same time it would be obviously improper for the Methods Committee to issue groupings of 720's and six-scores which are not to be accepted for peal ringing purposes. As a committee, we are not interested either way. It is for the Central Council to lay down its policy, and then, whatever the decision, we shall carry it out.

But with all respect to you, sir, there is grave doubt at the moment as to what the real policy of the Council is. The resolutions themselves were passed somewhat hurriedly at the end of a long session, when the members were quite obviously tired. Moreover, the gentlemen responsible for bringing the matter up have spoken with diverse and even contradictory voices. Mr. J. W. Parker would insist on 720 different rows being rung, and then another 720 rung similarly, and so on, but is apparently indifferent as to how the seven groups are spliced together, but on no account would he accept spliced extents such as those in Mr. Atkins' letter. Your position in leading articles is somewhat similar, while Mr. Goldsmith, in proposing the resolutions at Hereford, stated categorically before the Council that they were intended to admit groupings on the plan mentioned by Mr. Atkins. Mr. Law James, who seconded the resolutions, published a few weeks later the composite London 720's, which are similar in principle to Mr. Atkins' 120's, and which Mr. Parker repudiates so strongly in your issue of February 1st. No one will imagine that Mr. James would have put these out had he then thought they were forbidden by a resolution which he himself had assisted in fathering.

Let me state once more that in a matter of this kind the intentions of those who proposed or voted on the resolutions is not the really important consideration. Committees of Guilds and Associations are bound to take the wording of resolutions as they stand and act on them, and not on the supposed intention of those who have legislated for them. And your correspondence goes to show that some associations would feel bound to reject all peals of Minor and Doubles in which the 720's and 120's are not in round blocks, while other associations would accept some and reject others.

As an Exercise we have got to make up our mind what we want and get it laid down in terms about which there can be no dispute.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

AN APPEAL FOR FIVE-BELL RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—When Mr. W. Willson objects to 'niceties of expression' and 'hair splitting' he forgets that these words describe his own letters. They are 'expressions of his disagreement with others,' and he 'splits' the differences of epithets to describe them, finally plumping for the term 'freak.' With this conclusion I thoroughly agree. But most developments in nature, as well as in art, have started with a freak. The first 'cross peal' must have appeared a freak to men who only knew 'plain changes,' and spliced ringing certainly seemed a freak at first. If we try to legislate against the possibility of freaks appearing, we shall bring about the sterility of death. We want our art to develop, and when freaks appear we want to test them thoroughly, to see if they can produce a healthy development.

Mr. Willson tells us that a splice makes what is joined stronger than before; but I would remind him that this does not apply to a splice that is bad or incomplete or imperfect. And it is because I am afraid that one of these terms applies to these splices, that I am not enamoured of them.

I should like to say how much I agree with all that Mr. Trollope has written on this matter, but, unfortunately, his last letter but one comes to a conclusion inconsistent with the former one; and as

I have already expressed my agreement with the former letter I am now in somewhat of a difficulty. Before, we understood that those spliced arrangements were true but not complete. Now he says that such a peal is neither true, nor complete, nor an extent.

Let us see. Suppose we write out the six rows of the changes on three bells on six cards. Now these cards can be arranged in two orthodox ways, one of which would be a Stedman Quick Six, and the other a Slow Six (or you can call one a six in Even Movement, and the other in Odd).

But we could also arrange them in other ways, say, by drawing from a hat. Now each of these arrangements would be true, for obviously no row could be used twice. Also each would be an extent, for all the cards would be used. And if each is true and an extent, it does not seem possible to deny that each is complete. What is missing is not truth nor completeness, nor the extent, but something which perhaps may be better described as perfection. Really, it is a correct rhythm which is missing, but probably it would be best described by saying that these sixes are imperfect.

To say that they are unorthodox at present is begging the question, as the question is whether we are to allow them to be ranked as orthodox.

(Similar arguments, applying to splicing, could be used with arrangements of 12 cards, on which the six rows were written out twice over.)

With regard to Mr. Trollope's question as to what is to be done with regard to the Report, obviously he cannot get a definite answer from your columns. It is by no means certain that he would get an answer if he left it to the next Council meeting. The Council might well follow precedent, and say it is not a matter on which they were capable of deciding.

Would it not satisfy everyone if these arrangements were inserted in the Report, with a note saying that they are contrary to a decision of the Council, but seem worth recording?

(Similarly, would it not be possible to note that some call the 'Bob' method 'Plain,' and also to suggest an alternative to the two names which are still objected to.)

But what I should like to support with all the power I can is the cause of live-bell ringers. Think of it, having to ring the same old 120's week after week! I am glad to hear that a large number of new five-bell methods are to be published, and I hope that while we may be as rigid as we like on seven or more bells—nay, even (if you will) on six—yet let us give what relaxation we can of the rules, whether of methods or calling, for five-bell ringers.

HERBERT DRAKE.

SUGGESTION TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the discussion which is going on, as to whether the Central Council shall, or shall not, admit 'unorthodox' compositions of Doubles and Minor, I should like to bring again to the notice of all ringers the concluding part of your leading article in the issue of February 1st. Please print it again: 'If the bells in a peal on six bells are not to strike in 720, or on five bells in 120 different orders before beginning the next 720 or 120, then the accepted canons of peal ringing . . . will be scrapped.'

Surely that puts the whole thing as plain as a pike staff. And, as you remark again in your leader of January 11th, 'the Council and the Exercise . . . must decide the plain question, what is and what is not to be recognised as a true peal of Minor or Doubles.'

May I suggest, sir, that all district secretaries be asked to include this item on the agenda for discussion at their meetings between now and the next meeting of the Central Council, and take a vote on the question, so that the representatives (or delegates) they are sending to the Central Council meeting may know exactly the opinion of their members on the question, and vote accordingly. It might be put to them in some such form as follows: 'Is it your considered opinion that the Central Council should admit compositions of Minor and of Doubles in which the bells do not strike in 720 and 120 different orders respectively, before beginning the next 720 or 120? Yes or No.'—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON,

Guildford Diocesan Guild.

(Other letters are unavoidably held over.)

(Continued from next column.)

sue the bell founders for the value of the bells unlawfully taken possession of and broken up by them. I must, therefore, sanction a course of dealing of which I entirely disapprove. I have heard this case (though the petition in unopposed) in Court because it is a typical instance of what takes place too often in regard to our churches, and I would appeal to bell founders and to all concerned in contracting for Church work that they concern themselves not only with the gains but with the good order of the transaction and see that the proper sanction which alone makes it legal is given. I am sure that in so doing they will gain the esteem of the community at large and at the same time render good service to the Church.

THE RESTORATION OF CHURCH BELLS.

IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING A FACULTY.

At a Consistory Court held at St. Paul's Cathedral, the Chancellor of the Diocese of London (Mr. F. H. L. Errington) heard a petition of the Vicar and churchwardens of the parish of St. James, Clerkenwell, for a faculty to confirm the removal of the bells from the church, and repairs to the organ, which had been carried out, without a faculty having first been obtained. It was stated that the bells had been broken up and were ready to be recast, after which it was intended to replace them in the church with whatever inscriptions they previously bore. There was no opposition to the petition.

Evidence was given by the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Parker), Mr. How (Vicar's churchwarden), and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry.

THE JUDGMENT.

The Chancellor, in delivering judgment, said that sanction for a minor work in connection with the organ was also asked for, and this would be granted as a matter of course. Proceeding, the Chancellor said that the church was consecrated in 1792 with a peal of eight bells made by an old-established firm of bell makers, whose business is now carried on under the style of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. He had no evidence that the bells were not a good average ring. In 1904, however, one bell cracked and was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. No faculty was asked for or obtained. In 1924 the bells were in need of repair, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank reported that they were in such a condition that they must be either properly hung or left alone, and that the fittings needed renewal. At the end of January, 1925, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were called in and were mainly responsible for what followed.

In February, 1925, they recommended various repairs, involving the removal of numerous fittings, and gave an estimate of £187, which included the removal of the bells to their works. Owing apparently to lack of funds nothing was done until July, 1928, when the matter was re-opened by the petitioners, and the same firm offered to do the repairs at the reduced price of £180. This quotation was accepted, and the bells were removed, no faculty being obtained.

On September 12th, 1928, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for the first time suggested the recasting of the bells. In a letter of that date they set out the advantages of the Five Tone Harmonic or Simpson principle of tuning. The retuning would involve the recasting of the bells, and they gave an estimate of £275 for the work, or, with certain improvements in weight and otherwise, £345. The estimate of £345 was accepted and a contract signed. According to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston this system of tuning was practised in the Netherlands 300 years ago, and had been lately rediscovered and improved. Opinion, however, was not unanimous on the advantages of this system. What was gained in tunefulness might be lost in power; and, however this might be, there was obviously a great difference between tuning the original bells in this fashion and breaking up and recasting an existing peal.

AN APPEAL TO BELL FOUNDERS.

Referring to the fact that no faculty had been applied for until after destruction of the bells, the Chancellor said: 'The interest in the preserving of old things which now happily exists has, owing to the more expert knowledge required; not yet spread to the bells; and they greatly need the protection of this Court. They are frequently taken away, mutilated by cutting off the canons and otherwise, and then put back without reference to the Court on the ground that these are mere repairs. This is, in fact, the excuse put forward by the incumbent in the present case. I desire to point out that when repairs amount really to a remaking of the object concerned or involve its removal from a church (I am not concerned, of course, with trifling matters) they require a faculty. The incumbent has in this case also pleaded ignorance, which I have to accept, though it is a source of constant surprise to me that many incumbents take so little pains to acquaint themselves with the rules relating to their temporary occupation of their churches. Such ignorance on the part of the churchwardens who are the officers of the Ordinary, is still less excusable.'

So far as concerns the bell founders, and having regard to their large connection with churches, they are, in my opinion, the worst offenders because they are ignoring that law in their own interest. Had the petitioners applied for a faculty in the usual way the matter would have been referred to the Advisory Committee, and the petitioners would without any expense have obtained an expert opinion as to the work to be done. On its coming before me I should have been able to exercise an informed discretion as to the best mode of carrying it out. But by the precipitate action of the petitioners, the Court has been deprived of all discretion.'

I cannot leave the church without its bells and I do not desire to adopt the alternative course of directing the churchwardens to

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HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Though my hand is still suffering from the attack which overtook me a month ago, I cannot refrain from trying to write a line to say how deeply interested I am in the historical question at present at issue regarding Holt's Original and other early compositions, and with what keenness I look forward to its unravelling. Both in Grandsire and Stedman I simply followed the lead of Mr. Jasper Snowden, and, with all others, am only too glad to welcome any additional light that can be shed upon it. Being a College Youth, I shall be sorry if we have to abandon our claim to its first performance with the conductor himself ringing, but truth is truth, and comes before all other considerations.—Yours truly,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Kernerton,

February 8th, 1929.

ANCIENT RECORDS UNKNOWN TO SNOWDON.

Dear Sir,—As I was the one who showed to 'The Ringing World' who first called Holt's Original as well as ringing it, may I be allowed to answer Mr. Price's question? I claim that the 'Original' was first rung at Norwich by eight men only. 'The Norwich Mercury' gives the record of the peal and also describes the composition as 'having been rang in London and Stouham Aspal, but was rang by these men without a prompt.' The record also states 'that it was thought so intricate that no man could ring a bell and call the hobs.' It was again rung in Norwich a short time after. Mr. Price asks 'if the statement now claimed of there being two previous performances of this peal at Norwich and Saffron Walden is correct, how can it be explained that Snowden should have ignored them altogether?'

May I inform him that Mr. Snowden visited Norwich in 1877 or 1879, and got what information he could, but at that time the ringers at Norwich had lost sight of the performances and forgotten all about them. They did not know of their existence. If they had, when they reorganised their society (the Norwich Scholars) they would have included these two peals in their list of performances. In a copy of the rules of the Norwich Scholars in my possession, dated 1884, no mention is made of a peal being rung between 1737 and 1760, and for the information relating to the peals rung in 1760 and 1769 they relied on the Osborne MSS.

Between these dates the Norwich men rang a peal at King's Lynn in 1766, also 10,192 Bob Major in 1768, neither of which appears in the list of peals rung by the Norwich Scholars. Thus it is easily explained. The men that rang at Norwich did not know of these peals, and the records of them were brought to light and made known through the efforts of Mr. P. Sadler and Samuel Slater, who carefully searched all the East Anglian newspapers seeking for ringing history. Mr. Snowden did not know of the existence of these peal records. They were not brought to light until after his death.

On page 118 of his 'Grandsire' Mr. Snowden says from what source the College Youths got their information relating to the peal in 1689-90 he is unable to say, and that he believed that tradition was the only source to which this statement can now be traced. I have heard the question asked, 'Where did they get their information from?' and all the change ringing historians have up till now been unable to answer the question.

On page 118 of Snowden's 'Grandsire' the author states: 'As far as he is aware, there is no existing record of a true peal of 5,000 changes having been rung previous to the peal at Norwich in 1715.' I have not a record of one having been rung earlier.—Yours truly,

THEODORE E. SLATER.

Mr. Slater's letter, which was received after our leading article of last week was written, came to hand just too late for insertion in the last issue. It bears out our suggestion that Jasper Snowden was unaware of the existence of these records.—Ed. 'R.W.']

'REVISION OF HISTORY.'

Sir,—With reference to your leader under the above heading, everyone who has studied the numerous books by the late Jasper W. Snowden cannot fail to be astounded at the amount of research into history he made, spending—as he must have done—much time, money, and energy in personal investigation and patient enquiry. Indeed the Exercise owes a great debt to his memory, for undoubtedly he was one of the greatest historians. Yet even he could not hope to include all the earliest peals. Many of these records are lost for ever; many have come to light since his time; many may yet come to light.

I know of several peals of Triples, for instance, not shown in Snowden's 'Grandsire,' such as at Yarmouth 1728, Bungay 1732, Leicester 1730 and 1731, the latter record stating that 'a considerable wager was won thereupon by five minutes' (will Mr. W. Willson note this peal in his Leicester ringers' book, as I don't think this is shown, herein), Kettering 1730, when the ringers say 'which we think as great a performance as that of the Leicester Scholars.'

In Norwich, I am told, several ancient peal records have been found that even the Norwich men of later days were unaware of, even by tradition.

The numerous extracts from old newspapers made by the late Samuel Slater form a most valuable asset to ringing history, and have revealed many performances that would doubtless have been lost sight of or forgotten. I have—through the generosity of his son, Mr. Theodore E. Slater—been given certain copies and inspected others, many of which would have been unknown to Snowden.

I might add that I have recently undertaken to write a 'History of Change Ringing,' and during the past few weeks have been privileged to scan and take extracts from valuable MSS. and books, lent through the generosity of many ringing friends throughout the Exercise. As you, sir, are aware, my own researches and books on the subject are fairly extensive, yet even so, there are many ancient performances of which I am ignorant. Will you, therefore, allow me to appeal to any friends (especially in the North of England, where 'ancient' records seem few), who have, or know of, early performances or records of old societies, kindly to send me copies for inclusion in my forthcoming 'history'?—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

PEALS OF TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I beg to give notice of my intention to invite a band of ringers to ring with me the following arrangement of Grandsire Triples, and in order to avoid subsequent controversy I wish to be assured beforehand that there will be no cavil made unreasonably afterwards against its being accepted as a peal. The ringing will start from handstroke instead of the usual backstroke, the first change being:

1234567

1325476.

From this point the calling will be that given in Snowden's 'Grandsire,' page 113, the last row being '2164735.' This completes the peal of 5,040 true and complete rows, and as you have been good enough to inform us more than once, 5,040 true and complete changes. That it is not a round block is unfortunate, but it is inevitable on the plan proposed. It is, in fact, exactly similar in all respects to any individual 720 in Mr. Banks James' arrangement.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at Sandy on Saturday, February 9th, members being present from the following towers: Biggleswade, Roxton, Everton, Kempston, Bromham and Southill, Mr. J. Shephard, of Swindon, and the local company. At the meeting held after tea four new members were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Eaton Socon on Saturday, February 23rd.

Some good touches were brought round during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob.

The secretary wishes to thank all those present for coming on such a wet afternoon to help make the meeting the success it was. He would especially thank those from Kempston, who are a great help to the Biggleswade District.

BEDFORD DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held in St. Peter's Church Hall on Saturday, February 2nd, about 30 members being present. The balance sheet for 1928 and the secretary's report were presented and accepted, and the following officers for 1929 were elected: Secretary, Mr. J. T. Newington; committee, Messrs. H. Gayton, H. Stapleton, H. Beard, H. Tyse and E. Freeman.

Messrs. Gayton and Stapleton were appointed to attend the association's annual committee meeting. One new member was also elected, and Sharnbrook was agreed upon as the next place of meeting on March 9th.

It was decided to hold monthly instead of quarterly meetings during the current year.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of St. Peter's bells and for conducting the service which preceded the meeting, and to Mr. W. Stapleton, the resigning secretary, were recorded.

St. Peter's bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, numerous methods being rung.

DEATH OF THE VICAR OF FULHAM.

The Rev. Gerald K. S. Marshall, Vicar of Fulham, passed peacefully away on Sunday evening, January 27th, after a short illness at the age of 62 years. He had been Vicar of Fulham for 15 years. He was buried in the old churchyard on Wednesday, Jan. 30th, the Bishop of London conducting the service. There were also present the Bishops of Kensington, Willesden, Stepney, Buckingham, and Fulham, and over 30 other clergy. The ringers met in the evening to pay their last tribute of respect, and with the bells half-muffled rang the 'whole pull and stand': W. H. Hollier 1, W. E. Judd 2, A. Cutmore 3, A. Waddington 4, W. T. Elson 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, P. Skevington 7, E. Edwards 8, J. A. Trollope 9, J. W. Driver 10. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters followed. Other ringers taking part were H. C. Page, H. Ellis, T. C. Norris, G. A. Black, M. A. Smith and others.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE QUESTION OF UNATTACHED MEMBERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at St. John's, Lewisham, on Saturday, January 26th. The bells were kept going in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, throughout the afternoon and evening. The association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. R. Neil), assisted by Rev. J. McLaren (curate), a very interesting address being given by the former.

After the service, a magnificent repast, generously provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was served in the adjoining Church Hall, some sixty-five members participating. Several of the local ladies ministered to the members' creature comforts. Immediately after tea a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. Barnett, Audsley, R. Brett-Smith, T. Brett-Smith, T. Groombridge, jun., T. Groombridge, sen.

The business meeting followed. Mr. W. J. Jeffries apologised for the absence of the churchwardens, who were unavoidably detained, and stated that the Vicar was unwell, and had gone to his home to rest. He had asked him (Mr. Jeffries) to preside. Three ringers were elected members of the association.

Mr. J. Emery (district representative) then gave a report of proceedings at the association's central committee meeting, mentioning among other things the general secretary's aversion to the growing list of unattached members.

Mr. F. W. Thornton proposed a vote of thanks, coupled with the meeting's congratulations, to Mr. Emery for his report. He (Mr. Thornton) regretted to say that his name was one of the newcomers among the unattached members, and was afraid that it must continue so, as long as change ringing was foreign to St. Alphge's, Greenwich.—Mr. J. J. Lamb seconded the proposition, and endorsed Mr. Thornton's remarks with regard to Greenwich.—The vote of thanks was passed with applause.

The next business was the choice of a place for the next meeting. Mr. Thornton suggested that a visit to Greenwich might result in good missionary work being done.—Supporting this suggestion, Mr. A. Petrie proposed, and Mr. E. Barnett, sen., seconded, that Greenwich be chosen for the April meeting.—This was carried, no other nominations being made.

Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., referred to the splendid response that had been made to the appeal on behalf of Mrs. Bates, especially mentioning the donations received from other associations. He proposed that that meeting should support the appeal issued on behalf of a ringer of Pendleton, near Manchester, a member of the Lancashire Association. This was seconded by Mr. R. A. Jenkins, and carried. The collection resulted in the sum of £1 12s., and Mr. Groombridge undertook to forward this sum to the appeal organiser.

Mr. F. W. Thornton proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and his address, and asked the chairman to convey the meeting's regret at his absence and sympathy with him. Also a hearty vote of thanks to the organist for his services, to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generous hospitality, to the ladies for their valuable attentions to their comfort, and to the chairman for presiding at the meeting.—The motion having been carried with applause, the Chairman briefly responded. This concluded a very successful meeting. Then followed a short selection of tunes on the handbells by Messrs. T. Groombridge, jun., and T. Brett-Smith, assisted by E. Barnett, jun. This was much appreciated. The ringers then returned to the tower for further ringing.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on Saturday, February 9th, when 72 members attended from Dover, St. Peter's Thanet, Ashford, Canterbury, St. Nicholas', mer, Charing, Wingham, Herne, Maidstone, Selling, Wye, Worksop (Notts), and Littlebourne.

Service, conducted by Rev. Carter, of St. Alphge's, Canterbury, and assisted by Rev. Taylor, Wingham, was held at St. Alphge's Church, the Rev. Carter giving an appropriate address.

The tea and business meeting followed at the Oddfellows' Hall. The Rev. Carter presided, and the district secretary, Mr. Percy W. Smith, and the two district representatives, Mr. H. Smith and Mr. F. Brett, were unanimously re-elected.

Meetings for 1929 were resolved upon as follows: Summer meeting, Lyminge; autumn meeting, Wingham; and the annual meeting, Canterbury. Suggestions invited for place of next bye-meeting resulted in Petham being defeated by Walmer by a small margin.

The Rev. Taylor, of Wingham, was elected an honorary member, and five practising members were also elected. Two new towers were brought into union with the association, Chartham with eleven members, and Chilham with nine probationer members, both towers being proposed by Mr. E. G. Bursden.

At the conclusion of the business, the Chairman expressed regret at the absence of Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, through illness. He said he felt the meeting was incomplete without Canon Helmore's presence, and on behalf of that meeting he would take the opportunity of wishing him a speedy recovery.

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GLOUCESTER RINGERS' DINNER.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING TO BE MADE AN ANNUAL EVENT.

The members of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a dinner at Mercer's Hall, Gloucester, on Saturday, January 26th, when 55 members sat down to an excellent repast splendidly served by Mr. Urch. The Rural Dean (the Rev. H. M. Braithwaite) presided, supported by the Rev. E. D. S. Camus (Rector of St. Mary de Crypt), Mr. George Jackson (churchwarden of St. Mary de Lode), Messrs. W. H. Harris (hon. branch secretary), T. Baldwin, J. Austin, G. L. Brundon, J. Clarke (secretary, Hereford Guild), J. T. Dyke (secretary of the Bath and Wells association), etc.

The toast of 'The King' having been duly honoured, the Chairman alluded to the fact that the bells of his own Parish Church (St. Michael's) were not available for any extended ringing, by the architect's advice, and referred to the curfew bell and to the many historic occasions on which St. Michael's peal had been rung. He expressed the hope that that dinner would be made an annual event.

The Rector of St. Mary de Crypt also urged the desirability of closer fellowship amongst the members, and supported the Rural Dean in the suggestion that the dinner should be an annual affair.

Mr. J. Austin said St. Michael's had a peal of six bells until 1837, when two trebles were added in honour of Queen Victoria's first jubilee, and a further pair in 1837 at the diamond jubilee, making a peal of ten. St. Michael's Juniors were among the first to ring Surprise methods and Norwich Caters, also the first to ring Cambridge Maximus. To accomplish the latter they frequently travelled to Cirencester and Cheltenham to practise, having no twelve-bell peal in the city. Of late years, with St. Michael's tower declared unsafe for ringing, the practice of campanology had fallen off in the old city.

Mr. J. Williams (Newent) agreed with the previous speaker regarding practice, stating that ringers were like singers, unless they had practice they could neither sing nor ring.—Mr. J. Clarke (Ross) and Mr. J. T. Dyke also spoke and concurred in these views.

Mr. Geo. Jackson heartily congratulated the branch secretary on the success of the gathering, this being the first attempt to hold such an event in Gloucester.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Harris was passed.

Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary), in reply, said he was extremely pleased to see so many ringing friends assemble on that first occasion. When the matter was first mooted it had been suggested to him that the issue might be doubtful, but the many smiling faces around him proved to the contrary. It had been suggested by previous speakers that the dinner should be held annually, and as he was always willing to do his best for the association and members, he would propose the following resolution: 'That the dinner be an annual event, and open to members, wives and sweethearts and lady ringers.'—The Rural Dean put the proposition, and it was carried unanimously.

The rest of the evening was devoted to handbell ringing by different members and tune playing on the handbells by Messrs. Austin and Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Master of the association), who was ill, Rev. H. G. Hadow (chairman of branch), Rev. J. H. Seabrook, Rev. Canon Billett, Rev. Canon Bryce, and Mr. Horace Barnes.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,470 changes) in 50 mins.: F. Bird 1, W. Prior 2, W. Morris 3, T. Jordan 4, T. J. Watts 5, S. Clark 6, W. T. Prior 7, G. Jordan (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Cambridge on the bells since they were rung and retuned. Rung as a birthday compliment to fl. Wacey and B. Marfleet, members of the local band.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 10th, for evensong, at the Cathedral Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes) in 54 mins. F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, E. Martin 2, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 3, C. Shepherd 4, P. Giles 5, F. W. Burnett 6, L. P. Cook 7, H. L. Aitkin 8. This is the first quarter in the method and on the bells by the local band.

HOUSLOW.—On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. Kent 3, C. J. Tricker 4, W. Ellingham 5, E. A. Passam 6, F. E. Hawthorne (first quarter as conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sunday, January 27th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: H. Gregory 1, H. C. Mulford 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, E. A. Gregory 4, H. Sims 5, W. Seymour 6, R. G. Rice (conductor) 7, E. White 8.

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A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and for the service, also to the organist for the musical arrangements, was carried by acclamation, and concluded the meeting. The ringers then adjourned to the various towers, where the bells were available for ringing.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

On Saturday, February 2nd, the Midland Counties' Association held its third quarterly meeting at Loughborough. Always an attraction, the 'ballopolis,' as Loughborough has been termed, kept up its tradition in spite of the inclement weather prevailing. Quite early, visitors arrived from all districts of the association's activities, and good use was made of the ten bells of the Parish Church, noted for the famous long peal of Stedman Caters rung on them, and as one of the best peals of their weight in the kingdom.

The centre of attraction was, of course, the world-renowned bell foundry, which, through the courtesy of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., was open to visitors and friends. Bells, frames, and fittings in great profusion and in all stages of the 'bell founder's art and craft' were to be seen. There were twenty-five old peals from churches all over the country, amongst them being the fine new peal of twelve (tenor 25 cwt.) for Walsall Parish Church, which was 'tapped' round so that the visitors might hear them. There was also a carillon for St. Helens (Lancs), and bells for Nassau, Bahamas; West Maitland, Australia; Mombasa, East Africa; Tsolo, South Africa; Lagos, West Africa; Cranbrook, Michigan; Ames, Iowa, U.S.A.; and others too numerous to mention. It was indeed pleasing to all to note how busy the Taylor bell foundry was, and keeping fully up to the traditions of their glorious past.

The small peal of ten bells in the foundry campanile (tenor 6½ cwt.) was also available for ringing, and some very amusing antics were seen by visitors trying to handle the little bells; nevertheless, some touches did come round.

MESSAGE FROM MR. E. D. TAYLOR.

The committee met at 4 p.m. and carried through the routine business, and added several recommendations for the general meeting. An excellent meat tea was served in the Fearon Hall at 5 p.m., some 120 members and friends sitting down. At the conclusion, the general hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris) first read letters of apology for absence through illness from the president (Mr. R. B. Chambers, J.P., the vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin), and hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Wallace). He then made the announcement that Mr. E. Denison Taylor, who, although in Florida, U.S.A., where the firm have just erected a huge carillon of 61 bells (tenor 10½ tons) at the Mountain Lake—particulars and photos of which have already appeared in these columns—sent his regards and kind wishes to the assembly, and further asked to be allowed to defray all expenses of the tea. Needless to say, this met with great acclamation, and both Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton, and Mr. W. E. White, of Cotgrave, spoke on the subject, remarking that within living memory no meeting had been held at Loughborough without a Taylor being present.

Mr. Colin Harrison, in a few well-chosen words, replied on behalf of Mr. E. D. Taylor and the firm, promising to convey the members' best wishes and thanks for the generosity bestowed. The general hon. secretary has also written similarly.

In the absence of the president, Mr. W. E. White was voted to the chair. Members elected since the September meeting, viz., 43 ringing, 3 rejoining, and 2 honorary, were duly confirmed.

The Chairman gave a brief account of the committee's recommendations respecting the 1928 report and balance sheet (two auditors were chosen to check the latter), and these were accepted by the members, and will be printed in due course.

An appeal for funds from Ashbourne, Derbyshire, was heard, and it was resolved to grant £5 5s. when the work of the bells was put in hand.

NEW PEAK DISTRICT.

The question of the formation of a new branch in the Peak District of Derbyshire was fully discussed, and it was felt by all that much good work could be done—indeed, has already been done by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, and others—among those towers around Bakewell very difficult of access by other branches.—Mr. J. Lewis Cockey, churchwarden and leader of Dore ringers, who has been suggested as hon. secretary for the proposed branch, spoke at length on the subject, and was fully supported by all. As the A.A. rules forbid alteration except at the annual meeting at Easter, it was decided to vote on the subject then.

Heartly votes of thanks to the local committee for splendid arrangements, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for foundry bells and other attractions, the Rector for use of Parish Church bells, and ladies for catering, concluded a most successful meeting. Further ringing was indulged in until a late hour.

DARLINGTON RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with regret that we have to record the death on January 19th of Mr. R. B. Wilson, a member of Holy Trinity belfry, Darlington, since its formation in 1892, and of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association since 1893. He was verges of the church for the past 24 years, and had taken part in eight peals. He was in his 60th year, but being in failing health for some time had taken no active part in ringing for the past two years.

On Sunday, January 20th, touches of Kent Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor were rung with the bells half-muffled, and on the day of the funeral, January 22nd, the 'whole pull and stand' and touches of Plain Bob and London Surprise were rung. The funeral was attended by members of the belfry, and a wreath was sent as a last token of respect.

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, must be paid before February 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; 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.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by kind permission of the Rev. M. L. Mann (Vicar). Tower available 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea at 5.30 and business meetings. All ringers welcome. —Kent County Association, A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; Romney Marsh Guild, A. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. Hoping to have a good attendance.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Feb. 16th. —J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Thrapston (8) on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service 5.45. Tea (free) 4.45. Heene bells will be available in the evening. — A. W. Groves, Dominion Road, Worthing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Binfield, Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Allesley on Feb. 16th. Bells available during afternoon and evening.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting of the above will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, in the Parish Room after service. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 19th.—C. H. Soné, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30. Tea 5, followed by short meeting. Numbers for tea by 20th inst. — T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Feb. 23rd, meeting, Watford. Bells open from 4 till 8.30. Tea (Old School) 5.40. Number for tea by 20th. Cheap trains from all parts to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE.—Burton District.—The dedication of new bells is on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m., by the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Rector of Seals. All ringers invited. Tea provided.—L. Smith.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow in the Schools. It is very important that those who require tea should send their names to Mr. C. H. Belton, High Street, Barwell, near Leicester; by Feb. 21st. A good attendance is hoped for, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Willis, for all who notify me by Monday, Feb. 18th.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Jubilee celebrations and annual meeting are fixed for April 27th. Please note date.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) ready early. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Burkitt, 68, Laurel Street, Skellow. Tower secretaries will greatly assist if they will collect yearly subscriptions and forward same to me.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at West

Hallam on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Feb. 21st.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 41st annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, 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. 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. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting, Hadleigh, on March 2nd. Bells (8) available, 2. Tea 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, March 9th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Following meeting, a dance and social will be held in Christ Church Parish Hall in aid of the Isleworth Bell Fund. Tickets, 1s. 6d. inclusive, may be had from the hon. secretary, Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice. — The annual meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 16th. New draft rules are now being circulated to members. Any proposed alterations should be sent to me in writing at once. Nomination for officers must be in writing and sent to me by March 2nd. Details of the meeting will be issued later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

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MARRIAGE.

BOWDEN-COLLARD.—On February 2nd, 1929, at the Parish Church, Haslemere, Surrey, by the Rector, the Rev. J. M. La F. McNally, assisted by the Rev. O. S. Walford, Fred Bowden, third son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bowden, of Haslemere, to Kathleen Elsie Emma Collard, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Collard, of 1, Durham Street, Gosport.—Address:—Bridge Road, Haslemere.

DEATH.

KNIGHT.—On February 11th, at 105, Hainault Road, Leytonstone, Jane, the beloved wife of R. K. Knight, passed peacefully away in her 78th year. Mr. and Mrs. Knight were married at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Kisderninster, on March 4th, 1873.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch and Bristol United Ringing Guilds.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's (City) on February 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. after which the annual meeting of the B.U.R.G. will be held. Business is important and interesting. Will all members make an effort to attend, advising G. Way, 12, Seymour Road, Bishopston, or Mr. E. Guise?

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Courtenay on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3, service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than February 18th.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

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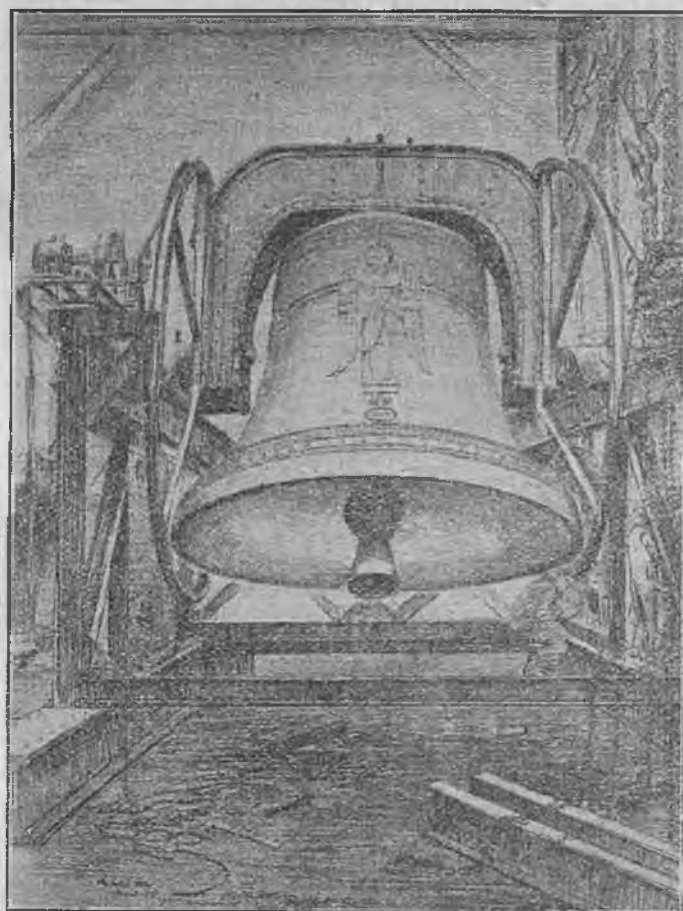
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JESSE GILLET Treble	TOM PRICE 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	ERNEST BISHOP 8
FRANK COLE 3	GEORGE CONNICK, SEN. ... 9
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 4	EX. SRGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 10
JACK ROBERTS 5	J. F. BALLINGER 11
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*REGINALD ADDIS Treble	GEORGE LARGE 6
ERNEST STITCH 2	GEORGE POPE 7
CHARLEY H. PERRY 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
ALFRED PARNALL 5	PETER HEATH Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

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On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

NORMAN HEMMINGTON ... Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 5
SAMUEL PINDER 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 6
W. RICHARD DRAGE 3	*JOHN E. HOBBS 7
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GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

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HAROLD CASSEL 2	ALBERT ADDICOTT 6
SINCLAIR ADDICOTT 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
WILLIAM PIKE 4	†JOHN JONES Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Master, Mr. G. Martin, who was unable to take part, owing to ill-health.

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On Monday, February 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY JOHNSON... ..Treble	*WILLIAM HOUGHTON ... 5
*WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 2	WILLIAM E. CLARK ... 6
FREDERICK LEGGOTT... .. 3	*HAROLD HARPER ... 7
FRANK DEWEY 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal of Major.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM R. PARKER ... ..Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
TOM TEBBUTT 2	*JACK W. DOVE... .. 6
THOMAS LAW 3	JOHN T. HENSMAN 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 4	FRED WILFORD ... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTROW.

Conducted by F. WILFORD.

* First peal of Surprise.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED PYE ... ..Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	*GEORGE DAWSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK 4	JAMES BENNETT ... ..Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
Rung as a welcome to Dr. H. A. Wilson, who was enthroned Bishop of Chelmsford on this day. * First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK STACEY ... ..Treble	HENRY HODGETTS 5
MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 2	WILLIAM SEELEY... .. 6
*EDWARD AVLETT 3	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 7
†PERCY PARSLow... .. 4	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... ..Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by F. A. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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JOHN BROWN... ..Treble	JAMES HARRISON 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	*WILLIAM PROCTER 6
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Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

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BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

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CHARLES T. COLES 2	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	JAMES BENNETT... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. The above contains 2,944 of London, 608 Bristol, and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

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AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JAMES S. HUTCHBYTreble	CHARLES ALLSOP... .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	REUVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY ... ..Treble	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 5
WALTER J. BOWDEN 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
*JOHN G. NASH 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5
HAROLD EDWARDS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
RONALD G. JONES 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
GEOFFREY MILTON 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Quickest peal on the bells.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and 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.

SAMUEL JONES ... ..Treble	KENNETH KNOWLFS 5
CHARLES GREEDY 2	FRANK CRIE 6
WILLIAM PHILLIPS 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	*WILFRED EVANS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect and affection to the late Mr. Evan Davies, to whose initiative this peal of bells was obtained. Forty years ago last month the first peal was rung on them, and it was the first peal for all the band. They were all taught by Mr. Davies, by whom the peal was conducted. One of the above, the ringer of the 4th, took part in that first performance.

TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW... ..Treble	ALBERT J. FLEET... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 6
HENRY STAPLETON 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE 4	HORACE H. SMITH ... ..Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES ABERY ... ..Treble	MISS STELLA DAVIS 5
*MISS RUBY HAZELL 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 6
*MISS ESTHER MATHEWS 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
JOHN FRANKUM 4	RICHARD ABERY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First peal in method. Rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. Frankum kindly standing in. A birthday compliment to Sam, Bob and Tom of the A.S.C.Y.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*MISS WINIFRED S. TURLEY Treble	GEORGE EDWARDS 5
JOHN R. DENTON 2	HARRY SEAL 6
*HERBERT D. FORD 3	†ERNEST EVEREST 7
RONALD H. DOVE 4	*ROBERT COLLINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal. † 25th peal. First attempt for ringer of 3rd. Treble and 2nd belong to the local band, 3rd to Sevenoaks, 4th to Thorn-ton Heath, 5th and 6th to Penshurst, 7th to Chiddingstone, and tenor to Seal. Congratulations were accorded to Miss Turley on her first success and perfect control of her bell throughout the whole peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT... ..Treble	ERNEST J. LADD 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	JOSEPH WREN 6
FRANK N. GURR 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
RICHARD D. DIVAL 4	GEORGE S. DIPLOCK ... ..Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Chichester, president of the Sussex County Association, and patron of the living of Coleman's Hatch. Mr. Dival is the first local ringer to take part in a peal on these bells.

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

WALTER CHARMAN ... ..Treble	*ALAN R. PINK 5
JACK COOK 2	ROBERT CHAPPELL 6
PETER CHARMAN 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
*WILLIAM T. BRESON... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

* First peal in the method. First in the method by the Guild. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 6th was proposed a member previous to starting. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. A. Dobinson for having all in readiness.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... ..Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
*WILLIAM H. COOPER 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
*WILLIAM POTTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
HAROLD V. COOPER 4	JOHN LLOYD ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS

* First peal in the method.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PERCY HACKETT ... ..Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
WALTER FENDALL 2	GILBERT GUEST 6
CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
JOHN PRICE 4	FRANK WALKER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD Treble	M. HODGSON... .. 5
P. BYROM 2	H. MARSDEN... .. 6
W. H. SENIOR 3	FRED HODGSON 7
*H. SENIOR 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. H. HARDY.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHEW STOKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES FIELD ... ..Treble	JFFREY TOSSELL... .. 4
WILLIAM BALCH 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
ERNEST BATH 3	GRAHAM ASHLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

First peal on the bells.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK REYNOLDS... ..Treble	FRANK FOX 3
MAURICE KNOWLES 2	RICHARD ABRAMS... .. 4
THOMAS BUTLER ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER.

First peal in nine methods by all the ringers. First peal in nine methods to be rung by an entirely local band.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Friday, February 15th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 changes of Single Court Minor: N. Sharpe (first 720 of Minor) 1, H. Gibbard 2, L. Poll 3, A. R. King 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, J. H. Musson 6.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIS AYLMOORE Treble	JOHN NETLEY 4
CHARLES H. BOOKER 2	JAMES STANDING 5
ALBERT BOOKER 3	ERNEST BOOKER Tenor

Conducted by J. STANDING.

The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor were elected members of the association previous to starting. It was also their first peal.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES FIELD Treble	JEFFREY TOSSELL 4
WILLIAM BALCH 2	HAROLD BLACKER 5
ERNEST BATH 3	GEORGE BRANCH Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKER.

* Elected a member of the association before starting. The visiting members of the band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Branch, to whom their best thanks are due.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR SMITH Treble	†FREDERICK PASKINS 4
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	†WILFRED ANDREWS 5
GEORGE NOICE 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by N. GOLDEN.

* First peal on a 'working bell.' † First peal of Minor, and 25th peal. ‡ First of Minor. The conductor's 50th peal and 25th as conductor. First peal on the bells, recast by Taylor, 1890.

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

1,440 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire (four Pitman's 240's and 22 six-scores). Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*EDWIN BOTT Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 3
ERNEST A. MARSH 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 4

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

* First peal, elected a member previous to starting the peal. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Ernest Marsh for arranging this peal, and for his most appreciated hospitality afterwards.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
FRANK LAURENCE 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
FRED HAWKES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. James' Church, East Crompton, Lancashire, for the Church Lads' Brigade service, on Sunday, January 20th, in 1 hr. 9 mins., a date touch of 1,929 changes, being 729 of London Scholars' Pleasure, 720 Oxford, and 480 Woodbine: C. Howarth 1, S. Heywood 2, J. R. Buckley 3, R. H. Byrom 4, H. Butterworth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT HOWARD Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	FRANK HARPER 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

This is believed to be the first peal in the method rung for the association.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1929, in Two Hours,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

FRANK A. TURNER 1-2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 3-4
MAURICE T. SYMONDS 5-6	

Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

First peal as conductor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Turner.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ISLEWORTH BELL FUND.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 9th. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and methods were rung to suit all present. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith), who gave a very interesting address. The party, to the number of about fifty, then adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea at the kind invitation of the Vicar, who presided. He was supported by the churchwardens, all the officers of the district, and among the visitors were Mr. Albert W. Coles, from the North and East District, Mr. E. M. Atkins, of Kilburn, and Mr. Brydges, treasurer of the Isleworth Bell Fund. After the tea, and at the commencement of the business meeting, the hon. secretary asked all members to stand for a moment in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. H. Chandler, of Hillingdon, who passed away on December 30th, 1928.

The Secretary gave notice that a joint meeting with the Oxford Diocesan Guild had been arranged for April 20th at St. John's, Hillingdon, and that on March 9th a meeting was to be held at Christ Church, Ealing, with ringing from 3.30 p.m., and in the evening a dance and social in the Parish Hall in aid of the Isleworth Bell Fund. The tickets would be 1s. 6d. each.—Mr. Brydges informed the meeting that at present the fund amounted to about £138, including promises.—A collection was taken, resulting in an additional £2 2s. 6d. being added.—A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Brydges for his services as treasurer of the fund.

The Hon. Secretary then read the annual report and balance sheet for 1928, and they were both adopted. An encouraging feature of the former was the average attendance at the monthly meetings during 1928, which was 41.

Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow and J. A. Trollope were elected Ringing Master and hon. treasurer respectively. It was agreed that it was advisable to have a Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. F. Corke was duly elected. Mr. Hollier was then re-elected hon. secretary, and he suggested that an assistant hon. secretary would be of great help to him, as he was very busy.—The meeting elected Mr. W. G. Wilson to be assistant hon. secretary.—Messrs. R. Fardon, J. H. Hunnisett and E. A. Morris were elected members of the Central Committee.

It was decided that the district should transfer their bank balance from the Post Office to Barclay's Bank, as a greater rate of interest could be obtained.

Four new ringing members were duly elected members of the association, viz., Mr. E. Stepney, of Isleworth, Miss J. Stapleton and Mr. E. Smith, of Twickenham, and Mr. A. Devonald, of St. Mary's, Ealing.

It was proposed and, after a long discussion, carried by a substantial majority, that a new rule be added to the district rules as follows: 'That no member shall hold the post of Ringing Master for two consecutive years unless all efforts to find another have failed.'

A grant of two guineas was voted to the Heston Bell Fund, and it was decided that a similar sum should be put aside for the memorial to the late Ringing Master (Mr. R. E. Holloway), if sufficient money was not subscribed by members. Best thanks were accorded to Mr. E. M. Atkins for offering to get the board made at cost price, and to the secretary for offering to see to the lettering.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Edgley (churchwarden) for taking the chair, halfway through the meeting, when the Vicar had to leave.

CHANGE RINGING RESEARCH. WITH REFERENCE TO EARLY PEALS.

BY W. H. F.

Some two years ago, when writing in 'The Ringing World' upon another matter, I offered the suggestion that a 'committee of investigation' be formed for each county, with a view to looking up items relating to early 'ringing history' which are buried in the first issues of the county press. This would entail some time and trouble, well worth while, and mean each county being dealt with separately, the committee consisting of two or three gentlemen who would volunteer to systematically search the files of the oldest county newspapers and note down briefly, on special foolscap sheets, all the bellringing subjects, together with volume, page and date, they may come across. Of course, any paragraph that gave evidence of a complete peal would be extracted in full.

This is no new suggestion. Some fifty years ago the late Jasper Snowden made an appeal in 'Church Bells' to the steeplekeepers, composers and conductors of his day to send him particulars of old records and copies of ancient peal tablets. For many months following the editor of that paper kindly published old peal records, which, incidentally, helped Snowden with the historical peal notes appended to his various works on method ringing. Before Snowden's time, Ellacombe gleaned much ringing matter from the press of his younger days, and about a century ago several well-known men not only had MSS. books but collected 'news cuttings'—Hopkins, of Birmingham, 1800-1862; Friend, of Huyton, 1804-1881; Riley, of Cheltenham, 1770-1834; Crofts, Nottingham, 1742-1809; and several others in Yorkshire and Lancashire, not omitting Rayner, I.O.W., Barham, of Leeds, Lawrence, of Shifnal, and Hammond, of Liverpool. Most of these documents I have personally examined, and their perusal has led me to believe that considerable light would be thrown upon the early history of the first London and provincial ringing societies if the various city newspapers could be thoroughly examined.

For the first few years of its short existence—1871-1880—'Church Bells' was only in circulation amongst theologians and churchwardens, and Snowden's request for peal information could not have reached many places where some additional facts may have been ascertained from the county press. Snowden, during his brief, but busy, life, must have worked very hard to collect all the valuable items of history which we now possess, and in addition to which he personally visited all the known ringing centres of his period and corresponded with the contemporary composers and conductors; but there still remains much real history to unearth, a task far beyond the capabilities of one individual. Had he lived to the age of Barham, Ellacombe, or Mansfield, all the modern doubts raised in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' would never have appeared.

One of the enterprising editors of about 40 years ago hit upon an excellent idea, that of reprinting extracts from his journal of fifty or a hundred years previous. This was soon copied by other editors, and by this means the general public were often historically refreshed with little ringing paragraphs of the 18th and 19th centuries. It is these little 'reprints' that have enlightened the present generation. The British Museum prides itself on being the possessor of a copy of every printed periodical published in Great Britain. I forget how many miles of storage these newspapers occupy, but a recent extension of premises has been made to meet future demands, and I have estimated that a body of fifty 'investigators' could wade through the whole—down to, say, the year 1800—in half a lifetime. For this reason I have urged county division and reference to the files of the older newspapers in the county towns after soliciting the co-operation of the respective editors.

Here are one or two 'corrections' which the press has revealed that leave no reason for dispute:—

Oakford, Devon.—A touring band, after full local and county inquiry, claimed 'first peal on the bells' September, 1921. The first on these bells was achieved by a Bristol hand—Grandsire Triples—Boxing Day, 1826, at the opening of the octave. See the 'Bristol Times and Mirror'.

Henley-on-Thames.—The first peal of Grandsire Triples on these bells was claimed by W. Williams and his Reading band, but the Cumberland Society, London, rang one in 1857, conducted by J. Nelms. See 'Reading Mercury'.

Windsor.—The peal, Grandsire Triples, rung on the Castle bells, April 10th, 1878, conducted by J. Worster, was timed at 3 hrs. 13½ mins., per peal book; the tablet in bellry gives 3 hrs. 13 mins. only. This difference I noted in an article to 'Bells News' at Christmas, 1883, dealing with the 'Bells of Windsor,' stating that 'some day the missing half-minute might be accounted for.' The answer came in 1887, when the editor of the 'Windsor and Eton Express,' in reprinting a paragraph of 1787, disclosed the fact that 'the band rang their peal over again the next day, and the visitors were well received by the townspeople.' Now, I am anxious to know why the peal rung on the 'first' day was disallowed. Was there a shift, a miscall, or broken rope?

With reference to the Westminster peal, July, 1751, by nine men, and the St. Giles', Bloomsbury, peal, 1791, with the conductor ringing for the first time, it is noteworthy that the press of Essex disclosed the fact to Mr. F. Pistow (after an interval of 100 years) that Holt's Original had been scored by eight men at Saffron Walden.

Being interested in the 'one-part,' I wrote Mr. Pistow at the time, and got into touch with Mr. W. G. Crickmer, of Earl Soham, with a view to saving all the papers of the late Mr. Samuel Slater, but I was too late. Not only news cuttings, but some very old Norwich writing on Grandsire, discovered by Sam, 'went west' with them. However, both the Slaters were fully agreed from information in their possession that Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples had been rung as follows:—

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| 1. Westminster | } Each called from MS.
by a 9th man |
| 2. Stonham Aspal | |
| 3. Norwich | |

According to Mr. Crickmer's letter the peal was again rung at Norwich, 'when the composition was called for the first time by one of the ringers in the team.' This can be verified in Norwich, and supersedes the London performance of 1791.

Theodore Eccleston gave the 10 bells to Stonham Aspal in 1742 when a young ringer (to replace the old ring of five), and both he and his band were in good trim for Grandsire at the time of their performance. His residence at Mortlake for some years gave him practice with the London Strikers, including Annable, who called the first peal on Mortlake bells in 1746; Worster, who called a 6,000 and a 10,000 of Bob Major there in 1775; and, perhaps, J. Holt as well (after 1751), from whom he may have personally had the figures of the peal. Even in those days 40 years was a long time for a composition to be knocking about without someone making an attempt to excel the first man, John Holt, to call it.

'The Clavis' (April, 1788), London edition, gives the figures of the calling, several Norfolk and Suffolk men being subscribers to it. An earlier edition of the same work was published by Raw, of Ipswich, a noted centre from which the figures could have reached the neighbouring towers, where the peal was so early achieved, in Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk. The authors of the 'Clavis' were evidently determined that the famous 'one-part' should no longer remain 'in the barren womb of obscurity.'

To show how valuable matter (to us ringers) is easily lost, I quote a paragraph from Mr. Crickmer's letter of January 4th, 1914, but with regard to this I have since ascertained that Mr. Theodore Slater now has some of the papers which he saved by some means:—

'Am very sorry to hear, after Sam's death, a cartload of most valuable papers were put on the fire. I persuaded the Rev. Pearson, of Henley, to try and buy them off Mrs. S. Slater, but I am afraid he put off going to see her too long.—W. G. C.'

I well remember, when living in London, the wife of one prominent London conductor saying, that 'if anything happened to her old man, all his bellringing rubbish, books and all, would go up the copper hole on a washing day.' This, I am inclined to think, was probably her quiet way of expressing disapproval of his 'tearing about the country at all hours of the night peal ringing.' And so it will be when we are gone: these mad-brained men will still ring on.

The oldest newspapers, so far as I can at present find, in the Eastern Counties are 'Norwich Mercury,' 1714, 'Ipswich Journal,' 1720, 'Norwich Chronicle,' 1761, and 'Essex Journal' (Colchester), 1764, and if the ringers of those towns formed a local 'committee of research' they would discover a great deal of interesting fact of value to the Exercise, which would afford an answer to Mr. G. H. Cross' questions. The two first-named would also give a reply to Mr. G. N. Price's letter on the College Youths' Records, and to 'Collegian's' polite request to historians of the art.

Recently I have gone into the details of Annable and his times, and a fair amount of interesting matter has accumulated. Perhaps the editor will find room for this during the 'close season' for peals in Lent.

A few of the notes were published in January, 1924, when again the press of 1750 came to our assistance with a news cutting (sent to 'The Ringing World' by Mr. J. R. Jerram), describing the funeral of Annable—Rare Ben—in 1756.

It is quite possible a search of the London press may enlighten us further in many ways, but I may point out at once that Annable was not born till long after the Snow Hill peal of 1690 was supposed to have been rung; also that the six-part peal of Bob Triples was not composed till about 1730, when it was rung at Southwark.

Whilst the entry in the College Youths' records relating to the latter performance reads, 'First that was rung,' we must abide by the society's own official verdict and accept it as true, and not the Snow Hill version.

London possesses four of the most valuable libraries in the world—the Guildhall, Westminster Abbey, Lambeth Palace and the British Museum. Each are open to the London change ringers for historical research, and it is now up to the City Guilds and older ringing societies to complete Snowden's task.

JOHN BRIANT: BELL FOUNDER.

Next Wednesday is the centenary of the death of John Briant (born 1749), Hertford's famous bell-founder and clockmaker. The East Herts Archaeological Society have by public subscription erected a tablet in his memory in All Saints' Church, and this will be unveiled and dedicated at a service in the afternoon. Briant's tombstone in the churchyard has been restored by the society.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

A gloom was cast over the meeting of the Rochester District at Frindsbury owing to the lamented death of Mr. C. Winsor, a ringer at this tower for over forty years, and whose interment took place the same day at Chatham Cemetery. It was only fitting, therefore, that the bells were rung half-muffled to his memory.

The association service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. F. Shepherd), Mr. E. A. G. Allen officiating at the organ.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, over 40 members sitting down.

Before the business meeting, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (district secretary) said they were aware that some of them had returned from the funeral of their very dear fellow-ringer 'Charlie' Winsor, and it was a singular coincidence that a meeting should be arranged at the very tower where their late brother had been ringing all his life. In all his association with Mr. Winsor, he always found him a 'man,' and when he said that he said all. He asked the company to stand in silence for a few moments to show their respect.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Frindsbury presiding. The tower at Borden, with a band of eight ringers, was admitted to the association, also three other practising members and two honorary members.

Gravesend and Sittingbourne towers were nominated for the next meeting on the last Saturday in April, the former being selected by a majority of seven.

Mr. W. Haigh (Rochester) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. F. Shepherd for his kindness to them in their visit to Frindsbury, and made touching reference to the loss Frindsbury and Rochester have sustained in the death of Mr. Winsor. He also thanked Mr. Allen for his services at the organ.—The Vicar, in responding, said he was pleased to welcome them, and was also pleased to become an honorary member of their association.

Nearly fifty ringers attended during the afternoon and evening, and standard methods up to Superlative Surprise were rung. It was pleasing to notice the good percentage of young beginners who attended.

BOWNESS, WESTMORLAND.—On Saturday, January 12th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Middleton 1, W. Atkinson 2, W. Nevinston 3, A. W. Brighton (London) (conductor) 4, W. Robinson 5, T. B. Newton 6, T. P. Hewertson 7, W. Fisher 8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUGGESTED RESTORATION OF IRCHESTER BELLS.**

Twenty-two towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Irthlingborough. Amongst those present were Mr. R. G. Black (gen. sec.), Miss Thursfield (sec. of the local branch of the Ladies' Guild), Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, and Mr. H. Chapman, of Keystoue, and late of Manchester. Touches in a variety of methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, ranging from Grandsire Doubles up to and including Superlative, Cambridge, London, and Bristol Surprise Major. The Guild service was held in the Church, and was conducted by the Rector, who also gave a most helpful address.

After the service the members adjourned to the Church School-room, where an excellent tea had been prepared by the local ringers and their wives, 53 members being present.

Before proceeding with the business, the president, the Rev. C. F. Westcott, offered a hearty welcome to the Rector of Irthlingborough, and Mrs. Lidster, on behalf of all those present, and hoped before leaving the room they would have the pleasure of electing him an honorary member.—The Rector, replying, said he should be pleased to become a member.

Messrs. J. Townsend, R. Dodd, and H. Dunkley, all of Higham Ferrers, were elected ringing members.

Wilby was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Guild certificates were presented to Mr. A. Boddington, of Finedon, and Mr. F. Palmer, of Irthlingborough, on recently ringing their first peal.

The secretary's report and balance sheet for the past year were presented and passed.

After a short discussion a grant of two guineas was given to the Miners' Distress Fund, on the proposition of the Rector of Irthlingborough.

The Secretary said there was a possibility of the Irchester bells being restored in the near future, and hoped that if there were any funds to spare they would be given to that laudable object.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, and all who had helped to make this meeting such a success, was proposed by the Rev. A. G. Bagsbaw, Vicar of Finedon, and carried.

After the close of ringing, a well attended social was held in the large room of the White Horse Inn, when touches and selections were given on the handbells by the Finedon and Irthlingborough members, including a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters, with Mr. Harry Chapman taking part. Songs were also rendered by various members of the company, Mr. A. Perkins presiding at the piano.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first quarterly meeting held by the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild was held on April 26th, 1878, at Boyne Hill, and the jubilee is to be celebrated on Saturday, April 27th, also at Boyne Hill. The Archdeacon of Oxford has promised to preach.

The bells of Tideswell, Derbyshire, are to be overhauled by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who are also to restore those at St. Paul's, Staley.

The four bells at Wisborough Green, Sussex, have been augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co., to a ring of six, and they will be dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Chichester at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

In the middle of the broadcast of the bells from Birmingham Cathedral on Sunday evening, the 6th rope broke. Stedman Caters thereupon resolved themselves into 'call changes' on the remaining nine bells.

The greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men whatever, is the description of a 'peal' of Cambridge Surprise Major rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on February 23rd, 1783. The performance was a memorable one in those far-off days.

The longest length of Minor was rung on February 27th, 1816, when '21 peals'... making in all 15,120 changes, were brought round in a grand and masterly style in eight hours and 21 mins. without a man quitting his rope.

Two famous ringers were born on February 28th—Henry Johnson in 1809 and Edwin Horrex in 1838.

The time of the peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at Willesden was 2 hrs. 48 mins., not 3 hrs. 48 mins., as published. The peal at Lavenham on January 26th was rung in 3 hrs. 26 mins., not 3 hrs. 2 mins., as stated.

AN OLD MANCHESTER RECORD.

A copy of a leaflet issued in 1830, to celebrate a peal on the bells of Manchester Cathedral, at that time, of course, the Parish Church, has been reproduced in the 'Manchester Guardian.' Surrounded by an ornate border, and with a picture of the 'Collegiate Church' standing in isolated surroundings, so entirely different from to-day, the record, after mentioning that the church was founded in the 9th year of the reign of Henry V., 1421, by Lord de la Warr, says:—

Its tower, previous to the year 1706, contained only five bells (put up by Warden Langley in the time of Edward IV.), in which year they were recast by the celebrated Abel Ruddall, of Gloucester, when three more were added, making the whole number eight. In 1835 they received an addition of two more, forming now an excellent peal of ten bells.

CHANGE RINGING.

On the evening of Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 1830, a select band of the Society of Change Ringers of the Collegiate Church, Manchester, ascended the tower and rang a true and complete peal of Treble Bob Royal, in the Kent variation, consisting of 8,000 harmonious changes, which was brought round in excellent style in five hours and twenty-five minutes, being the longest peal in the above name ever rung in the North of England. The ringers were stationed as follows:—

Treble	Mr. Joseph Kay.	Sixth	Mr. Walter Worrall
Second	Mr. Richard Palin	Seventh	Mr. Joseph Lloyd
Third	Mr. Jeremiah Lord	Eighth	Mr. William Boyer
Fourth	Mr. Robert Naylor	Ninth	Mr. James Sheldermine
Fifth	Mr. Nelson Worrall	Tenor	Mr. Robert Kershaw.

This peal, composed and conducted by Mr. Robert Naylor, was rung by the above ten persons only. Weight of the tenor 25 cwt. in the key of E.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN WREXHAM RINGER.

The many friends of Mr. Edward (Ted) Rowlands will regret to hear of his death, which occurred at his residence, 11, Whitegate Road, Wrexham, on Thursday, February 7th. The late Mr. Rowlands, who was a native of the town, was in his 72nd year, and just missed celebrating his golden wedding, having been married 49 years. He had been a most regular and faithful bellringer at the Parish Church for 53 years, and had conducted the ringers for 30 years. He had rung bells throughout the United Kingdom, and had also conducted many peals.

The funeral took place on February 11th. The Rev. Archdeacon Lewis Pryce (Vicar of Wrexham) conducted a service at the Parish Church, with the assistance of the Revs. J. H. Edward and T. G. Roberts, and also at the graveside, where a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by the Wrexham ringers, who also acted as bearers.

Afterwards half-muffled ringing took place at the Parish Church as a last tribute to an honoured brother ringer, who was respected by all and will be greatly missed by the Wrexham band.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

REV. H. LAW JAMES PLEASED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am very pleased with the way in which the controversy about peals of Minor has been carried on in 'The Ringing World,' and I am quite sure that it will do nothing but good.

The resolution passed at Hereford states that a peal of Minor must contain seven true and complete 720's.

We want to know exactly what this means, and we must take the words in their plain grammatical meaning, without adding anything to them, or subtracting anything from them.

First of all, what is a true and complete 720. Consider a true and complete six of Stedman Doubles.

We have six rows, of which 32415 is the first. We make five changes, and so get six different rows, so that the six is true, but it is not complete. We must make one more change to complete it, and this gives us 43521, the first row of the next six.

Now, since we are considering a peal of Minor and not simply one 720, this same argument applies to the first 720 of the seven. We start from 123456, we make 719 changes, and so get 720 rows, the last of which is 124365. We must make one more change to complete the 720 changes, and we get 123456, which is not part of the first 720, but the first row of the second 720, and so on, until we get 124365 or 132465 as the 5,040th row of the peal, and we must make one more change to complete the peal, as we have only made 5,039 changes so far. This last change brings us back to the first 123456, which is not the last row of the peal, but only the first row repeated.

Now there is one Q set in which 5-6 are at home which can be treated differently from the rest. We start from 123456; when we get to 124365 we can make at bob and produce 142356; when we get to 132465 we can go plain to 134256; and when we get to the 720th row we get 143265, going plain we get 142356, going by a bob we get 134256, but we are not false, because it is the first row of the second 720. This holds good throughout the peal, but it must come round at the end.

Mr. Powell's idea of ringing 5,040 of Grandsire Triples fails because he will get 5,040 different rows, but he will only make 539 changes, and, moreover, a peal must come round.

Secondly, look at the words 'seven 720's.' Does this mean exactly what it says, or can it possibly mean what the writer of the leading article in this week's 'Ringing World' seems to think—the same 720 seven times over?

It must mean seven different 720's—that is, the same composition in seven different methods, or different compositions in the same method.

Turning to Doubles, there are ten six-scores of Grandsire Doubles with the treble in the hunt, and also ten with the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th—fifty in all, and the same in Reverse Grandsire Doubles, sixty six-scores of Stedman, Carter's Doubles, Reverse Stedman and Reverse Carter, and also a few six-scores of Double Grandsire.

H. LAW JAMES.

COMPOSITE 720's.

Sir,—Referring to Mr. James' letter in your last issue, I must confess that he is right in saying that I do not understand his position. How, sir, can anyone understand him in face of the following, which is not argument or theory, but a statement of facts:—

In your issue of February 1st, you published an absurdity by me, got, in the main, by dismembering 720's into their component 240's. Because it included four 720's called WRW, and three with the 5th RWR. Mr. James says it does not satisfy the condition.

Mr. James then proceeds to give the four 720's with the tenors the right way as follows: A: 5th, RWR; B: 6th, WRW; C and D from bob blocks; C, by omitting bobs when 6th is WRW; D, when 5th is RWR. He then says: 'There are five more which also keep 5-6 right, and I select the following three.'

And then follow figures which are not 720's, but are six 240's, and two pieces of a third 720. E is the same as the 720 marked C returned to its component parts by omitting bobs when the 6th is WRW, and F is the three 240's of D got by omitting when the 5th is RWRW (check it for yourself). From this it would appear that Mr. James refers to three separate round blocks as a 720, and he may use the same 720 twice, but others may not. Enough said!

Seeing that the Methods Committee desire to include these in their new book, we must conclude that they consider the contention that, so long as each change is repeated seven times only, the peal is in accordance with the definition of a peal of Minor passed at the Hereford Council meeting.

Then why not include three of the 720's A, B, C and D twice, and have a quick or a slow six on the various callings thus:—

A=1 part of A.

B=1 part of B.

C=1 part of C.

A A C C B B

B C A B C A

C B B A A C concluding with 720D.

This method would give four different 5040's, which, I believe, would be more acceptable to the Exercise than the Rev. H. Law James' mixtures.

However, if the Methods Committee believe that the dismembering of a 720 by omitting three bobs, and the reassembling of the resultant parts into another well-known block by means of adding three bobs, is something new and original, then what can we say? They ought to know!

Referring to Mr. Powell's arrangement of 5,040 rows of Grandsire Triples, may I say that if he can find eight hefty men to ring it five times over, it will then come round at the end, and, in my opinion, he will be right in saying that his band has rung five true and complete 5,040's of Grandsire Triples.

In conclusion, may I advise the members of the Methods Committee that, if they are going to fill the columns of 'The Ringing World' with their letters and articles, they should extol the advantages of the Rev. H. Law James' peals of London Surprise Minor and the Morris-Atkins' Doubles, and not harp so much on the strings of the Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

MR. SEVERN REPEATS HIS QUESTIONS.

Sir,—In your last issue, Mr. Law James states that I have not yet understood his position. If he will read my letters again, he will find that I have not referred either to him or his arrangement of London Surprise. What I have written has been against his brother's arrangement of Cambridge. He then goes on to give us a very elaborate statement as to how his arrangement of London Surprise works out, first by giving us the four old arrangements; then he states there are five more, out of which he selects three to complete his peal. Perhaps it will surprise him—or it may not—if I state that it is possible to obtain at least four more ways in addition to his that will bring 5-6 up at back stroke, but, like his, the only place they are fit for is the W.P.B.

In the last paragraph of his letter, he says it is very easy to make false statements, and that I must—I like the word 'must'—either withdraw this statement or prove it true, and ends with these words, 'and this he cannot do.'

Now, sir, I am going to ask you to reprint the two questions which were the subject of my first letter:—

1. We are told that 123456 constitutes the first row or change in Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of his peal of Cambridge Minor. Will he inform your readers which is the last row or change?

2. In what way do these freak arrangements contribute to the interest or advancement in the art of ringing to five and six-bell ringers?

Finally, let either Mr. Law James or his brother answer these two questions—no quibbling please—then I will endeavour to prove that which cannot be done.—Faithfully yours,

Killamarsh.

C. SEVERN.

THE VOICE OF THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Whittington's idea is just what we wish for, but would he do the Exercise a good turn by proposing at the next Central Council meeting, that this council be composed of representatives of the various associations, and shall voice the opinions of the association they represent?

Having succeeded with this, we can proceed upon the lines he suggests, otherwise we cannot. Does he remember 'Badges for learners'?—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

A SIX-BELL BAND'S VIEWS.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Powell's letter giving notice of a peal of Grandsire Triples starting from handstroke, as we (the six-bell company at Leytonstone) have discussed this on several occasions, although from a slightly different point of view.

We proposed to ring a 720, commencing from the handstroke, which would run 'round' at hand, thus throwing the 65's all the 'wrong way'; alternatively, to 'open' our leads at back, thus making the 65's the 'right-way-wrong.' Further, to choose a method which has the 65's wrong in certain places, and, in those places, to open our leads at backstroke, thus making the 65's the 'wrong-way-right.'

Is there one who could say these 720's would not be 'true'?

I think I may safely say that I express the views of my friends at Leytonstone in the following:—

(1) Rounds is a conventional row, rung in repetition before and after a peal; it commences and ends a five thousand for the sake of convention only, and, as rounds has no bearing upon the truth of a peal. A peal would be quite true, complete, a round block, and satisfactory as to its 'Q' sets, if it started and ended with 87654321.

(2) Convention demands that rounds shall commence and end a peal. If a ten-thousand of Bob Major were brought to a conclusion after the 5,001st row, none could say that 5,000 true and complete changes had not been rung; and 5,000 true and complete changes constitute a peal. But not an orthodox peal, which must commence and end with rounds. The Bankes James' Cambridge is quite orthodox in this respect.

(3) Ten 'rounds' before 'Go!' and ten after 'That is all!' show nineteen rows which are repetitions of one which belongs to the peal. There is no reasonable argument possible, as to whether this particular one shall be the last of the first ten or the first of the last ten.

(4) It takes two things to make a change, as Mr. Trollope shows with his suits, so that to get 720 changes we must have 721 rows, 720 being true, and one of them a repetition. Then a 'true and complete 720 changes' is false!

(5) A conventional peal is forced to be a round block, and a true conventional peal cannot be composed of parts that are round blocks. We are satisfied if a part 'ends' at 13425678, provided that it is true within itself.

(6) Then a 720 in a five thousand, being one part, may end at any row (it need not be a round block), provided that the 720 is true within itself.

(7) Does the Bankes James' Cambridge conform to (6), and does the Law James' London? Therein lies the answer to the whole question.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

St. John's, Leytonstone.

WHY THIS FUSS?

Dear Sir,—Why all this fuss about what is a true peal, when the Central Council, prior to 1928, had already definitely laid down a very plain instruction? All I have spoken to about it agree that it is a good rule: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each.' There is the thing in a nutshell, and what every ringer, I feel sure, would hold up both hands for, that the bells strike round at the end. However clever anyone may be in composing, something in which you have to count rounds at the start is not according to rule, and therefore out of order. Of course, it is well known no one can prevent ringers ringing what they like, even Bob Doubles and Grandsire Minor.—Yours faithfully,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Dear Sir,—I notice that in the last paragraph of the letter in this week's issue by the Rev. H. Drake, he makes the following remark: 'Think of it, having to ring the same old 120's week after week.' Why? I have heard the ringers of this district of 40 years ago say they could ring 30 or 40 120's straight off. I think these would be mostly Grandsire Variations, and would have the merit of being true 120's. I have heard them ring many of them myself.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. DUFFIELD.

Norwich.

PEALS OF TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the notice under the heading, 'Peals of Triples,' on page 107, this is just the kind of thing I anticipated. Let us presume the writer of that notice is not leg-pulling, but in earnest. In the first place, there is no society named, therefore, from, say, a legal point of view, nobody can say it will not be a peal. On the other hand, if this 'arrangement' is rung under the auspices of a particular society, is there any society which definitely states in its rules what a peal must be? I don't suppose there is one, and that being so there is no society which can say it will not be a peal. But each ringer has his opinions and thoughts about such 'arrangements,' and, if rung, will be certain to cause some comment.

Each and any band of ringers can ring what it chooses, but if some 'arrangement' is chosen which is, to say the least of it, not orthodox, it must naturally and reasonably be expected that some cavil will be made afterwards against it being accepted as a peal.

Therefore, if the majority are against these unorthodox 'arrangements' the rules of each society must be brought up to date to bar them by definitely stating in the rules what a peal shall be, otherwise there is no limit to what will come along as a peal in the way of 'something new,' something exciting.—Yours sincerely,

Brookley.

F. W. RICHARDSON.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, February 9th, when members attended from Darfield, Wath, Felkirk, Royston, Shelley, Sandal, Wortley, and the local company. The methods practised were varied ranging from plain to suit probationers, up to mental flights in Treble Bob Minor, and it was clearly proved that ringers in some towers have advanced beyond anticipation, while others are progressing, and may jostle shoulders with the best. Such is the wish of the advanced ones.

Tea and the comforts of hearth and shelter were provided, and the Vicar (Rev. F. Mercer) looked in to bestow his best wishes and generosity on the gathering. Unfortunately, he could not stay. The handbells and pleasant banter made up a full and happy hour.

An invitation was accepted from Royston to hold a meeting there in March.

DEATH OF ANOTHER SOUTH WALES RINGER.

FIRST MASTER OF THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, passed away on Monday, February 11th, at his native place near Carmarthen. He was buried at Llanllwch Parish Church on Friday, the 15th, the Vicar, the Rev. T. Thomas, officiating, assisted by two lecturers from Carmarthen College, where Mr. Davies had been trained for the scholastic profession. Among the mourners were Mr. William Davies (brother), of Liverpool, who for many years had charge of the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, and also Mr. Claude Davies (son), who is now branch hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association at Liverpool.

Owing to ill-health during the last few years the late Mr. Davies had not been able to take any great part in ringing, but his love for the bells was, to the last, as great as when he came to Caerleon quite a young man. Caerleon at that time had five old bells. The tenor (11½ cwt.) was cast by R.P. 1885, the other four by the same founder in 1690. The bells were all split at the crowns or parted from the waist, and the woodwork was in bad condition. Canon Edwards, the Vicar, applied to the governors of Williams' Charity, and at length succeeded in obtaining a grant of £150. A meeting of the parishioners was then called, and a committee formed. The appeal was well responded to, and the old bells were sent to Messrs. Warner and Sons, London, on October 7th, 1881, to be replaced with a light ring of six. The dedication and opening took place on December 15th, 1881, the ringing consisting of call changes only. Mr. Davies then formed a band and started change ringing.

A 720 of Minor was rung on the bells for the first time on May 28th, 1884. In 1886 the six were increased to eight by adding two trebles, the work of hanging the bells being done personally by Mr. Davies. Progress was made in Triples ringing, and the first peal rung the following Jan. 12th, by the local band, Mr. Davies being the conductor. During the same year peals were rung in the Kent and Plain Bob Major methods. Stedman Triples was practised, and often for the Sunday services quarter-peals were rung.

The question of forming a diocesan association resulted in the selection of Mr. Davies as the first Master on October 13th, 1893, and he was re-elected in 1894 and 1895.

He was not a great peal ringer, but had taken part in about twenty peals, including the first peals on the bells at Caldicot, St. Woolos' and All Saints' Churches, Newport.

For forty years he was headmaster of the Williams' Endowed Schools, Caerleon. He was an ardent worker for the Church in Wales, especially in the Llandaff diocese. He also acted as choir-master of Caerleon Church for 35 years.

Mr. Davies was a recognised authority on the history of Caerleon, and was honorary curator of the Museum of Antiquities for over 30 years. He was also an authority on ecclesiastical law, and at the time of his death was engaged in writing a comprehensive history of the Church in Wales.

On his retirement from the scholastic profession a few years ago, he was the recipient of a high tribute from old boys of the school in all parts of the world.

J. W. J.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Compton on Saturday, February 9th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, East Hilsley, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Woolton Hill and the local ringers. The Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch) was also present. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Jotcham), who also gave an address. Miss D. Hancock presided at the organ. An excellent tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. C. M. Jotcham, and 29 sat down.

The business meeting followed with the Rev. L. R. Majendie in the chair, supported by Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The next meeting was fixed for Midgham, on Saturday, April 13th. A combined meeting was also fixed for Highclere, Hants, on Saturday, May 18th, with the Winchester Guild.

An application is to be made to the Oxford Diocesan Guild for a grant towards Newbury bells, the branch having already voted £5.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his address, to the organist and Mrs. C. M. Jotcham for providing the tea, on the motion of the secretary, seconded by Miss Davis.

A move was then made for the tower, and some good touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were brought round.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 42 mins. at St. Peter's, Staines, on January 27th, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Jackson, also the wedding anniversary of Mr. W. C. Parker and G. Walmsley, all of whom are ringers at St. Peter's: W. Stevens 1, A. J. Hiscock 2, G. Walmsley 3, W. Shorter 4, W. C. Parker 5, E. J. Goater 6, J. Phillips 7, F. W. Smith 8.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at West Tarring on Saturday, February 16th. Owing to the snow and the slippery state of the roads, there were only 21 present, representing the following towers: Angmering, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Chichester, Heene, Shoreham, West Grinstead, West Tarring, with Messrs. Rogers and Greenwood, of Portsmouth. The ringing consisted of courses of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Tea was partaken of at St. Thomas a Becket's Palace, where the company were met and welcomed by the Rector (Ven. J. Godber, M.A.), who also presided at the business meeting. He was supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. W. Jocelyne and W. Large.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. Alan R. Pink, Dorking, Joseph Green and Arthur Hancorn, Shoreham, A. G. Heasman, W. H. Howich, H. W. Parsons, C. F. Clavey and A. F. Hurchfield, Angmering, J. W. Blunden, G. Dewey, J. Littlemore, E. J. Monday, A. J. Piper, P. Piper, R. Piper, J. Steyning and A. Watts, of Rogate.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were Mr. A. W. Groves, hon. secretary, Messrs. Norriss, Adams and Tucker, with Messrs. Hills, Lindup and Netley, committee.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Petworth in May next.

After votes of thanks to the Rector for granting the use of the bells and providing the excellent spread, also to the ladies who waited at table, a short service was held, and an address given by the Rev. J. Godber. The members then again visited the tower for further ringing, and Heene bells being available some of the company made their way there, and rang Stedman, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Triples.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**EASTERN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Butterwick on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringers were present from Boston, Butterwick, Freiston, Folkingham, Leake, Sibsey, Spalding, Surfleet, Stickney and Pinchbeck. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and at 4.15 p.m., a short service with an address was conducted by the president (Rev. J. R. Trotter, Vicar of Freiston with Butterwick). Afterwards, all those present were hospitably entertained to a 'knife and fork' tea by the president, at the Five Bells Inn. The business meeting took place. The president (Rev. J. R. Trotter) was unanimously re-elected. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. Mr. J. Phillips was unanimously re-elected to the joint office of hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. W. E. Clarke was re-elected to the office of Branch Ringing Master by a good majority, and Mr. Alex. Sharp to that of Guild representative by the casting vote of the president.

Leake was chosen as the place for holding the next meeting.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the president for conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and for his kind hospitality in entertaining the members, on the proposition of the Rev. Canon Hodge, Rector of Benington. Ringing was again the order after the meeting, and was kept up until close upon 9 p.m., when a very successful meeting terminated.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Doncaster and District Society took place on Saturday, February 2nd, at Doncaster. Although the weather was bad, there was a good attendance of ringers, and the bells were merrily going soon after 3 p.m. Various methods were practised by the members from 14 towers, and ringing continued until 5 p.m.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Doncaster (Rev. Canon Brooke), assisted by the Rev. Neadham and Rev. Machon, who gave a helpful address.

Tea was partaken of in the Golton Cafe, the society being honoured by the presence of the Vicar and his curates. As the Vicar had to leave at short notice, he was asked before he went to make a presentation to the late secretary, Mr. Harold Walker. The gift took the form of a timepiece, suitably inscribed.

Rev. R. Machon presided over the business meeting, at which several new members were elected.

The secretary presented his report and balance sheet, which showed a gain on the year's working, and was passed as satisfactory.

The cup for Sunday service attendance was awarded by the late secretary, the result being: Doncaster 93 per cent., Tickhill 91 per cent., Conisborough 90 per cent., and Arksey 89 per cent.

The next meeting is to be held at Adwick-le-Street.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and also to the Rev. R. Machon for presiding over the business meeting, and to all who made the arrangements for one of the best gatherings held by the society.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ISLAND MEMBERS' ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, February 2nd, when members from all parts of the Island and a number from Portsmouth attended notwithstanding the inclement weather. The standard methods were practised on this favourite peal of eight. The Vicar of Carisbrooke, the Rev. H. S. Footman, took the Guild's service, and gave a short address, Dr. J. Bruce Williamson presiding at the organ. Afterwards the Vicar entertained the members to tea at the Waverley Hotel, and took the chair at the business meeting. The district secretary (Mr. B. J. Snow), being absent through illness, Mr. H. Barton deputised, and read the secretary's report. The auditor (Mr. H. A. Phillips) presented the statement of accounts, which showed that the sum of £4 had been sent to headquarters, after paying the expenses of the district and retaining a small balance in hand.

The Ringing Master gave his report for the past year, and impressed upon the district the necessity of practising new methods in order to make the art more attractive and the Sunday ringing less monotonous.

All these reports were adopted, the various officials being re-elected to their posts with thanks for their past services.

The Vicar of Brading (the Rev. A. C. Hampton Weeks) was elected president of the district for the ensuing year. Several new members were elected, while Brading was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, the date to be left to the secretary to fix.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. S. Footman for his kindness in welcoming the Guild to Carisbrooke, and also for his hospitality. Mr. Burnett, on behalf of the Portsmouth contingent, expressed their appreciation.

ANDOVER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Andover District held at Whitechurch was attended by 36 members from Basingstoke, Highclere, Laverstoke, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Overton, St. Mary Bourne, Woolton Hill, Woolton St. Lawrence, Whitechurch and Winchester.

Service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Guild form was used, and an address given by the Vicar.

At the business meeting the district secretary gave a very satisfactory report on the first year's working of the district, and stated that eight towers were in union, with a membership of 65, and there was every appearance of the Andover District becoming a strong, active branch of the Guild.

The district officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. M. S. Douglas; secretary, Rev. F. C. Sear; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Rex; auditor, Mr. O. Smart; representative of Central Committee, Mr. F. Knapp.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Whitechurch on February 1st, 1930. Quarterly meetings were arranged to be held at Amport on April 4th, and at Laverstoke and Andover, the dates of the two latter to be decided later.

It was decided to invite the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild to hold a joint meeting at Highclere on May 18th.

During the afternoon and evening the fine ring of eight bells was made good use of, touches in various methods from Doubles to Major being brought round.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke District was a great success, over 60 members attending from Basingstoke, Bramley, Ellisfield, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Sherfield, Sherborne St. John, Wolverton, Woolton St. Lawrence and Winchester.

Dr. Boustead gave an address at the service which was held at St. Michael's Church.

The bells at both St. Michael's and All Saints' Churches were available for ringing, and good use was made of them in a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening.

An excellent tea, provided by the generosity of the Basingstoke ringers, was enjoyed in the Church Room.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Rev. G. H. Jaudwine, R.D., the following district officers were elected: Chairman, Dr. Boustead; secretary, Rev. D. L. Board; auditor, Mr. F. Wilson; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Osler; representative on Central Committee, Mr. Chesterman.

It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Basingstoke on January 25th, 1930. Quarterly meetings were also arranged to be held at Sherborne St. John, Yateley and Overton.

A letter was read from the Farnham Branch secretary of the Guildford Guild, suggesting a combined meeting at Yateley and Hawley, to be arranged for a date in August. It was agreed that the invitation be accepted and left to the district secretary to arrange.

The District Secretary reported on the year's working in the district, which showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, with 14 towers in union and a membership of 115.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

RINGER KILLED ON RAILWAY.

A verdict of 'Accidental death' was recorded at an inquest held upon Harold William Fright, aged 30, assistant yardmaster at Temple Mills, L.N.E.R., siding, who resided at Oaklands, Aluslie Wood Road, South Chingford, and who was killed while on duty.

Mr. Fright was a ringer, and had in the past contributed to 'The Ringing World' articles on method construction.

Mr. Fright went to Chingford three years ago from Catford Bridge, where for many years his father was stationmaster, on the old South-Eastern and Chatham Railway. He left school when he was 18 to join the colours in 1916, and served until the conclusion of hostilities. He was decorated with the Military Cross. After the war he was a student at the London School of Economics for three years, and gained the degree of Bachelor of Commerce. He then served a three years' traffic apprenticeship with the L.N.E.R., and was afterwards appointed assistant yard master at Temple Mills. He leaves a widow and one child, a little girl, aged only 18 months.

The funeral took place at Hythe, Kent, and among the many beautiful floral tributes were those from the yard masters and staff of Temple Mills, and the president and the St. Leonard's Bellringing Society, of which he was a member.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**MORE SUPPORT WANTED IN CHERTSEY DISTRICT.**

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Chertsey on February 9th. The district towers represented were Chertsey, Esher, Egham, Hersham, Oaklands Park, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, Walton, and there were visitors from Guildford (Cathedral), Leatherhead, Woking and Crawley.

After the Guild service, and tea in the Church Room, Admiral T. P. Walker presided over the business meeting, at which the hon. secretary (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) reported that there were three honorary and 69 ringing members in the district, but there were still three towers where the ringers had not joined the Guild, East Molesey, Weybridge and Chobham, although in the case of Chobham the tower was affiliated to the Guild. The receipts were £7 11s. 6d., half of which went to the central fund. The expenses had been £1 19s., and the District was left with a balance in hand of £1 16s. 9d. The balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, was adopted.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. T. Beeson) said that during the year two peals (Bob Major and Bob Minor) had been rung in the district. The difficulty in regard to peal ringing was to get the towers. Although they had 69 members in the district, they had found a lack of support in the combined practices. He asked for suggestions for improving the attendance, in order that they might improve the standard of ringing in the district.

A discussion took place in which several speakers appealed for support for these practices, and Mr. A. H. Winch (Leatherhead) pointed out how successful the practices were in that district, where they are held weekly.

The only nominations for officers received were Mr. H. Hancock, as hon. secretary, and Mr. H. J. Chaffey, as Ringing Master, and these were duly elected. Mr. Hawthorne and Mrs. Beeson were elected to represent the District on the Executive Committee, and Rev. W. N. Willis was reappointed as the hon. members' representative.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on February 8th, 1930, at Oaklands Park, and to hold district meetings at East Molesey, Horsell, Esher, Egham and Ottershaw, also to join with Guildford District in a meeting at Woking, and to hold a return joint meeting with the South and West District of the Middlesex Association at Sunbury in the summer.

Seven new members were elected, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, to the Vicar of Chertsey for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to the organist, and to the chairman for presiding.

HASLEMERE RINGERS MARRIED.

A very interesting wedding took place at St. Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, Surrey, on Saturday, February 2nd, when Mr. Fred Bowden was married to Miss Elsie Collard. Both are enthusiastic ringers of the local company. The Rector, assisted by the Rev. O. S. Walford, officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. Charles Bowden acted as best man.

After the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by H. Furlonger 1, J. H. B. Hesse 2, B. Elliott 3, Miss I. L. Hastie 4, R. Hayes 5, C. E. Smith 6, R. Overy 7, J. Bartlett (conductor) 8, G. Luff 9, Walter Eldridge 10. First quarter-peal on ten bells by Messrs. Furlonger and Luff.

The many friends of the happy pair, together with the local and visiting ringers, were entertained at the wedding reception at the Broadway Restaurant, where toasts were given to the bride and bridegroom, and suitable responses were made.

On the previous Monday evening, the Rector presented to the bride and bridegroom, on behalf of himself, Mr. Walford and the local ringers, a copper tea kettle and dessert dish.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**BRISTOL BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at St. Michael's (City). The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Hazledine), was fully choral. After this a move was made to the Parish Room, where tea had been prepared. About fifty members sat down, and amongst the visitors present were Rev. D. A. Jaquet (St. James'), Mr. J. R. Jones (Weston-super-Mare), Mr. H. W. Fussell (Dursley), Mr. A. Burcombe (Stinchcombe), and Messrs. Knight and Coombes, of Portishead. Nineteen towers were represented altogether.

The annual meeting followed the tea, and Mr. J. Gould, the chairman, presided. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, who had to leave early. In his reply, he said how pleased he was to have the association at St. Michael's, and hoped they would come again at some future date.

Six performing and three life members were elected.

The Chairman said he was inclined to agree with what the Rector had said during his address in the afternoon, that it was oftentimes the case that people who were not in the limelight did not take an active part of the work of an organisation, and he referred particularly to some members of the branch who seldom helped with the 'spade work.' He spoke of the good work done during the year in visiting six-bell towers.

Then followed the secretary's report, in which he thanked the chairman and the few who had supported him very loyally during the year. The report showed that eleven meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 33. He made mention of the rapid strides made by the members at Abson tower, the affiliation of Alveston to the association, and of the joining up of the members the opening of St. Ambrose's bells and the success they had obtained. He reminded the members, with regret, of the one death during the year, that of Mr. S. Abraham, who was a very staunch supporter of the branch. Fifty-one performing and five associate members were elected during the year.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £16 13s. 3d., to be handed to the general treasurer. The expenses for the year were slightly reduced, being £6 11s.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting on February 23rd at St. Peter's (City), and combine this with the annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. The quarterly meeting of the branch was fixed for St. Matthew's (Kingsdown), and will take place on March 23rd, and not on the last Saturday of the month, as is the usual practice.

Mr. E. Guise proposed and Mr. Thomas seconded that the officers be re-elected en bloc. This was carried with applause. The officers for 1929 will therefore be: Chairman, Mr. J. Gould; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Way; representative on Management Committee, Mr. J. Jefferies.

This concluded the business, and the Chairman announced that, in addition to St. Michael's, St. James' bells were available, and a move was made for these towers.

CIRENCESTER BRANCH TO HAVE A MID-WEEK MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 26th, some thirty members and visitors attending from Cirencester, Swindon, Fairford, Wootton Bassett, Tetbury, Cole St. Aldwyns, Minchinhampton, Faringdon, South Cerney and Burford.

Watermoor bells were rung during the afternoon, and tea was served at Messrs. Viner's Restaurant. At the business meeting the Rev. A. H. Longley occupied the chair, and the following officers were elected: Chairman, the Rev. A. M. Coode; hon. secretary, Mr. F. J. Lewis; Management Committee, Mr. J. Hope.

Tetbury was chosen for the next meeting, the date being fixed for the second Thursday in March to enable members who cannot attend on Saturdays to have the chance of attending a meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Westmacott, and to the Rev. A. H. Longley for giving permission to ring and for taking the service.

The ringers' service was held at the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Vicar. The Parish Church bells were then open for ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Grandsire Cinques. Although the striking was not of the best, a good practice was had in these methods, several of visitors having their first pull on twelve bells.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On February 7th, as a farewell to the Rev. A. J. Howell, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Whittle 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Hearnson 3, G. Butler 4, G. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, S. Riddell (conductor) 7, A. Hearnson 8. On the previous evening Holt's Ten-part, which was being conducted by G. Butler, was unfortunately interrupted after an hour's ringing.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Sunday, February 17th, at the Abbey Church, for evensong, 720 changes of London Surprise Minor: J. Neal 1, C. T. H. Bradley (first 720 of London) 2, J. W. Lake (conductor) 3, J. Osborne 4, A. S. Allen 5, A. T. Palmer 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on February 17th, for evening service, 1,344 changes, of London Surprise Major in 49 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, H. Burton 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method of the local band.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. R. Wiggan 1, A. E. Garbett 2, W. H. Jones 3, H. Evans 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, F. T. Hayle 6, J. Warrilow (conductor) 7, W. G. Curtis 8. This was the first quarter-peal rung by the ringer of the treble, and the first quarter-peal on an inside bell by the ringer of the 4th.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—On Sunday, February 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: V. Evans 1, J. Kimber 2, D. Kimber 3, E. Biggs 4, A. G. Jones 5, E. D. Boreham 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, P. Nulton 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, February 10th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a 720 Bob Minor was rung: S. Meaker (first 720) 1, G. Lock 2, T. Creed (conductor) 3, R. Mills 4, W. Tout 5, F. Lock 6.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Colby 1, R. Steers 2, C. Davies 3, A. F. Petrie 4, E. B. Crowder 5, A. F. Bennington 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Penn (first quarter-peal) 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service on February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Waddington 1, H. Elles 2, A. Cutmore 3, G. Winney 4, W. H. Hollier 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. A. Block 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

Over eighty members of the Kent County Association attended the annual meeting of the Tonbridge District at Edenbridge on February 2nd. The towers represented were Canterbury, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge, Wells, Haver, Lamberhurst, Westerham, Shipbourne, Chiddington, Leigh, Godstone, Plaxtol, East Grinstead, Penshurst, Merstham, Crawley, Limpsfield, Chart, Horley, Chislehurst and Speldhurst, and these, with the local band, met at the tower, when touches were rung in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise. There was a service in the church, and the Vicar, the Rev. H. O. Edwards, delivered an interesting address, Mr. W. E. Pitman (Canterbury) being at the organ. Tea, given by the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards, was served in the Church School, at which a pleasant surprise awaited the visitors in the shape of a large iced wedding cake, it being the fourteenth anniversary of the marriage of the Vicar and Mrs. Edwards. Their health was drunk with musical honours.

The Vicar presided at the annual meeting, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber (Shipbourne), the Rev. W. G. Salmon, and Mr. W. L. Latter (hon. district secretary). The Vicar extended a hearty welcome, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many—particularly a large number of young ringers—and thanked them for their kind greetings.

Mr. Latter (hon. secretary) presented his annual report, which reported a slight increase in membership. Mr. Latter was re-elected district secretary, a post which he has filled for 33 years, and Messrs. G. Edwards and H. Markwell were elected representatives on the association committee.

Many new members were proposed, including nine from Cowden, seven from Shipbourne, three from Chiddington, three from Haver, and one each from Tonbridge, Edenbridge, Thornton Heath, Sevenoaks and Limpsfield.

Mr. G. Edwards reported that the annual meeting of the Kent County Association would be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, and also pointed out the need for new conductors. He stated that the tenor bell at Chiddington was in hand for repair.

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at Cranbrook, Chiddington or Westerham, Shipbourne and Tonbridge.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to Rev. and Mrs. H. O. Edwards for their kind hospitality, etc., to Mr. W. E. Pitman (organist), and to the local members for their arrangements.

LATE NOTICE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—Subscriptions to the Central Council for the year 1929 are now due.

The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whitsun Tuesday, May 21st, and notices of motions must be sent to the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Alex. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6., at once.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 41st annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, 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. 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. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

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, must be paid before February 28th. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th; at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting of the above will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, in the Parish Room after service. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30. Tea 5, followed by short meeting.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE.—Burton District.—The dedication of new bells is on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 3 p.m., by the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Rector of Scals. All ringers invited. Tea provided.—L. Smith.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow in the Schools. A good attendance is hoped for, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Willis.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Jubilee celebrations and annual meeting are fixed for April 27th. Please note date.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) ready early. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. B. Burkitt, 68, Laurel Street, Skellow. Tower secretaries will greatly assist if they will collect yearly subscriptions and forward same to me.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford, Feb. 23rd. Bells open from 4 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Tea (Old Schools) 5-15. Cheap tickets from all stations to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Courtenay on Saturday, February 23rd. Tower open at 3, 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30, at which three peal boards will be dedicated. Tea will be provided for all who let me know by Feb. 27th. All welcome.—A. J. Green, Wicken, Bletchley, Bucks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Subscriptions for 1929 are now due.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea notify J. W. Cotton, Moria Road, Overseal, by Feb. 27th. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions can be paid at this meeting.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Broughton (5) on Saturday, March 2nd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting, Hadleigh, on March 2nd. Bells (8) available, 2. Tea at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 9d., at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Members make their own arrangements for tea.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd. Dinner at 4 p.m. Bells available from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. All intending to be present please notify.—R. White, Appleton, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, March 9th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Following meeting, a dance and social will be held in Christ Church Parish Hall in aid of the Isleworth Bell Fund. Tickets, 1s. 6d. inclusive, may be had from the hon. secretary, Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Bradley, Dodd's Farm, Fryerning, Ingatestone, not later than Thursday morning, March 7th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. Will those requiring tea please write to Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, not later than March 5th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston (bells 6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 16th. New draft rules are now being circulated to members. Any proposed alterations should be sent to me in writing at once. Nomination for officers must be in writing and sent to me by March 2nd. Details of the meeting will be issued later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

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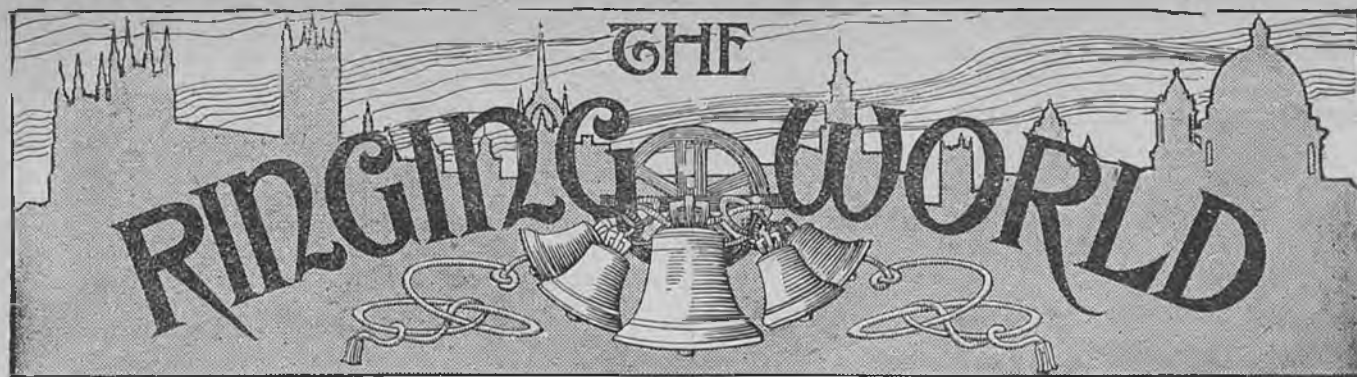
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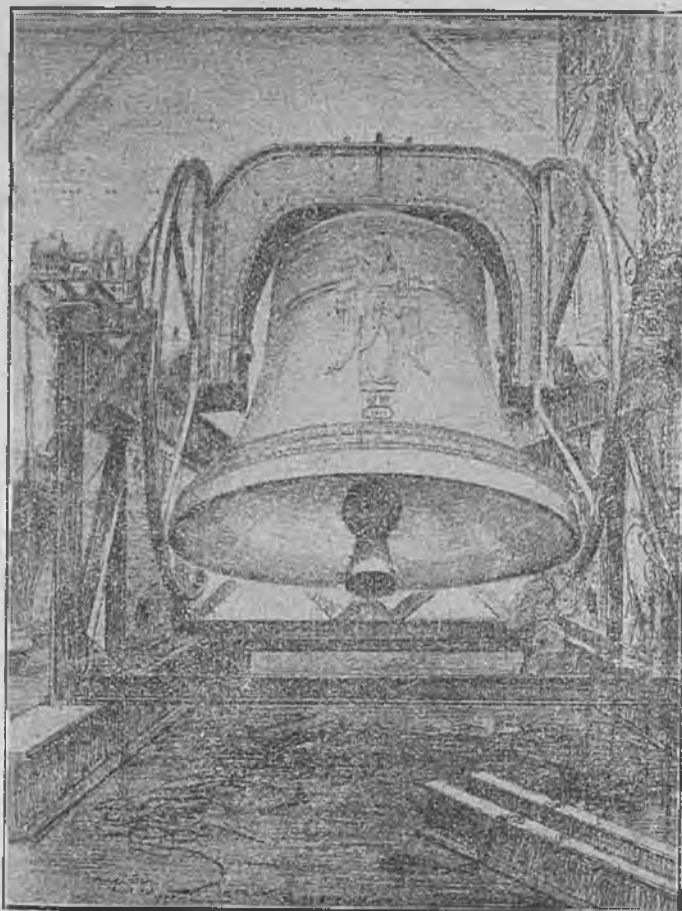
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S POSITION

A letter in our last issue raises again a pertinent question in regard to the position of the Central Council in the Exercise. It is this: Shall the Council represent the views of the Guilds and Associations who elect the majority of the members, or shall it represent only the opinions of the individuals of which it is formed? It is a question of great importance to the future of the Council, and one which sooner or later has got to be met and dealt with. At present the tradition of the Council is that the members attend the meetings free and untrammelled, to vote on any matter as they personally think fit; and, when we consider the conditions under which the Council was formed, the very loose organisation that existed among ringers throughout the country at that time and the still more meagre ties between the individual associations, it is obvious that in those days nothing which savoured of "authority" or "dictatorial powers" could have hoped to succeed. It was just a friendly gathering of men interested in the Exercise, selected by their associations, to meet annually, express opinions and pass pious resolutions which it was hoped ringers would accept as being for the benefit of the art. That position continues to this day. Although the associations have advanced in the hold which they have in their respective territories and have become, most of them, far more representative of the ringers, the Council remains constitutionally where it did.

But the Council has done this; it has shown by its work that it is an indispensable part of the organisation of the Exercise. Despite all that may be said by those who pooh-pooh its value, the Council is the real hub of ringing, and without it the wheel of the Exercise would become nothing but disintegrated units, with differing aims and nothing to co-ordinate their common activities. Realising, as the majority of ringers do, therefore, that the Council, with all its shortcomings, is an essential in the welfare of the Art, is it not time that it was put on to a more substantial foundation in its relation to the associations? In other words, should the members represent their own views or the wishes of those who send them and, who, in many cases, pay the expenses? There will be those who will say, 'Let well alone,' but there is a strong feeling in some quarters that if the interest of ringers in the Council is to be increased and their respect for its rulings maintained, some stronger link is necessary to bind the associations to the central body. At present there are those who look upon the Council's meetings as a pleasant holiday jaunt for those who have the good fortune to be elected

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to attend them, and that no importance attaches to the decisions arrived at. That feeling is neither good for the Exercise nor the Council, and it might be well if the whole position were considered in the light of present day opinion among large bodies of the ringing fraternity. The triennial elections take place next year, and that would be the time to test the feeling of the members of associations on the subject.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
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EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE W. STERE ... 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD ... 8
*MISS FREDA ORR ... 3	†JOHN W. CORNFORD ... 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5	LEONARD H. BAYBOT ... 11
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal on twelve. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 2	JOHN HOYLE ... 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 9
CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 5	*HARRY ELLIOT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters by the Guild.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*FRANK SIMMONDS ... Treble	THOMAS WITTS ... 6
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 2	FRANK COLE ... 7
ALBERT WRIGHT ... 3	GEORGE ORCHARD ... 8
TRAVERS PRICHARD ... 4	TOM PRICE ... 9
FRANK PONTING ... 5	*WILLIAM MILLS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

HARRY PLATT ... Treble	*JOHN W. TRUELOVE ... 5
FRANK LAWTON ... 2	IVAN KAY ... 6
*HARRY A. MELLOR ... 3	TOM CHAPMAN ... 7
VINCENT HOWORTH ... 4	CHARLES E. PLATT ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES E. PLATT.

* First peal and first attempt.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Saturday, February 16th, 720 Primrose Surprise Minor: E. A. Sneath 1, W. H. Waldron (first in the method) 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, J. O. Landon 4, W. Tilley 5, G. A. Wells 6. The tenor ringer will be 73 years of age in March.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 18, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

G. RONALD EDWARDS... ..Treble	JOHN BREESE 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	JOHN COOKE 6
WALTER J. BAYLLE 3	JOSEPH GODDARD... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... ..Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKASTER ... ..Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYETenor

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... ..Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK STACEY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... .. 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
*EDWARD AYLETT 4	*HERBERT F. DALE ... ..Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT

* First peal of Stedman. Mr. F. A. Smith's 100th peal upon these bells, and he is the first to accomplish this. He is also believed to be the first to accomplish 100 peals upon his own bells in the county.

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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BOILERTreble	ALFRED PYE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 6
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Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HARRY KEMPTreble	THOMAS UPSHALL 5
GEORGE UPSHALL 2	CHARLES CHILDS 6
CHARLES WELLS 3	RICHARD HASTED 7
*FRANK KEMP 4	ALAN R. PINK ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by RICHARD HASTED.

* First peal of Major. † First peal away from the treble. The ringers of the 6th and 8th hail from Godalming and Dorking respectively. The rest belong to the Farnham band.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints, Fulham.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE ... ..Treble	*ALEXN. WADDINGTON 5
HORACE BELCHER 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	FRANK CORKE 7
WILLIAM E. JODD 4	HUGH M. PAGE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier, the esteemed joint hon. secretary of the above association, with best wishes from the band.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ERIC B. ALLMAN ... ..Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
HARRY PARKER 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
*JOHN H. PARKER 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
JOHN MATTHEWS 4	ALBERT ASTBURY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples inside. Messrs. A. Allman and J. Brassington's 50th peal together.

ST. ANNES-ON-SEA.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

*NOEL THORNER ... ..Treble	*FRANK YDOLES 5
WILLIAM RATCLIFFE 2	CHARLES SHARPLES 6
LAWRENCE GREEN 3	†GEORGE MARIES 7
*ROBERT CARDWELL 4	*ARTHUR LESLIE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

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

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST BISHOP ... ..Treble	REGINALD REX 5
*HARRY BALAM 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented from 6 to 8 by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The ringers of 2nd and 3rd have each lost their right arm. After the peal the band were entertained to an excellent meal by Mr. and Mrs. Knapp, through the forethought of the Vicar and Mrs. Dunlop, who were both unfortunately on the sick list and unable to meet them.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

Lewis Byram Treble	Harry Shaw 5
* John Turner 2	Donald Snowball 6
Sam Whitehead 3	Charles H. Craven 7
Jack Turner 4	Henry H. Smith Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. H. CRAVEN.

* First peal.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, 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.

* William Saunders Treble	Richard T. Holding 5
Harry F. Holding 2	James H. Riding 6
Harold Edwards 3	William Weatherley 7
* Arthur Pritchard 4	Edward V. Rodenhurst Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method.

FAREHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

* S. A. Bamford, R.M. Treble	† Percival Giles 5
Frederick A. Burnett 2	Frederick W. Burnett 6
Josiah D. Harris 3	† Percival L. Cook 7
* Charles Shepherd 4	Harry L. W. Aitken Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by H. L. W. AITKEN.

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

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	Stafford H. Green 5
William Collison 2	Keith Hart 6
Reginald E. Lambert 3	Herbert Markwell 7
Frank Bennett 4	Frederick White Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK WHITE
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

William Short Treble	Clifford Skidmore 5
Thomas Hemming 2	Hector G. Bird 6
Harry Price 3	Robert Matthews 7
Gordon W. Checkitts 4	Alfred Hackett Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

Wilfred Williams Treble	George Popnell 5
Arthur Hawkins 2	* Arthur L. Lucas 6
Donald G. Clift 3	Charles Greedy 7
Edward W. Luff 4	George Hawkins Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. T. Clift, father of the 3rd ringer.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

* Thomas Birch Treble	Herbert Ludkin 5
Walter J. Battle 2	John Breese 6
* Ralph G. Edwards 3	James C. E. Simpson 7
* G. Ronald Edwards 4	Edward Jenkins Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal, and quickest peal of Major on the bells.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

B. Thorpe Treble	J. Lees 5
* G. Barlow 2	A. Gorrington 6
E. Garside 3	H. Barlow 7
† V. Sykes 4	W. W. Wolstencroft Tenor

Composed and Conducted by B. THORPE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an inside bell.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	Frank A. Turner 5
* Frederick G. Symonds 2	Lawrence Poulson 6
* Maurice T. Symonds 3	Frederick A. Poulson 7
Arthur Symonds 4	William R. J. Poulson Tenor

Composed by W. SOXTANSTALL.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. The first four ringers are sons (two), grandson and father respectively. A. Symonds has now completed the circle in this tower six times. This is the 100th peal that has been rung on the bells since March 3rd, 1888, and A. Symonds has had the remarkable, and probably unique, experience of having taken part in every one. This is believed to be a record.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* Rev. J. B. Frith Treble	Jack Head 4
Willis Buckley 2	Arthur Rowley 5
* Harry Hodson 3	Claude Templeton Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ROWLEY.

* First peal. First peal for all in Doubles. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor from Stone. They wish to thank the Rev. J. B. Frith for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HUNTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Bankes James' composition. Tenor 12 cwt.

* Charles H. Sone Treble	James Bassett 4
* Mrs. H. Baker 2	* Harry Baker 5
Albert Relfe 3	Arthur H. Smith Tenor

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the sexton of the church, and his wife, for their kind hospitality after the peal.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, February 21st, 1929, Kent Treble Bob: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Gorst 3, T. Birch 4, G. R. Edwards 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob for the ringer of the treble and the first inside for the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

HAROLD JACKSON 1-2 | FREDERICK PAGE 5-6

ALLEN F. BAILEY 3-4 | PETER LAFLIN 7-8

*MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY

Umpire: ALFRED BARNES.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**GRIMSBY DISTRICT'S JOINT MEETING WITH LADIES' GUILD.**

The Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild held a combined meeting with the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild at Grimsby, at which some thirty-two members attended from Barrow, Barton-on-Humber, Bigby, Ulceby, Goxhill, Laceby, Burton-on-Stather, Grimsby St. James' and Grimsby St. Andrew's, also Rev. J. Barber, Rector of Great Coates, Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, of Surfleet, and ladies from Laceby. The service was held at St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. Russel Warrilow), who gave an interesting address. The Ladies' Guild service was used, and Mr. H. Rushby kindly presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Church Hall. Tea over, the ladies' meeting took place, followed by the annual meeting of the Grimsby District. The Rev. H. T. Parry was re-elected president, Mr. H. I. Mingay secretary, Mr. C. W. Taylor representative on the branch committee, Mr. J. Bray Ringing Master, and Mr. G. Blanchard Deputy Ringing Master.

Seven new performing members and two honorary members were elected. Places and dates fixed for the district meetings for the year were: Ulceby April 6th, Louth May 20th, Burton-on-Stather combined meeting June 22nd, Bigby July 20th, Waltham August 17th, Scunthorpe September 19th, Thursday afternoon meeting, Barton-on-Humber October 26th.

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 17s.

A resolution that the Guild should have reports printed as in previous years was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was given to the Vicars of St. Andrew's and St. James' for the use of the bells, to the Vicar of St. Andrew's for conducting the service, to Mr. Rushby for presiding at the organ, to all those who made the meeting such a success, also the president for presiding.

Members then adjourned to the towers for more ringing.

BRAINTREE RINGER'S LOSS.

Ringers friends of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Reason, of Braintree, will read with regret of the death of their son, Geoffrey Charles. Although not yet thirteen years of age, the deceased was a very promising lad. He won a scholarship at the County High School before he was twelve years old, and was already keenly interested in ringing. Until a fortnight ago, he was very robust, and the picture of health. Very suddenly he became ill, and was removed to hospital, and passed away on Tuesday, January 29th.

The funeral took place on Saturday, February 2nd. Rev. G. P. Bassett-Kerry, M.A., Vicar, officiated at the church, and the committal service in the cemetery was taken by the Rev. S. J. Rust, assistant curate.

In addition to the parents and relatives, there were present Mr. A. M. Dell, the headmaster, and pupils from the High School, Mr. C. E. Fulbeck, headmaster, and Mr. E. G. Hick, assistant master, and scholars from the Church of England School, where the deceased formerly attended, Mr. D. Smith, superintendent of the Church Sunday Schools, Messrs. L. W. and A. Wiffen, H. E. and W. H. Hammond, G. Lindridge and C. H. Howard, members of the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, and quite a number of his friends from Felstead, where he formerly lived and with whom he was very popular. Floral tributes were sent from relatives and friends, pupils of the High School and C.E. School, and the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, who, immediately afterwards, rang touches of Double Norwich Major with the clappers half-muffled on the bells of the Parish Church.

'NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.'**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION EXPANDS ITS TITLE.**

A very successful meeting of the London County Association was held on Saturday, February 9th, the towers of St. Clement Danes, Strand, and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East being available. After ringing, a short service was conducted by the Rev. Kingston, who kindly consented to officiate in the absence of the hon. chaplain, who, it was regretted, was unable to attend. After tea, the members proceeded to St. Clement Danes' Parish Hall for the annual business meeting, as a preliminary to which members of the Isleworth band played a selection of tunes.

It was gratifying to note that the districts had progressed very favourably during 1928, and it was hoped that they would continue to do so.

The Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, was again unanimously elected to fill that position. Other officers were as follows: General secretary, Mr. S. C. Moya; assistant secretaries, Messrs. T. Wyatt and T. W. Taffender; treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; trustees, Messrs. A. H. Keighley and F. E. Dawe; stewards, Messrs. F. Chorley and W. Grainger.

The Bishop of Southwark having kindly consented to become a patron of the association, it was agreed to alter the name of the association to read 'The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild.'

The meeting terminated with some excellent touches on the handbells by several of the members.

NOTTS RINGER'S 100 PEALS.

By ringing a peal of York Surprise Royal recently, Mr. J. Frederick Milner, a member of the band at Southwell Cathedral, brought his total number of peals to the century. The following is the detailed list, which have been rung in four counties and 30 towers:—

DOUBLES:	Tower	Bells.	Conducted.
Grandsire	...	1	—
In two methods	...	1	1
In three methods	...	1	1
MINOR:			
Plain Bob	...	2	1
In two methods	...	3	—
In three methods	...	2	—
In four methods	...	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	...	1*	—
TRIPLES:			
Grandsire	...	1	—
Stedman	...	23	5
MAJOR:			
Plain Bob	...	4	—
Little Bob	...	1†	—
Kent Treble Bob	...	3	—
Oxford Treble Bob	...	2	—
Spliced Treble Bob Worcester Variation	...	1*	—
Spliced Treble Bob Ilkeston Variation	...	4	—
Spliced in six methods	...	1*	—
Double Norwich Court Bob	...	7	—
Pudsey Surprise	...	2	—
Yorkshire Surprise	...	5	—
New Cambridge Surprise	...	2	—
Superlative Surprise	...	8	1
Cambridge Surprise	...	9	1
Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise	...	1*	—
CATERS:			
Grandsire	...	2	1
Stedman	...	5	—
Spliced Stedman and Grandsire	...	1*	—
ROYAL:			
Plain Bob	...	2	—
Spliced Treble Bob	...	1	—
York Surprise	...	1*	—
Total	...	98	12
Handbell Peals. Conducted.			
Grandsire Doubles	...	1	1
Doubles in four methods	...	1	1*
Total 100, conducted	...	14	2

* Rung for the first time for the M.C.A. † 6,720 (record). ‡ 9,600 (record).

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OLD RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many years ago I looked through the old issues of the 'Norwich Gazette' at the British Museum for my friend, Samuel Slater. The earliest number of the 'Gazette' there was that of April 24th, 1725. The first entry related to the addition of two bells to the six then at St. Michael Coslany.

Then comes a notice of an attempt of the College Youths for a peal of 5,000 and odd changes on St. Martin's bells, lost after three hours through a rope breaking.

The first record of a peal was in the 'Gazette' of April 8th, 1727, as follows: Norwich, April 8th, on the 1st instant was rung by eight men at the Church of St. Michael Coslany, in this city, the quarter-peal of Treble Bob Royal (called by some in England Union Bob), containing 10,080 changes, which they rung in 6 hours 28 minutes, with not a bell out of course or anything amiss.

In the 'Gazette' of November 8th, 1729, there was a letter from the Eye ringers disputing the truth of the above peal, and of others claimed by Norwich.

I think the reference to the peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on February 23rd, 1730, was rung by the society of 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, is well known at Leicester.

Whether the particulars I furnished to Mr. Slater were among the papers destroyed at his death or not I do not know. The Editor of the 'Norwich Gazette' must have had some very general interest in bells and ringing and some very wide correspondence, or he had an enthusiast on his staff.—Yours faithfully, E. P. COLE.

P.S.—The earliest copy of the 'Gazette' at the British Museum was No. 969, Vol. 19. Are the earlier numbers extant?

EARLY PEALS AT KETTERING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have noticed in 'Grandsire,' page 126, the copy of the record of a peal rung at Kettering. This is not a correct copy of the peal board, which is still in the belfry, and reads: 'February 28th, 1729 (and not February 20th), the whole peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5,040 changes, was rung here in 3 hours and 18 minutes by the following persons, all of this parish, viz.: Tho. Howard 1, Tho. Woodford 2, John Law 3, Geo. Eayre 4, Hen. Parker 5, Jas. Booth 6, Jno. Carley 7, Henry Lades 8.'

As next Thursday is the 200th anniversary of the peal being rung, it is an appropriate time to note this error. The next peal at Kettering, 'Grandsire,' page 127, is copied correctly with the exception of Rob. Booth, which on the board is Jas. Booth, and the ringer of the fourth is George Eayre, given as G. Eayre.—Yours faithfully, R. G. BLACK.

Geddington,

February 24th, 1929.

NOT THE 'FIRST.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see in the peal columns of your last issue of 'The Ringing World' a peal of Minor rung at Lockerley, Hants, under the auspices of the Winchester Guild which states in a footnote: 'First peal on the bells.' This is evidently an unintentional error, as the first peal was rung on August 10th, 1891, by members of the Romsey Abbey Branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and was published in 'The Bell News' of that period.—Yours, etc., C. TRIBE.

Tenterden, Kent.

A COMBINED MEETING

A PRESENTATION AT TENTERDEN.

A combined meeting of the Kent County Association and Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Tenterden on Saturday, February 16th. The afternoon was spent in ringing, and a service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. M. Mann), who gave an inspiring address on the value of ringers as churchworkers. Tea was partaken of at English's Restaurant, and 24 members were present. The K.C.A. business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Tenterden was chosen for the next meeting, and two new members from Headcorn were elected.

Then a very pleasant surprise was sprung upon Mr. G. Cramp, the oldest member of the local band, the Vicar presenting him with an umbrella and cheque on attaining his 80th birthday. He still mounts the lofty tower regularly to ring for divine service. The gift was subscribed for by the Vicar, churchwardens and the local band.

The Rev. M. N. Vicker, president of the Romney Marsh Guild, then presided over the Guild meeting, when five probationers from Appledore were elected and Hythe was chosen for the next monthly meeting.

Thanks to the two chairmen for presiding, and to the organist (Mr. W. E. Pitman), concluded the meetings. The members then returned to the tower for more ringing, when, alas, out went the electric lights, and the bells were lowered with the aid of a storm lantern, and the day was finished in 'ringing talk.'

A SUSSEX AUGMENTATION.

The little village of Wisborough Green, in North-West Sussex, has had its church bells augmented to six. Originally there were four, but one was cracked, and this has been recast. The two additional bells have been provided by the generosity of a parishioner, and the whole have been hung in a new H frame on one level. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who tuned the old bells, and, considering what their tone was before the operation, a marvellous improvement has been effected. The tower was restored, on the advice of Major J. H. B. Hesse, and the manner in which this part of the scheme has been carried out is an example of how work of this description ought to be done. In the rehang-ing of the bells, which is a perfect Loughborough job, they have been brought twelve feet lower in the tower, and the peal are a very musical six.

The dedication took place on Sunday, when the opening rounds were rung by the ringers from the neighbouring tower of Kirdford, and afterwards touches were rung by numerous ringing visitors.

CORNWALL RESIDENTS' SUCCESS

FIRST EIGHT-BELL PEAL FOR 46 YEARS.

A peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Phillach on February 2nd, and recently published in the peal columns of this paper, brought to an end the long period since an eight-bell peal was rung in Cornwall by a band all living in the county. It was as long ago as June 4th, 1883—46 years ago—that Dr. J. Symons, the present Ringing Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, conducted a peal at St. Mary's, Penzance. There was at that time no Truro Diocesan Guild, and the peal was rung for the Devon Guild. Alas! St. Mary's bells are now unringable, having been in this state for years, and out of Cornwall's twenty-nine octaves are the only ring in this forlorn condition. Although there is a substantial sum in hand for the restoration, the church authorities seem far from keen to complete this work.

Several residents have taken part in peals for the Truro Guild during its twenty-four years' existence, especially during the past three years, but in every case the conductor and some of the band have come across the Tamar, from Devon. The peal on February 2nd was the fourth attempt during the past few months, the other three being at Truro Cathedral, where it was hoped to achieve the 'first' for the Truro Diocesan Guild. It seemed as if peals would not come round on the Cathedral bells last year. Every attempt proved elusive, even Stedman Caters by a very efficient band, under the conductorship of Mr. Frank Bennett, last August.

However, it was a reward to be able to record a peal rung without a 'trip' from start to finish, and with beautiful striking. With the previous failures, R. A. Watts, A. M. Thomas, Horace Bennett, Harold Bennett, F. M. Roberts and H. Stephens have to be associated.

A ONE-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES

BY ALBERT E. PARKER.

2314587	S.	H.	L.	Q.	S.	H.	L.	Q.
346125	82				641235	x	x	
518342		x	x		345261	x		
236514		x	x		461253	x	x	
456231		x	x		653214	x	x	
126453		x	x		324156	x	x	x
(231456)		x	x	814	256143	x	x	
356412	x	x			543162	x	x	
512463	x	x			453126	x	x	
613452	x				526134	x	x	
152436	x	x			234165	x	x	
538421	x	x			365142	x	x	
321465	x	x			642153	x	x	
265413	x	x			415632	x		x
163425	x				132654	x	x	
625431	x	x			354621	x	x	
246351	x	x		x	521643	x	x	
136245		x	x		243615	x	x	
435216	x				462135	x	x	x
316254	x	x			635124	x	x	
426315		x	x		514236	x	x	x
215364	x	x			624513	x	x	
164352	x	x			213546	x	x	
652341	x	x			146532	x	x	
541326	x	x			432561	x	x	
631542		x	x		361524	x	x	
342516	x	x			451382	x		x
416523	x	x			562314	x	x	
123564	x	x			614325	x	x	
264531	x	x			125346	x	x	
154263		x	x		231456	x	x	x
563241	x	x						

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

If Bray is the most attractive tower in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch for young ringers, then Marlow must be the magnet for the older members, for, in spite of a foggy evening, nearly all the 'old school' turned up at the combined practice on Saturday, and with a few young ones filled the tower to overflowing, so that quite a number visited Mr. J. C. Fruss for another change. Methods ranging from Grandsire to London were tried, the evening closing with a visit from the Vicar, who hoped that all had enjoyed their practice. It was decided to hold the next practice at Cookham on March 23rd.

BEDWAS RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred from pneumonia on February 18th of Mr. A. J. Hurford, one of the ringers at Bedwas, Mon. He was 53 years of age, and succumbed after only a week's illness.

Formerly of Dawlish Wake (Somerset), Mr. Hurford had long been a faithful member of the Bedwas band, by whom he will be much missed. He started change ringing about seven years ago, and had rung half a dozen peals of Triples for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week, and afterwards the bells were rung half-muffled by A. G. Martin, A. E. Slatter, S. Addicott, G. Cooke, G. H. Martin, R. Ridout, W. Bennett, J. Parry and H. Matthews.

WYCOMBE RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the High Wycombe belfry took place at the Vicarage recently. The Vicar presided. It was shown that 1,388 attendances had been put in for the year. The balance sheet was submitted and approved. The officers for the year were elected as follow: President, the Vicar, Rev. W. L. P. Float, M.A.; foreman, Mr. Ralph Cole; deputy foreman, Mr. George White; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twitchen; collector, Mr. Boxell.

The annual outing was fixed to take place on Whit Monday.—A small committee was appointed to revise the rules.

The meeting over, the ringers adjourned to another room, where the Vicar and Mrs. Float had in readiness a first-class supper. The menu was typically Old English, and served with a daintiness and charm that satisfied the most fastidious, and the meal was most heartily enjoyed.

At the close, Messrs. J. W. Wilkins and G. White voiced the gratitude of the ringers to their host and hostess. 'To our next' and a 'chain of fire' brought the interesting proceedings to a close.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Truro Cathedral, on Sunday, February 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Noel Williams (first quarter) 1, A. S. Roberts 2, R. A. Watts 3, A. F. Knight 4, Horace Bennett 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, W. H. Southard (conductor) 7, F. M. Roberts 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Dr. W. O. Burrows, D.D., Bishop of Chichester, formerly Bishop of Truro. Miss D. Mannell and H. Stephens also took part in half-muffled ringing prior to the memorial service at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 18th.

At Kimpton, Herts, on Monday, February 18th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: G. Cain 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, J. Wells 4, R. Hall 5, T. Cann 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. A. T. Whyte-Venables, of Shinfield, Reading, until recently Vicar of Kimpton, whose body was interred in Kimpton Churchyard on the same day.

At St. John's Church, Stanmore, Middlesex, on Sunday evening, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late C. Johnson, who was verger at the above church for 53 years: F. Hill 1, G. A. Hughes, jun., 2, H. Moxom 3, E. Heading 4, G. Cheshire 5, F. Edwards 6, C. Dyke (conductor) 7, G. A. Hughes, sen., 8.

WOOLWICH BELLRINGERS' ANNUAL SUPPER.

The band of ringers attached to Woolwich Parish Church (St. Mary's) recently held their annual supper. The Rector (Rev. A. M. Pickering) presided, supported by past and present churchwardens. In proposing the ringers' health, the Chairman expressed extreme appreciation of the work of the band, which was founded in 1925.—Mr. Aldridge, Master of the company, gave a report on the work of 1928, during which six quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles had been rung.—Mr. C. Palmer, secretary, supplying some statistics, stated that all present ringers belonged to the London County Association and five to the Kent County Association. Although the bells would first need an overhaul by a bell hanger, it was hoped, he said, that a peal of Grandsire Triples would be accomplished during 1929.

A musical entertainment by friends and a demonstration on the handbells by the ringers brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

WIVELISCOMBE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on January 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten ways): W. J. Greedy 1, C. Parkman (first quarter-peal) 2, H. Rawles 3, E. Brarington 4, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 5, S. Furze 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Forty years ago to-day the Warnham, Sussex, band rung a peal of 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major in 7 hrs. 45 mins. They had scored the first peal ever rung in the method on the previous December 17th. Later, they essayed a 20,000, but this was unsuccessful.

March 1st is the anniversary of two long peals of Grandsire Caters, one, 8,064, rung in 1734, and the other, 10,080, the following year.

A society of which very little is known rang Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples at Oswestry on March 3rd, 1785. The ringers described themselves as members of the 'Anacreontic' Society, whatever that was, and the name appears on the board in the tower.

William D. Crofts called a peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Shrove Tuesday, March 3rd, 1778.

The Yorkshire Association rang their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major thirty years ago next Monday.

The Surrey Youths of St. Giles', one or the more or less ephemeral societies of which London has had several instances, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Giles', Camberwell, 'the first peal performed on the bells,' on March 5th, 1845. It was composed and conducted by John Cox.

We are pleased to be able to state that the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, is slowly recovering from his recent severe illness, but not being able to undertake the secretarial duties connected with the annual meeting to be held on Easter Monday, he has appointed Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the Rochester District hon. secretary, to act in his stead, and all correspondence concerning the meeting should be sent to 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice under the list of notable performances by the College Youths in their recently issued and most interesting book, a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, January 31st, 1851, which they claim to be the first non-conducted peal. May I point out that on Sunday, June 26th, 1803, a peal of Bob Major was rung at Aston, Birmingham, the footnote of which reads: 'Rung without a bob or single being called or any explanation being given.'

Again, I notice the College Youths claim to have rung the first peal in Wales by ringing 5,040 Grandsire Triples at Llanstephan, January 1st, 1876, whereas there was rung at Wrexham, July 27th, 1803, a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,021 changes, and recorded as the first peal in the Principality. The second peal in Wales was rung at the opening of the bells at Dolgelly, on September 25th, 1809. It was 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by John Kints (probably Mears' bell hanger). The next day a peal of Oxford Treble Major (5,088) was also rung at Dolgelly.—Yours faithfully,
Birmingham. JAS. E. GROVES.

PEAL RINGING FOR PRACTICE.

Peals of Rutland and Pudsey Surprise Major were rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on February 5th and 19th respectively by members of the Middlesex County Association. These peals, like that of Lincolnshire Surprise on October 2nd last, were rung for practice with a view to the methods being spliced in the Rev. H. Law James' composition, which has already been rung to four and five methods. Each of these three peals was rung at the first attempt, and in no instance had any of the band any previous practice!

THE J. LOWE APPEAL.

The appeal which has been made by the Lancashire Association on behalf of Mr. J. Lowe, of Bolton, has become more urgent. Mr. Lowe has for a long time been incapacitated, and everyone knows what a drain this is upon the limited resources of a working man. Hitherto his son has been the main support of the home, but now, we regret to say, he has met with a serious accident while following his employment in a colliery, and lies in Bolton Infirmary in a precarious condition. This additional misfortune makes the effort of the association to assist Mr. Lowe all the more pressing, and it is hoped that ringers throughout the country will give a helping hand, as they have done in other recent cases of genuine distress.

Those who wish to contribute should send their donations to Mr. J. Hall, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, the Manchester District secretary of the Lancs Association.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	31	2	0
Dalton Parish Church Ringers (per Mr. J. Watson)	10	0	0
St. George's, Hyde, ringer (per Mr. J. Shaw)	1	1	6
Mr. H. Chapman	2	0	0
Rossendale Branch (per Mr. J. H. Haydock)	1	7	6
Kent County Association, Lewisham meeting (per Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.)	1	12	0
St. John's, Deptford, ringers	12	0	0
Total	£36	7	0

PEALS OF MINOR.

MR. JAMES REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Severn deserves no answer to his two questions because he has broken through the friendly spirit with which this discussion has so far been carried on; but he shall have his answers for the sake of others who are interested in this matter.

Question 1 is already answered, but to make sure, the first row is 123456, the last is 124365. The first row of the 2nd 720 is 123456, and the last is 143265. The first row of the 3rd 720 is 142356, and the last is 132465. The first row of the 4th 720 is 134256, and the last is 124365. The 5th is the same as the 2nd, the 6th as the 3rd, and the 7th as the 4th.

Question 2 raises a very important question. Twelve or fourteen years ago I was talking one day to Mr. John W. Taylor, of Loughborough, and he said to me that the musical taste of the British public was slowly improving, and that the time would come when there would be a demand, first of all, for properly tuned bells, and, secondly, that the changes rung upon the bells should be good musical changes, and that if ringers did not take notice of these demands, change ringing would become unpopular and finally be stopped.

Now there are a large number of six-bell ringers who have a very laudable ambition to ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and also of London Surprise Minor, but they have refrained from doing so because before these arrangements appeared both these methods brought up 6-5 a backstroke, which is a most objectionable noise.

And now I turn to Mr. Parker, who asks, 'Why not include three of the 720's twice?'

Simply because that would be a step in the wrong direction. Forty years ago we used to see 14 360's in fourteen methods published in 'The Bell News' as a peal of Minor. Six-bell ringers have not only left that behind, but to-day never think of ringing the same 720 twice in a peal. Look at the Minor peals published. Bob Minor, 'seven 720's, each called differently,' appears week after week, and now the 'each called differently' is often left out because it has ceased to be necessary, being taken for granted.

Mr. Parker complains that the last three 720's are not 720's, I suppose because they are neither one round block nor one continuous string of rows, but each of them consists of 720 rows, and each of them is produced by making 720 changes, and they each of them differ from the first four because the Q sets which are bobbed are not the same, and the whole object of the resolution which was passed at Hertford was to eliminate the necessity of round blocks from the definition of a peal of Minor, and this was accomplished by omitting the statement in the old definition that the bells should strike round once at the end of each 720.

H. LAW JAMES.

A QUESTION OF DEGREE.

Dear Sir,—We should keep the two attributes 'true' and 'complete' distinct in our minds. As has been rightly said, truth is a matter of principle. But it does not follow that this principle is always to be observed strictly. As a matter of fact, about which all are agreed, it is a principle which is strictly observed on seven and higher numbers. On five or six bells, the principle has been relaxed to allow of a 5,040 being made up of extents which are linked together by one row only of rounds. What is now proposed is that instead of extents being linked only, they may also be spliced. I do not think that this can be styled more than a question of degree. If it were a matter of principle, the same question of principle must also exclude spliced methods. As I have said, I am not anxious to allow the proposed 'freaks,' but I do not think that those who wish to exclude them have made out a logical case.

If we are to maintain the attribute 'complete,' Mr. Powell's peal will be ruled out. If he had meant his proposal seriously, it would be necessary to ask him how he intended to conclude the ringing. Would he have stopped abruptly, immediately his last change was rung? Surely a difficult act after ringing a 5,000. Suppose one or two involuntary 'changes' were sounded before the bells ceased, would this invalidate the peal? Or would he teach his hand the last row by heart, so that they would repeat it several times before ceasing? Or would he 'jump' the bells into rounds? Or, even worse, bring them home by call changes?

It might seem that these are mere frivolous questions, but I am asking them in order to make it abundantly clear that the peal would be 'unfinished,' as everyone who heard it would be bound to say. Therefore it must be incomplete, or, if the exact meaning of that word be doubted, imperfect; or we might perhaps more exactly say, the rhythm of the ringing was broken.

But while the same process takes place in Minor or Doubles, we do not meet with the same catastrophe. The incompleteness of the one extent is completed in the next (or the imperfection is made perfect, or the broken rhythm is united). The same thing could be done in Mr. Powell's peal, if it were not for the convention which makes us ring exactly the extent, and no more or less, on seven bells only.

When I spoke of the same old six-scores I purposely used the plural, while those who have criticised me evidently are thinking of one special six-score. My point was that by splicing you are not limited to 120 changes in one cyclical round (or set) at a time. You give five-bell ringers a similar rhythmical (or cyclical relief) to that which ringers on higher numbers get from spliced methods. Moreover, you do not get this rhythmical relief by varying the place from which you start in Snowdon's figure, or by making each bell the hunt in turn.

HERBERT DRAKE.

LAWS ARE NECESSARY.

Sir,—May I congratulate you for so fully publishing so many views on the present controversy, and at the same time trying to interpret to us what the rules and conditions of a peal must be? I am sure all must agree that we must have some laws, like unto the Medes and Persians, and no Council should entertain any exits or entrances but what are already laid down. Methinks that our worthy clergy had better kept to 'splicing' at the chance end of the church, then we should have been saved much confusion.—

T. H. VALLANCE.

JOHN BRIANT'S CENTENARY

AN INVENTIVE GENIUS.

John Briant, the famous Hertford bell founder and clock maker, the centenary of whose death was commemorated on Wednesday by the dedication of a memorial tablet in All Saints' Church, Hertford, lived a long and active life, for he was 80 years old when he died at St. Albans, an inmate of the almshouses, on February 27th, 1829. He plied his calling for more than half a century in Hertford, and there are still more than 400 bells in existence which were cast by him.

'The Hertfordshire Mercury' of March 7th, 1829, contained a lengthy obituary notice of the old founder, in the course of which it said: 'It would be difficult for the most accurate biographer to travel through the versatile ingenuity of the life of the subject of the present narrative; but in justice to the memory of departed worth, we most cheerfully devote rather an unusual space to record the excellence of a man possessing a mind so capacious that shrunk at no difficulties. Mr. Briant was born at Exning, in Suffolk, and was the son of a respectable foreigner, who, at an early age, sent him to a classical and mathematical school at Newmarket, as a preparatory introduction to one of the universities, where it was intended that he should be brought up as a minister of the Established Church. His mind, however, was bent on mechanism, and nothing would suit his inventive genius but the bench of a white-smith's shop. He speedily soared beyond the vice and the anvil to this new capacity, and his predilections for bell founding, for music, and clock making engrossed his sole attention. He was, in every sense of the word, a self-taught mechanic, and became a proficient in each of the sciences in which he had embarked; and his superiority as a founder was allowed by all contemporaries to be unrivalled; but his pre-eminence was conspicuous as a noble founder, of which the bells of Cripplegate Church will be a lasting memory.'

'The town of Hertford is indebted to the Marquis of Salisbury, the grandfather of the present noble Marquis, under whose auspices he commenced his pursuits as a mechanic in this neighbourhood, and of whom, as well as the last-mentioned nobleman, Mr. Briant, when alive, was wont to speak in terms of most grateful remembrance. The first and maiden peal of bells that he was the founder of were those of our own town church of St. Andrew, and were succeeded by those of Hatfield; Barnstable, Devonshire; Shrewsbury; Conquerer; the famous peal of tens, Saffron Walden; North Mimms, etc., etc., and within the last two years of his life he was called to Lincoln by the Dean and Chapter, to communicate upon the best method of recasting the well-known "Great Tom," so called from its immense size and ponderous weight. This appeared to be an object he was most desirous to accomplish, as a masterly finish to a most useful and most industrious life. The infirmities of age, however, checked his progress; but the ingenious models of pulleys invented for the purpose of taking down the bell, were prominent tokens of an unimpaired mind.'

As with his bells, so with his clocks. They are to be found all over the country.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY BRANCH AT WEST HALLAM.

The ring of bells at West Hallam, which has been recently increased in number from six to eight, was made good use of on Saturday, February 23rd, when a monthly meeting of the Derby District was held there. The methods rung included Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, and everybody agreed that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had made an excellent 'splice.'

Tea was provided at the Punch Bowl Inn, fourteen members sitting down, including Mr. J. Pagett, Ringing Master, Derby Cathedral, who greatly entertained the company.

At the subsequent business meeting (presided over by Mr. H. Fletcher), Belper was selected as the place for the next meeting, due notice of which will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT HEREFORD.

The second session of the thirteenth Council (36th meeting) was held in St. Peter's Church House on Tuesday, June 5th, 1928, at 11 a.m. The chair was taken by the president, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who opened the meeting with prayer. There were present 78 members, 36 Guilds and Associations being represented. The Bishop of Hereford welcomed the Council to that city, and expressed his appreciation of the excellent work being done by ringers in bringing the manhood of the country, and particularly of the country villages, into closer touch with the Church. On behalf of the diocese and City of Hereford, he bid them a hearty welcome and God-speed in their work.

The President then thanked the Bishop, and the Council proceeded to discuss the business on the agenda.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read and duly confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, 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. Shephard, A. L. Coleman, G. P. Burton, E. H. Lewis, W. Bolton and A. E. Sharman.

The hon. secretary and treasurer presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £45 3s. 10d., and that this balance, after the receipts and expenditure of the year had been dealt with, was £26 15s. 6d., and, in addition to the invested sum of £100 (nominal). The accounts were audited by Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and J. Griffin, and formally adopted.

The Hon. Secretary further stated that the new edition of the 'Rules and Decisions' of the Council was now published and was on the table. It contained much new matter, including actions of the Council and a short account of its history.

The hon. librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, submitted his report and statement of accounts, which were duly adopted. In view of the revised edition of 'Rules and Decisions,' placed upon the table that day, he proposed that the remainder of the old edition be scrapped, which was agreed to. Following Mr. P. J. Johnson's suggestion to popularise the Council's publications, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn agreed to send parcels, on sale or return, to the various secretaries of associations or any responsible person. The report and statement were then adopted.

The Hon. Secretary said that amongst the additional books now in the library were two 'Copy' peal books of the now defunct 'Trinity Youths' of Deptford, which had been presented to the Council by Mr. F. W. Thornton. On the motion of the hon. secretary, seconded by Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, it was agreed to accept the gift with many thanks.

Mr. E. W. Elwell then reported for the sub-committee revising 'Model rules for a local company,' their work being now completed. He proposed, and Mr. W. H. Hollier seconded, that they be now printed. This, subject to a rider proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and seconded by Mr. J. George, limiting the cost to £5, was agreed to.

The retiring hon. members, Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Mr. J. W. Parker, were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Boughiey, who had tendered his resignation owing to ill-health and advancing years. The standing committee recommended that the place rendered vacant should not be filled. This course was adopted on the motion of Rev. F. L. Edwards and seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

New members of the Council attending for the first time were then formally introduced to the president and welcomed by him.

The Council then dealt with the committee reports as follows:—

STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Secretary having referred to certain correspondence and conversations which had passed between Miss Heywood and the officers of the Midland Counties Association and the Lancashire Association in regard to a proposal to have a memorial bell at Pendleton, in memory of Sir Arthur Heywood, the President said the best course of action would be for an association formally to approach the Council. He also reminded the Council that, at the suggestion of Canon Elsee, a memorial table had just been erected to record Sir Arthur's last peal, and said that Mr. Wilde, who kindly officiated during Canon Elsee's absence abroad, had reported to the committee that morning there was a deficit of £2 7s. 11d., and that amount had been forthwith subscribed. Mr. Wilde was cordially thanked for the trouble he had taken in connection with the memorial tablet.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported for the committee, and said that they now produced the typed results of their work, which was now nearly completed. Mrs. E. K. Fletcher suggested that the one-part peals of Treble Bob should be typed and bound in a similar manner as the first part of the collection had been done.

On the motion of the President, this was agreed to, and Mrs. Fletcher cordially thanked for what, he said, must have been a gigantic task.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The 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.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. Law James reported on behalf of the committee, and stated that they were now practically ready to publish the new edition of Minor Methods. Their recommendations as to the names proposed were as published in 'The Ringing World.' Mr. J. A. Trollope said that they had carefully revised the names and, as promised, had had them published. It would be seen that there had been no abuse of their powers, and that their list was practically that presented by the Analysis Committee at Salisbury; so, despite what has been said, the difference between the two committees was but small. As regards the previously proposed list of amendments, etc., their committee were perfectly neutral, their job being to settle the names in order of priority alone. Whilst there should be an opportunity given for discussing the wider point of view, the time was now past, he thought, for any general review of the names themselves.

After some discussion 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. 27 (for "Dahlia") "Quantock"; and No. 28 (for "Geranium") "Snowdon."

The proposer said that the avoidance of flower names, as suggested, was more dignified as belittling a product of mathematical science, and that they were in substitution of names of recent origin only. Mr. P. J. Johnson, having seconded the motion, Mr. E. W. Elwell expressed the hope that the Council would still support the naming by ringers of a method which they were the first to ring, as had been the actual case with the Chester Guild. Alderman Pritchett and Rev. A. T. Beeston also spoke against the motion which, however, being supported by Messrs. Barker, Cave and others, was eventually carried by 40 to 19.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith then further proposed that the following alteration of names of methods should be made:—

That No. 5 of Treble be renamed "London Treble Bob"; No. 4 of 4th's-place Delight be renamed "Clarence"; No. 14 of 3rd's-place Delight be renamed "Barham"; and No. 36 of 3rd's-place Delight be renamed "Windsor."

The motion, upon being seconded by Mr. J. Hunt, was carried unanimously.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn then moved the deletion of the words 'Castle' and 'Abbey' from the names of Delight methods, which was seconded by Mr. T. H. Beams, and, after some explanatory remarks by the Revs. H. Law James and H. Drake, the motion was carried.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, having called the attention of the Council to certain difficulties which arose in the ringing of some Double Surprise Minor methods, Mr. T. Faulkner also pointed out difficulties which appeared to have arisen in connection with the names 'Primrose' and 'Canterbury,' whereupon Mr. Trollope, for the committee, explained that the name 'Canterbury' had been given to the wrong method in the first edition of the Council's Collection, and subsequently corrected by the Analysis Committee. And in regard to 'Primrose,' though the previous name was an older one, it was generally known in the Exercise to-day as 'Primrose.' He suggested the printing of an appendix of such dual names, which would solve any difficulty. Mr. T. J. Salter then proposed: 'That "King's Norton" should be substituted for "Primrose."' Mr. J. S. Pritchett seconded this, but, on its being put to the meeting, the motion was lost.

The Rev. H. Drake then called attention to the following two names, viz., No. 40 of 3rd's-place Delight, 'Bogedone,' and No. 22 of the Surprise methods, 'Immanuel,' names which he deprecated. The President expressed some concurrence, and his suggestion that the committee should look into these points was accepted, and the committee's statement received.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee was moved by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. The report, he said, had been published in 'The Ringing World,' and he desired to correct one mistake in respect of the length of the record peal of Treble Bob, which was given as 17,284 instead of 17,824. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, and the report was adopted, and on the motion of the President a vote of thanks to the committee for their work was passed.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported for this committee, and said the members had been fairly busy during the year. He called attention to the desirability of the following questions, viz., some agreed arrangement whereby the condition of old bells should be certified before they left the precincts of the church, in order to prevent contentious issues arising after their removal. Also the desirability of considering further the acoustic properties of towers, especially as regards the ringing room. He also thought much

might be done to improve the ventilation of these rooms.—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards seconded and supported the adoption of the report. After some favourable discussion of the honorary librarian's suggestions it was, on the motion of the President, agreed that the committee be instructed to inquire into and report upon the acoustic difficulties referred to, which he declared carried.

Mr. E. M. Atkins, having asked what the committee were doing in respect to the welding of old bells, Major Hesse replied that he had known cases which were quite successful in regard to tone, but it was still questionable how long the bell would survive. After some remarks by Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. Hunt, on the stresses in bells, the Hon. Secretary, also replying for the committee, said that bells were likely to be subjected to such undue stresses, whether they were brazed or recast, and in regard to the former he expressed the hope, as a lover of mediæval bells, that the welding process should be used wherever practicable. The Rev. H. Drake, having referred to some successful cases of welding which had come under his notice and which had worked out very cheaply, the report of the committee was adopted, and the Council adjourned for lunch.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

On the reassembling of the Council, the Rev. A. T. Beeston presented his report and read a list of first peals of new methods and progressive lengths in other methods rung during the present year. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted.

LEGAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. F. A. Milne, on behalf of the committee, desired to report progress, and expressed the hope that a formal report would be ready for next year's meeting. On the motion of the President, the committee's report was accepted.

BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, being asked to report for this committee, he having been elected to give the 'Talk,' said that he had had several interviews with the B.B.C., and they expected the 'Talk' with handbell demonstration to take place in the autumn.

The Hon. Secretary then detailed the work which had been done by himself and other members of the committee in establishing the situation. He seconded the report which, after some further discussion, was adopted.

The Council then proceeded to discuss the motions on the agenda, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, speaking to his resolution, adjourned from the year before, in reference to issuing peal diplomas, said that during the past year he had found that opinion was almost unanimous in his own Guild in favour of these diplomas, and, having dealt with the motion in detail the previous year, he now again formally proposed it.

Mr. J. Hunt, in seconding, said that in the West the proposal found general support. It was further supported by Mr. F. Hopgood and Mr. C. Edwards, but was strongly condemned by Mr. James George.

It was thought by Mr. P. J. Johnson and others, that the proposed diploma should be issued by the affiliated Guilds and not by the Council.

After several other speakers had voiced their views for and against, on a vote being taken, the motion was declared lost.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards then moved his motion, 'Deprecating the discontinuance of the curfew and other traditional bells and calling upon all those associated with the Council to endeavour to prevent such breaches with ancient usage.' Mr. Edwards reviewed this subject historically, presenting many interesting facts for the consideration of the Council, and urged that the subject touched ringing very closely.

Mr. T. H. Beams, in seconding, drew attention to the unfortunate diversion of money left for such purposes and for the upkeep of bells. Several other speakers supported the motion, but Mr. A. Paddon Smith spoke strongly to the contrary, drawing a sharp line between bells in rural and those in urban areas. But he was the only dissident when the motion was carried.

The Hon. Secretary then moved his motion in respect to placing memorial tablets to famous ringers of the past, instancing Annable, Holt, Shipway, etc. He pointed out that the authorities in London of late years were fixing plaques on buildings associated with famous citizens and others, and he thought that the Council and associations with the local Guilds, and at the latter's expense, might arrange for Boulton's to supply a suitably designed series of plaques, which would cost about £5 each. He instanced that the Council had just put up a tablet to the memory of Sir Arthur Heywood. Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded the motion. But, upon its being opposed by Mr. James George, Rev. C. A. Clements, Mr. J. S. Pritchett and others, it was defeated by a large majority.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith then moved his resolution, as follows:—
'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."

Mr. Goldsmith explained the shortcomings of the present rule, and stated that the motion was to place peals of Doubles on parallel lines to peals of Minor. And, while it would not exclude Pitman's spliced 240's of Grandsire, it would rule out that practised by Mr. Morris where each 120 suffered from a repetition of no less than 40 changes. His aim was to raise the standard of peals. The Rev. H. Law James seconded, and explained the working of the proposed arrangement.

The Rev. E. S. Powell supported the motion, but moved a rider 'that in a peal the calling should be as varied as the method or methods would permit.'

After some further remarks by Mr. Coles and Mr. E. M. Atkins, for and against, the motion was carried without dissent, and the rider, on being seconded and put separately, was lost by 13 to 9.

A motion which had been received from Mr. W. Ayre, as regards dealing with cases of sickness amongst members, not having been seconded, was ruled out of order, and the Council proceeded to consider the place for next year's meeting. The President stated that the Standing Committee recommended Chelmsford for 1929, in respect of which they had had an invitation from the Essex Association.

Blackburn, as an alternative, having been proposed and seconded, a vote was taken, and Chelmsford was carried by a large majority.

The above concluded the formal business. But as the hour was not late, the Council gave permission, on the motion of the President, to discuss addenda motions which had been received too late for the agenda paper.

Mr. R. Whittington proposed 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. Mr. Whittington, having explained his scheme, it was seconded by Mr. A. H. Puling, and received general support, including a word of praise from the President, and was carried unanimously. In connection with the motion, Mr. Goldsmith offered to publish in 'The Ringing World,' once a year, a complete list of the secretaries of the affiliated Guilds, in order to facilitate inter-communication.

There were two other motions on the addenda, and which had been considered by the Standing Committee, but the president ruled them out of order. It was also suggested that the motion standing in the name of Mr. Ayre (who was absent) might be brought forward by proxy and seconded, but the proposal to do so, being put by the president, was lost.

The President then referred to the loss the Council had sustained by the death of Mr. Pryer Taylor, who had been a valuable member of the Council and the Standing Committee. He asked those present to stand in silence as a mark of respect, which was done.

The President then said he had much pleasure in asking Mrs. Fletcher (Miss E. Parker) to accept a wedding present collected in the room that day in commemoration of her unselfish work for the Council. Mrs. Fletcher, in accepting the cheque for £5 10s., said she greatly appreciated the kindly thought which had prompted the gift. Her work for the Council had always been one of great pleasure.

A vote of thanks to the president, moved by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, was carried with acclamation, and briefly responded to, and the meeting closed about 5 p.m.

A BIRTHDAY TOUCH.

On Sunday evening last, February 24th, eight members of the Oxford Society rang on St. Giles' bells, Oxford, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: V. Bennett 1, Miss M. Reynolds 2, H. Miles 3, F. Sharpe 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, F. Exon 6, R. Post 7, J. R. Chaundy 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor, all of whose birthdays occur in February.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WALKDEN.—At St. Paul's Church, on February 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for confirmation service: J. Potter 1, S. James 2, B. Walsby 3, J. Denner 4, S. Osakes 5, C. Gudgeon 6, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 7, R. Potter 8. During the ringing a message was brought up to the ringers from the Bishop, complimenting the ringers on the splendid striking.

BUSHEY HEATH.—On Monday, February 11th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Hazell 1, A. Smith 2, T. Norris 3, S. Hoare 4, C. Cook 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, C. Dyke 7, H. Cockram 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Tarrant. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Thursday, January 31st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Walker (first extent of Treble Bob) 1, F. Day 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, W. Melville 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

AN ABRIDGED SYSTEM OF PROOF.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

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OPERATIONS C. AND D.—The Hidden Factors will be the lead-ends of those leads which are indicated by the positional pairs in the combinations (it is unnecessary to bring them 'home' as before); by the Resultants from these Hidden Factors transpose the lead-heads of the coursing pairs, as done in the other system. The results will be the false course ends, with the tenors in the places indicated by the coursing and positional pairs, as usual.

It is a good plan to prepare a table of lead-ends, which will point to the lead-end row of any lead-head immediately, and which will be standard to any regular method. There are seven, any one of which may appear as the first lead-end of a method, and they are given in the first column of the table below. The same seven will, of course, keep recurring, no matter which of them is the first lead-end. The other seven columns are headed by the lead-end which is the first in the method under consideration, and tabulated in each column are the lead-heads, to which the lead-end (in the first column) pertains; e.g., our lead-end in London Major being 1462... etc., we use the fourth column; and, requiring the lead-end of the 2/3 head, for instance, opposite the 2/3 (in column 14...) we find, in column No. 1, the lead-end 15372846.

Lead-end Rows:—	124..	13..	14...	15...	16...	17...	18...
12436587	7/8	6/8	5/7	4/6	3/5	2/4	2/3
13254768	5/7	7/8	3/5	6/8	2/3	4/6	2/4
14628375	6/8	4/6	7/8	2/4	5/7	2/3	3/5
15372846	3/5	5/7	2/3	7/8	2/4	6/8	4/6
16847253	4/6	2/4	6/8	2/3	7/8	3/5	5/7
17583624	2/3	3/5	2/4	5/7	4/6	7/8	6/8
18765432	2/4	2/3	4/6	3/5	6/8	5/7	7/8

We have, then, two combinations from the downward treatment of rows 5-7, viz., 35 in 4/6 and 23 in 6/8, which have to be transposed back to the lead-ends of the positional pairs. Read, in row 5, the Hidden Factors, first the 4/6 lead-end in the table (18765432), and then the 6/8 lead-end (16847253). The resultants, from row 7, are 18762435 and 16847523 respectively. By these we transpose the coursing pair lead-heads (35 and 23). The LH 15738284, transposed by the Resultant 18762435, gives 14625378. The LH 17856342, transposed by (R) 16847523, gives 13254678. Thus we have PC (3/5) — 46253 (4/6), and PC (2/3) — 32546 (6/8), respectively, for the two combinations from the downward treatment.

The upwards combinations we found to be identical, viz.: 35 in 4/6 and 23 in 6/8; the same Hidden Factors read, in row 7, produce, from row 5, identical results with those from the downward treatment. This so happens, and need not of necessity be the case.

There are now four further combinations from the other pair of rows with the treble in third's place (which appear in the lower half of the method), and these combinations will be the reverse of the above, and happen to be in the same courses. Thus we have PC (3/5) — 46253 (4/6), and (the reverse of this) PC (4/6) — 46253 (3/5); then PC (2/3) — 32546 (6/8), and (the reverse) PC (6/8) — 32546 (2/3).

But, while the combinations will be reversed, the false course ends will not, of necessity, be identical.

The other four (i.e., two from the upward treatment of rows 5-7 and their reverse combinations) being duplicates of those already found, this section is proved.

A brief example of an asymmetrical section of a method which has a different lead-end from London:—

Palatine Surprise.

Rows.		Lead-head
1. + 12345678		12345678.
2. — 21354687		Lead-end 13254768.
3. — 12536478		
4. + 21356748	L/E Positional Pairs—(Y) 3/2; 2/4; 4/6, 6/8.	
	(Z) 3/5, 5/7, 7/8.	

Row 2-4 produce no combination, and thus the rows with the treble in second's place have a clean proof scale.

Under 2/4 in row 1 we have 23: this is a combination, 23 in 3/5 (3/5 because the 2/4 of the lead-end replaces the 3/5 of the lead-head). Above 3, — 12536478 3/2, in row 3, we have 42; another combination, 24 in 2/3. (Note: The 3/2 of the lead-end is replacing the 2/3 of the lead-head.)

The Hidden Factor for row 1 is the 3/5 lead-end, which (from the 13... column in our table) we find to be 17583624. The Resultant from row 3 is 17685423. Then the 2/3 lead-head (17856342), transposed by (R) 17685423, gives 14326578, i.e., PC (2/3) — 43265 (3/5).

The Hidden Factor in row 3 is the 2/3 lead-end (18765432), and the Resultant from row 1 is 18753642. The 2/4 lead-head (18674523), by (R) 18753642, gives 13246578, i.e., PC (2/4) — 32465 (2/3).

The other two rows in the lower half of the lead, in reverse combinations, again happen to give identical courses; we get PC (3/5) — 43265 (2/3) and PC (2/3) — 32465 (2/4) respectively, and we have proved this asymmetrical section in a very few minutes.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LLANDAFF.—On February 24th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. F. Williams 1, J. Pitcher 2, G. T. J. Richards (first quarter) 3, Allen Rowley 4, T. Carter 5, G. Large 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, E. Coles 8.

LAMBERTHURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 24th, for the morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, non-conducted: G. Fuller 1, A. Relfe 2, A. H. Smith 3, A. Marshall 4, B. Luck 5, J. Bassett 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Iltyd's Church, on Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, C. H. Perry (conductor) 4, J. Evans 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, W. James 8.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.—At Christ Church, for matins, on Sunday, February 17th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: N. W. Westlake 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, Miss F. Mellic Elvidge 3, A. S. Robinson 4, Miss J. Davenport 5, N. Short (conductor) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey 7, R. E. Johnson 8. Rung as a welcome to Mrs. E. S. Powell, of Clyst St. George, Exeter, a former member of the band. First quarter-peal by Norman Westlake (age 15), and by Miss F. M. Elvidge (age 17).

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sunday evening, February 17th, at All Saints' Church, Highclere, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: N. Scott 1, J. Scott 2, C. Pearce 3, S. Quintin 4, R. Rex 5, F. J. Knapp 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, A. Herrington (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter-peal on the bells since augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, and 5th are from Woolton Hill, 3rd 4th and 7th from Newbury, 6th and 8th from Highclere.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): P. H. Doick 1, A. E. Holden 2, A. V. Corden 3, C. S. Greenfield 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, Alfred Greenfield 6, C. Smart, sen., 7, A. C. Greenfield 8. Composed and conducted by C. Smart, sen. First quarter-peal of Bob Major rung by an entirely local band. First quarter-peal of Bob Major as conductor, and first quarter-peal in this method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 8th.

RUSSLIP, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, evening, February 10th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Bunce, jun., 1, H. Ive 2, P. Thriest 3, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 4, W. Bunce, sen., 5, A. Hunter 6, T. Collins 7, F. W. Collins 8. First quarter-peal on eight bells by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 8th, and believed to be the first quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. Giles' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: B. E. Pountney 1, C. Wallater 2, E. Trubshaw 3, H. Ludford 4, C. Law 5, J. T. Davies 6, S. H. Coley (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit to St. Giles' of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, January 27th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 51 mins.: Miss K. Fletcher 1, Miss P. Moss 2, Miss D. Fletcher 3, H. Wingrove 4, J. Harrison 5, J. Batting 6, R. Buckland 7, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district for Bournemouth.

LATE NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A meeting at Waddesdon, Saturday, March 9th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Waddesdon Deanery Lent Missioner. Tea and business meeting as usual. Please send numbers to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury, by Wednesday, March 6th.

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I am indebted to Mr. George Baker for a courteous explanation of his 'proving value.' It was his use, as a row, of the positions occupied by rounds in another row, which led me to a proper understanding of this fact, viz.: That a string of numbers in a row may typify not only bells or positions, but, upon occasion, both of these. Further, by a cursory examination of the original draft of this article, Mr. Baker was able to correct certain obvious fallacies which appeared therein, for which I owe him thanks. There may be some which still remain, and the interested reader should assure himself, by comparison with the orthodox, that these systems will work satisfactorily.

If he will take this trouble and will master the two systems, it may show profit. He will find that, by using the tables given herein, it is not impossible to satisfy himself, within three minutes, that a method with symmetrical sections has a clean proof scale; and that, well within fifteen, he can prove a method which produces five false course ends in ten combinations.

Provided, as I have said, he is satisfied that the system will 'work.' A supplementary article is to follow on a further means of condensing the proof.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 41st annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 2nd, 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. 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. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—Subscriptions to the Central Council for the year 1929 are now due.

The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whitsun Tuesday, May 21st, and notices of motions must be sent to the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Alex. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6., at once.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30, at which three peal boards will be dedicated. All welcome. — A. J. Green, Wicken, Bletchley, Bucks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Subscriptions for 1929 are now due. — W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne, Essex.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions can be paid at this meeting.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting, Hadleigh, on March 2nd. Bells (8) available, 2. Tea at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 9d., at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd. Dinner at 4 p.m. Bells available from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. All intending to be present please notify.—R. White, Appleton, Berks.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes', Strand, Sunday, 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 1st and 25th, at 7.30 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec., 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at the Coffee Pot, on March 5th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 7th; St. Magnus' on the 14th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; 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 Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, March 9th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Following meeting, a dance and social will be held in Christ Church Parish Hall in aid of the Isleworth Bell Fund. Tickets, 1s. 6d. inclusive, may be had from the hon. secretary, Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Bradley, Dodd's Farm, Fryerning, Ingatestone, not later than Thursday morning, March 7th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. Will those requiring tea please write to Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, not later than March 5th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston (bells 6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 9th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All members and ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, March 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. R. Whittington, Guildford Road, Cranleigh, not later than March 4th.—G. Grover, Hon. Dis. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Flare (6) on Saturday, March 9th. Usual arrangements. Will members requiring tea kindly inform me not later than Thursday, March 7th?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on March 9th at St. Marie's and the Cathedral, Sheffield. Bells open early. Committee meeting 4 p.m. in St. Marie's Presbytery. General meeting 6 p.m., in St. Marie's Presbytery for election of officers. Details of contest for silver cup, etc. Visitors make own arrangements for tea.—R. Harrison, Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Ringing meeting at Newmarket on March 9th. Bells: St. Martin's, Exning (5), St. Mary's (6), All Saints' (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—L. Moon, Ramleh, Newmarket.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Widnes, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special method: Court Bob Triples. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before Tuesday, March 5th. Members are requested to make a special effort to attend this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Quorn on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) will be ready from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify secretary not later than Thursday, March 7th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea in Church Schools 5 p.m., 1s. each, for which applications must be made before March 6th. A hearty invitation is offered by the Vicar and ringers of Royston.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Whetstone on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. This is the first of a series of meetings to be held at some of the 5 and 6-bell towers in the district, now seldom, if ever, visited. It is hoped that members will do their best to support both this and subsequent meetings.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row (8 bells) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1929 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports, etc., to hand. Expecting a good muster of members and visitors.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at Reigate. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at the Parish Hall, Lesbourn Road, at 5.45 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Nominations for officers and representative upon the Central Council (now vacant) should be sent to me in writing at once. All those requiring tea must notify Mr. G. F. Hoad, 20, Warren Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, March 13th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Gen. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (usual terms) and business meeting. Please advise me if you require tea. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be on Saturday, March 16th, at Daybrook. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is essential that all those requiring tea to notify me not later than March 13th.—Frederick W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at 1s. per head. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by Wednesday, the 13th? The business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at the Institute after tea, and a good attendance is desired. The annual report will be available at the meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, March 20th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 1st. Further particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Assistant Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Trustworthy married couple (turned 40) desire position as caretakers or any place of trust. At liberty any time. Man, change ringer on 8, 10 and 12 bells.—Box A, 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking.

HANDYMAN.—Unemployed, desires permanent situation. Married, aged 43 years. Abstainer. General repair work, joinery, turf laying, etc. Bellringer 26 years, St. Margaret's, Tanfield, Co. Durham. Further particulars and references on application to Wm. Irwin, Crookgate, Burnopfield, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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LEICESTER RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester, was entertained to dinner on February 16th at the Wyvern Hotel by their Ringing Master and Mrs. Willson. After a splendid repast, the host, in the absence of the president (Rev. Williams), owing to illness, gave the toast of 'The King.' After dinner, all adjourned to the lounge, where they were treated to musical items, and at the close the host thanked the members of the choir and friends, who had so ably entertained them. This was followed by a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, carried with three hearty cheers, from ringers, their wives and friends.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Monday, February 11th, in 40 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) at St. John's Church: J. Colby 1, F. W. Thornton 2, E. E. Richards 3, P. C. C. Davies 4, P. S. R. Steers 5, A. F. Pedrie 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.—On Wednesday, Feb. 13th, in 40 mins., quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. J. Jeffries 1, F. Richardson (conductor) 2, J. Lamb 3, W. A. Martin 4, P. S. R. Steers 5, A. F. Pedrie 6, P. C. C. Davies 7, F. W. Thornton 8. These quarter-peals were specially arranged for three old ringers, Messrs. F. W. Thornton, E. E. Richards, and J. Lamb, who were for many years ringers at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, a tower which unfortunately has reverted to 'call changes.'

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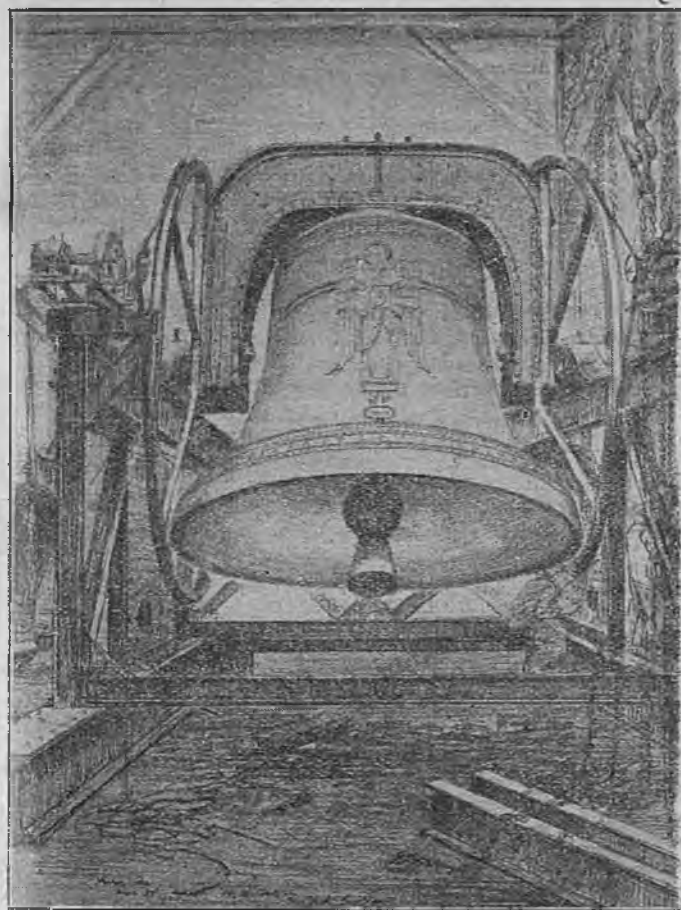
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APPRECIATION.

One of the most striking things about our ringing organisations is the amount of work which many of the officials put in out of sheer love of the art and a desire to do all in their power to promote it. There are men holding office to-day who have been carrying on their task without fee or reward for more than a quarter of a century. Neither the apathy of the majority of the ringers nor their disinclination to shoulder either work or responsibility, deters these bulwarks of the Exercise from giving up their time and labour in the interests of ringing and of the organisations which they have done so much to foster. These men are the backbone of the Exercise. It is they who labour that others may benefit; they who plan that others may enjoy the result of their energy and their enterprise. But with all the seeming indifference of ringers, there are occasions when the rank and file readily show that beneath the surface there is wholehearted appreciation of what has been done on their behalf. Such an opportunity has just occurred at Birmingham, where Mr. A. Paddon Smith has retired from the secretaryship of St. Martin's Guild after filling the office with efficiency and distinction for exactly twenty years, precisely the period, curiously enough, that the post was occupied by his predecessor.

Twenty years is a long time for anyone to give in voluntary service to any cause and, although the duties may not always be exacting, the office of secretary to a large ringing Guild, especially one like St. Martin's, which organises an annual gathering that is something in the nature of a national event, involves an amount of labour which none but those who have undertaken it can fully realise. Mr. Paddon Smith has severed his connection with office to the great regret of the members, who have not been slow to mark their appreciation of all he has done for them. The presentation made to him at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday was a tangible recognition of that ungrudging labour, which has in no small measure contributed to the building up of the St. Martin's Guild to the position it holds to-day among the foremost ringing societies in the country. St. Martin's Society was for long of purely parochial, or, at best, of limited urban importance. But it had great traditions in the annals of ringing and gradually attracted to its ranks the leading exponents of the art throughout the country, who were led to visit Birmingham on account of the part which it played in the Exercise. Then came the formation of the diocese of Birmingham, and St. Martin's Society seized its opportunity for expansion. The twenty years during which Mr.

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Smith has had a guiding hand upon the reins have seen a development which could hardly have been dreamt of when his predecessor was elected to office, exactly forty years ago, and the incident of Saturday last, which in a sense marked the conclusion of another stage in the history of the old society, must have given as much pleasure to the members as it did to the recipient of the tokens of their esteem and appreciation.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MELTON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

C. HENRY WEBB	Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	PERCY HARRISON	7
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ...	3	JOSEPH S. CARTER	8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	4	ERNEST MORRIS	9
HAROLD J. POOLE	5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	Tenor

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM ATTERBURY	Treble	HARRY MARLOW	6
FRED WILFORD	2	* WILLIAM PARKER	7
TOM TEBBUTT	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	8
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE	4	FRED HOPPER	9
JOHN T. HENSMAN	5	ARTHUR TOMPKINS	Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters, also first peal on ten bells. The ringer of tenor hails from Finedon, the rest are local.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN	Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ...	5
NELSON ELLIOTT	2	BERNARD WELLS	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	3	CECIL NICE	7
KENNETH SNELLING	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 25, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD BULLEN	Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS	5
MISS FRED A. ORR	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	6
* EDWIN F. PIKE	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
* WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in the City of London.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Saturday, February 23rd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for practice in 45 mins.: H. Thorpe 1, J. Thorpe (conductor) 2, R. Harrison 3, E. Derby 4, J. Smithson 5, W. Stubley 6, E. Thorpe 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
*MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE U.F. CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

MISS A. I. WHITSON Treble	H. MANN 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	A. E. WREAKS 6
R. J. G. THOM 3	W. C. S. HEATHCOTE 7
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS 4	STEPHEN H. WOOD Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

This is the 3rd peal on the bells, and the first in the method. It is also the first of Bob Major in West of Scotland and the first peal in the West of Scotland by a band resident in the country. Messrs. Wreaks, Thom, Mann and Wood and Miss Whitson were elected members in the belfry. Ringers of treble, 4th, 5th and 7th are from Edinburgh, 3rd and 6th from Paisley, 2nd from Wishaw, and tenor from Glasgow.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*TOM SAUNDERS Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	ALBERT RELEE 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 50th peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES H. PERRY Treble	*JOHN PHILLIPS 5
FRANK J. BAILEY, SEN. 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	ERNEST COOMBS Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now rung each bell in the tower so a peal.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

JOS*PH BROADLEY Treble	*SAM GIBSON 5
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD 2	*HARRY MARSDEN 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD 7
*HAROLD SENIOR 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's place; the 5th and 6th the extent in 5th's, without the 2nd in 6th's place.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WELLING Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ARTHUR MARTIN 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 4	WILLIAM COLES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The above was substituted for London Surprise Major in the absence of the treble man. Mr. Coles, step-keeper, kindly made the team up and rang well.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST S. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
*REGINALD C. KERSEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
*CHARLES LOVETT 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6
WILLIAM J. WASEY 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal in the method.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

VERNEY BAIRSTOW Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR 5
*JOHN WINDLE 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN. 6
WILLIAM AMBLER 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 7
*WILLIE FOSTER 4	MILLIGAN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

* First peal of Oxford. Ringer of 3rd from Queensbury, 6th from Keighley, the rest from Denholme.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	*ALBERT FLEMING 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

STEPHEN SLEET Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 4
DAVID SLEET 2	HERBERT HANCOCK 5
MISS MOLLY THOMPSON ... 3	FREDERICK WALLACE Tenor

Conducted by H. J. CHAFFEY.

First peal and first attempt by all except the conductor, also first peal of Doubles by the conductor. All are local service ringers. The band only started change ringing on the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. E. S. POWELL Treble	*JOHN M. SKINNER 4
MRS. POWELL 2	*JOHN R. HAYMAN 5
THOMAS LAVER 3	FRANK J. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CECIL NICE Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 4
KENNETH SNELLING 2	*NELSON ELLIOTT 5
*REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. Treble	LESLIE GROOM 4
†JAMES M. NICKERSON 2	FRANK KIRK 5
*CYRIL WILSON 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal in seven methods. † 70th peal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Nickerson (February 28th) and Messrs. Nickerson and Kirk (March 2nd).

WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM H. COOPER Treble	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
HAROLD V. COOPER 3	*THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in seven methods.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

ROBERT HOWARD Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

CHICHELEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Woodbine, two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	PERCY BONNETT 4
JOHN POTTER 2	ERNEST FREEMAN 5
FRANK TYSON 3	LEONARD TURNER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TURNER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife, also to the treble ringer's eldest son. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Rector of Chicheley for the use of the bells.

ALLIANCE MINOR.

On handbells at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, 720 Spliced Perivale Alliance and Little Bob Minor has been rung by J. Armiger Trollope 1-2, Ernest C. S. Turner 3-4, Wilfred G. Wilson (conductor) 5-8. This is the first 720 ever rung in the method.

PERIVALE ALLIANCE.

123456

214365

241356

423165

243615

426351

462315

643251

463521

645312

654321

563412

653142

561324

516342

153624

156342

SALISBURY PLAIN.

(Tune, 'The Farmer's Boy.')

As o'er 'The Plain' I wend my way,

To take the Tenor Bell,

The dark brown earth, well strewn with flint,

Yields up a goodly smell.

The covey whirrs away on wing,

And 'puss' leaps up and flees.

The peewhite pipe their mewing cry

As they swing-to in the breeze—the breeze.

As they swing-to in the breeze.

The only music that I hear,

Born on the fitful wind,

Is 'Grandsire' mingling with the lark,

A mile or so behind.

No rasping Klaxon's shriek doth break

God's peace on earth this morn,

For Satan's surely bound to-day,

And nought but peace is born—is born,

And nought but peace is born.

Hark! Netheravon raise their bells,

So we must speed our ways.

The plunging 'sallies' soon shall mark

The music of God's praise.

And the ring of six their voices mix

With a world that's good to-day.

Thus this dear, dear land shall ever stand

The grey set pearl it ever lay,

The pearl it ever lay.

'CASCABLE.'

JOHN BRIANT.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE HERTFORD BELL FOUNDER.

The centenary of the death of John Briant, the noted Hertford church bell founder and turret clockmaker, was celebrated at Hertford, on Wednesday, February 27th, the anniversary of his death. Briant was a native of Suffolk, and came to Hertford when 30 years of age, set up a bell foundry in Parliament Row, and for 45 years was famous throughout England as a church bellfounder and turret clockmaker. We are indebted to the 'Herts Mercury' for the following report of the proceedings:—

The centenary celebration took the form of a memorial service at All Saints' Church, Hertford, where, through the instrumentality of the East Herts Archaeological Society, a tablet has been erected by public subscription, and fixed on the south-east pillar of the tower. This tablet was unveiled during the service by the Mayor of Hertford, Sir Lionel Faudel-Phillips, Bart., in the presence of a representative gathering of bellringers and archaeologists from London and all parts of Hertfordshire.

The tablet is composed of bell metal, and bears the following inscription:—

'I'm satisfied with the station of life that God has placed me in. I've enjoyed more real pleasure in my favourite pursuits than the wealth of India could afford.'—John Briant.

JOHN BRIANT.

Bellfounder and Turret Clock Maker, of Parliament Row, Hertford, passed to his rest 27th February, 1829, in his 81st year.

To perpetuate the memory of an honest man and famous craftsman this tablet was erected 27th February, 1929.'

Mr. Herbert C. Andrews, the hon. secretary of the East Herts Archaeological Society, at the conclusion of the service, stated that two years ago it came to the knowledge of the society that one of Hertford's humble, though most worthy citizens had never received the recognition that was due to him, viz., John Briant, famous throughout England as a bell founder and clockmaker. As a result of a suggestion then made they were assembled that afternoon to unveil a tablet which had been erected to his memory.

Sir Lionel Faudel-Phillips, having unveiled the tablet, said: It is a great pleasure to me to come here to unveil the tablet erected to the honour of that great bellfounder and turret clockmaker, John Briant, of Hertford, who died one hundred years ago to-day, and whose mortal remains lie in the churchyard of All Saints', adjoining this beautiful edifice. John Briant was a great craftsman; a man of whom Hertfordshire might well be proud. His work is known all over the country; his voice speaks regularly to us from many towers and turrets, far and wide. Like many other master craftsmen, he died a complete failure, financially, in the Marlborough Almshouses at St. Albans, a very striking testimony to his own words in which he said: 'I'm satisfied with the station of life that God has placed me in. I've enjoyed more real pleasure in my favourite pursuits than the wealth of India could afford.' Many who hear the beautiful results of John Briant's genius throughout the whole country will agree that it is a right and proper thing that this tablet, which I have had the honour to unveil to-day, should be erected as a perpetual memorial to his name and fame.

In the absence of the Archdeacon of St. Albans, who was unable to be present through illness, the dedicatory prayers were then pronounced by the Rural Dean of Hertford, the Rev. N. T. Gardner, Rector of St. Andrew's, commencing with the words: 'We dedicate this tablet to the Glory of God and in memory of his servant, John Briant.'

The service was conducted by the Vicar of All Saints', the Rev. T. Landolph Smith, and the lesson was read by Mr. Herbert Andrews.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Town Clerk (Mr. Alfred Baker) and Alderman W. H. Brewster as officially representing the Corporation, but owing to death and illness many other members were prevented from attending.

Before and after the service the members of the Hertford Society of College Youths rang touches on All Saints' bells, which were half-muffled, and again in the evening they rang on St. Andrew's Church bells, which were made by John Briant. Two of the old bells at All Saints' before the church was burnt down in 1891 were also made by him, and were used in the casting of the new peal.

John Briant's tombstone in All Saints' Churchyard has been restored and renovated at the expense of the East Herts Archaeological Society, and after the service on Wednesday four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths came from London for the celebration, with Mr. E. Alexander Young, and rang a course of Grand-sire Triples, standing around the tomb. The ringers were: F. W. Richardson, Brockley, 1-2; W. H. Lawrence, Great Munden, 3-4; C. F. Winney, St. Paul's Cathedral, 5-6; and G. Croft, Hitchin, 7-8. Mr. J. A. Dart was also present.

The Vicar of All Saints', in the course of an address at the end of the service, paid a tribute to the memory of John Briant, who, he said, died a poor man, but not poor in achievement and reputation. He admired the contented mind and heart of such a man as well as his independent spirit, and they did well to honour his memory in the way they were doing that day. They could all learn a lesson of great happiness from this humble man's career and achievement.

The visitors afterwards partook of tea together at the Dimsdale Arms Hotel, and at an informal meeting of the members of the East Herts Archaeological Society, Sir Lionel Faudel-Phillips, Bart., was made a member along with several other visitors. Sir Lionel, in thanking Mr. Andrews for carrying out the arrangements for the centenary celebration, said it was a great pleasure to be present, because he was a great lover of all things beautiful. It was a great satisfaction to do honour to such a man as John Briant, who made things that were good and beautiful as well as useful. 'I am almost a worshipper of clocks,' said Sir Lionel. 'I have 75 clocks, and keep them all going, and they have been a fascinating study to me all my life. It is a pleasure, therefore, to honour, as we are doing to-day, a man who was a great clockmaker, as well as a famous bell founder.'

Mr. H. C. Andrews responded to a vote of thanks to him, and then gave an interesting and instructive address on the life and work of John Briant, with a list of the bells and clocks made by him, the places where they are erected, their dates, and the inscriptions upon them. Of John Briant's 422 known bells, 101 are in Hertfordshire, 46 in Bucks, 43 in Essex, 39 in Northants, 36 in Oxon, 31 in Leicestershire, 22 in Warwickshire, 22 in Cambs, 19 in Shropshire, 18 in Lincolnshire, 14 in Beds, 12 in Suffolk, 8 in Devon, 4 in Ireland, 3 in Middlesex, 2 in Staffordshire, and one each in Kent and Worcestershire. Briant's clocks are to be found at Blenheim Palace, Belvoir Castle, Hatfield House, Hatfield Woodside, Woodhall Park, Panshanger, Watton Church, Balls Park (Hertford), Wallham Abbey, Bishop's Stortford, the Shire Hall, St. Andrew's Church, and Kingsmead School, Hertford.

The Vicar of Christ Church, Warc (the Rev. Frank Hobson) proposed, and Mr. E. Alex. Young seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Andrews and the Archaeological Society for giving them all an opportunity of honouring a great man.

Mr. Eeles, secretary of the Central Council of the Church of England for the Care of Churches, supported the vote of thanks, and said that the society he represented was deeply interested in the safeguarding of English church bells, and all the glorious traditions associated with church bellringing. Here in England we had developed, he said, something that no one else had ever developed in any other part of the world. Whatever might be said in favour of the carillon system of ringing mechanically a multitude of bells, or of the huge single bells of the Continent, it was characteristic of the English that they were the only people who had developed change ringing on church bells, a tradition of which both the country and the Church of England might well be proud. It rested with the Church authorities and churchpeople generally to jealously guard those splendid peals of bells.

The lettering of the tablet is founded on an inscription on Trojan Column at Rome. The design of the bell was supplied by Meas and Stainbank. The tablet was made by the Warham Guild, Margaret Street, Oxford Circus.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Fareham, and altogether about 40 were present from Alverstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Titchfield and Wickham, with visitors from King's Sonborne, Southampton and Ryde.

During the afternoon the Guild service was held, which was choral, and was conducted by the Vicar. An excellent address was given by the Vicar of Portsea, the Ven. Geoffrey C. L. Lunt.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Parish Hall, the Vicar of Fareham presiding in the absence of the Vicar of Portsea, who had to return early to Portsmouth.

The balance sheet, which was presented by the auditor, showed receipts amounting to £22 2s. 6d., and expenditure 45 18s. 4d., leaving the district in credit by £16 4s. 2d.

All the officers were re-elected, as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds; representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. F. A. Burnett and R. J. Stone.

The Vicar of Portsea was elected an honorary member, and the following as ringing members: The Rev. A. Cory and Messrs. D. Faulkner and S. Churcher (Fareham), H. White, jun. (Alverstoke), and F. C. Love (Titchfield).

It was decided, subject to consent, to hold the next district meeting at Havant on April 27th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of Fareham and Titchfield for the use of the bells, to the Vicar of Portsea for addressing the members, and to the organist and choir who had helped to make the service so enjoyable.—In reply, the Rev. A. Cory said how pleased they were to welcome the Guild to Fareham, especially as he was a ringer himself. He hoped that in the near future the scheme for the completion of the tower and the restoration of the bells would be accomplished, so that at Fareham they might have a first-class band of ringers.

After the meeting some of the members returned to the tower for further ringing, whilst others visited Titchfield to ring on the peal of six bells there. In the course of the day the ringing ranged from Grand-sire Triples to Surprise Minor and Major.

WHAT SHALL CONSTITUTE A PEAL?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Powell's letter in your issue of February 15th, 1929, giving notice of his intention of ringing a certain arrangement of 5,040 rows of Grandsire Triples, I question his statement that 'it is, in fact, exactly similar in all respects to any individual 720 in Mr. Bankes James' arrangement.' No one questions the truth of the first 719 rows of any individual 720 in Mr. Bankes James' peal; it is the 720th row that all the fuss is about. Now, my point is that we can get from the 719th row back to rounds (assuming that the 720 started from rounds) by either making a plain lead change or a bob change, and I submit that this is essentially different from Mr. Powell's idea of ending his peal of Grandsire Triples with the row 2164735.

I wish to make it clear that I am not using this argument in favour of the contention that Mr. James' peal of Cambridge Minor complies with the Central Council's rules, but simply as a means of pointing out the difference between the two cases.

In any case, Mr. Powell cannot expect his performance (if successful) to be accepted by the Central Council as a true peal in face of the 'conditions required for peals' (see page 15 of Rules and Decisions of the Council, 2nd edition, 1927, which, to the best of my knowledge, has not been superseded), which begins: 'On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.' This is perfectly definite, and, to my mind, leaves Mr. Powell no loophole of escape.

With regard to the much-debated question of 720's of Minor, it seems to me that the whole matter hinges on whether we consider rounds as the first row of the 720 or the last. If we admit that rounds is counted as the first row, we are well on the way to admitting Mr. James' Cambridge Minor as a true peal. It does at least come round at the end. [Of course, some of the 720's would not start with 123456, but with 142356 and 134256, but if we admit a 720 starting with 123456, and ending at handstroke in the 124365, we might as well admit one starting with 134256 and ending with 132465.]

Now the point is, are we prepared to admit that rounds is counted as the first row and need not appear at the end? Is the Central Council, as representing the Exercise as a whole, prepared to admit this? On all numbers of bells greater than six the 'conditions required for peals,' which I have quoted above, provides a perfectly definite answer in the negative. 'A peal must start from and end with rounds.' I would draw particular attention to the word 'from'; a peal starts from, not with rounds.

It may be argued with reason, though not with finality, that this applies also to 720's of Minor and 120's of Doubles, as the word 'peal' was often used to mean 'extent' in the case of five and six bells. I suggest that when this condition was laid down it was meant to apply not only to 'peals' but to 'touches' generally, though this is merely conjecture and cannot be used as proof one way or the other.

Now, Mr. Law James, in his letter in your issue of February 22nd, 1929, falls into a not uncommon, but none the less grievous, error of argument. He sets out boldly by stating what he wants to prove, and then draws various conclusions, making no attempt whatever to substantiate his statements. This is no proof at all. Mr. James says: '... We get 123456, which is not part of the first 720 but the first row of the 2nd 720,' and again, later on, 'This ... brings us back to the first 123456, which is not the last row of the peal but only the first row repeated.'

On what authority does Mr. James make these statements, and how does he reconcile the second of them with the above extract from the Central Council's Rules and Decisions, which, I think, will bear repetition, 'A peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds'?—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

21, Peel Street, Partick, Glasgow.

'A TANGLE.'

Sir,—My remarks in your issue of February 22nd were not intended to be offensive in any way, but were written in the same spirit as Mr. James concluded his letter in your issue of February 15th.

And now I turn to his answers to my questions. In answering the first one, and in order to convince your readers that his brother's arrangement of Cambridge is true, he gets himself into a tangle. He says that 123456 is the first row and 124365 the last row of the 1st 720. After describing the other five, he ends with 'the 7th the same as the 4th.' It is quite clear that he has taken the original WRW as the 1st 720, as none of the others will fill the bill. If Mr. James will look at the peal again he will find that 142356, not 134256, is the reputed lead-head of the 4th 720, and ends with one of the Q sets hobbled. Does he want your readers to believe that 132465 is the last row in the peal, or must the bob operate and bring up 123456, which is the 217th change of the last 720? If so, I think he has set himself a very hard task to convince the majority of your readers.

(Continued in next column.)

BRISTOL RINGERS AND CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PROPOSAL NOT TO AFFILIATE.

A proposal that the Gloucester and Bristol Association should cease to be affiliated to the Central Council was made to the monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch held at St. Peter's, Bristol, on February 23rd, when about 50 members attended.

During the afternoon the bells were rung to all the popular methods, and the service was taken by the Vicar, who also gave a very interesting address. Tea followed in the Parish Room, after which a short business meeting was held, at which six performing members were elected.

The Chairman said that it had been suggested to him that if the secretary could obtain a charabanc for the convenience of members attending the annual meeting at Chippenham, it would be of great assistance. He put it to the meeting, and it was decided that the secretary should, if possible, obtain one.

Mr. Guise, one of the association's representatives on the Central Council, gave notice of a proposition to alter rule No. 1 by the deletion of the words, 'and shall be affiliated to the Central Council.' He said the constitution of the Central Council rules was not that of a true representation of ringers throughout England, and that the associations had no voice in their rulings except in such cases where the representatives chosen thought alike with their associations. The question of diplomas for ringers was definitely referred to the associations, and the representatives, upon obtaining instruction from their associations, were told by the president of the Central Council last year that they were to vote as members of the Council and not as delegates. He said, further, that as hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, he accepted the office of representative, and now that he was conversant with the rules of the Central Council, he felt that he could no longer act in this capacity, as the word meant nothing of value to the association. He pointed out that the rules of the Council stated that no member should vote until the association he represented had paid the fee of 2s. 6d., and upon this rule being carried out a further rule stated that the representative would be a member of the Council and not necessarily a representative of his association.

Mr. J. Gould said he heartily agreed with what Mr. Guise had said, and would give him all his support.

This finished the business, and Mr. Gould, thanking all for their presence, vacated the platform in favour of the chairman of the Bristol United Guilds, whose annual meeting followed immediately.

NEW RING OF EIGHT IN STAFFS.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW TREBLES AT ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE.

The forty odd ringers who turned up at Rolleston-on-Dove, Staffs, on Saturday, February 23rd, were well rewarded for their journey by hearing a very fine peal of eight just completed by the two beautiful trebles which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have added to the already good ring of six, three of which bells were cast at the Loughborough foundry in 1908.

The dedication was performed by the Rev. H. E. Worthington, Rector of Netherseal, the Rev. Wm. Bagnall, Rector of Rolleston, the Vicar of Tutbury assisting. There was a large congregation present, including ringers from Burton-on-Trent, Cheadle, Ilkeston, Lichfield, Loughborough, Uttoxeter, and neighbouring towers of Rolleston.

After the dedication of the two new bells, some 'clockwork' rounds were rung for two minutes by a mixed band of ringers, one of whom was Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, the donor of the second bell.

Tea was generously provided by the churchwarden in the Parish Room, after which the ringers returned to the tower, some well-tapped Double Norwich Major revealing how well the trebles could be heard when the tenor was 'turned in.'

The newly-augmented peal has been hung in a new framework in two tiers, and the disposition of the bells must have been very thoughtfully worked out, for there is a splendid evenness of tone from treble to tenor, both in the ringing chamber and outside the tower.

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With regard to the answer to the second question, I am not much enamoured with it. It is really no answer at all. I quite admit that to keep 5.6 the right way is the best, but to obtain this result by splitting up 720's into incomplete 720's with rows that repeat is not a step in the right direction. Mr. James knows as well as anyone that it is possible to obtain complete 720's of London with a minimum number of 5.6's at hand spread over two or three leads, and which 80 per cent. of the ringers would never notice. It is by far the best way.

Upwards of 25 years ago I tried every combination possible to obtain 720's with 5.6 right, but as they did not conform to the rule, 'true and complete,' they were never published.—Yours faithfully,

C. SEVERN.

Killamush.

BISHOP DEDICATES PEAL BOARDS.

On Saturday, March 2nd, in the Parish Church at Wicken, three oak peal boards were dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Norman Lang. One of the peal boards was dedicated in honour of the Rev. H. Nelson Ward, M.A., and the peal recorded thereon was rung as a peal of thanksgiving for the services he had rendered to the church and parish.

The second peal board was dedicated in honour of the Rev. Canon Carroll, M.A., and this peal was rung as a welcome on his coming to this church and parish.

The third peal board recorded two peals by the combined ringers of Stony Stratford and Wicken. These peals were rung as a token of the good fellowship between the two belfries, and to show how much they can help each other to advance in change ringing. In the prayer of dedication of the board, mention was made of a former leader of the Wicken ringers, Joseph Reid, who passed away in 1921.

An address was given by the Bishop, who spoke of the good work that had been accomplished by Mr. Nelson Ward, and of the great interest he had taken in their bellringing, and also in their associations. Canon Carroll, he added, was carrying on the same work, and he hoped that he would be there for many years. The Bishop said that that service was to him a unique one. He had not assisted one exactly like it in all his twenty years' work in the diocese, and it was one in which he was very much pleased to take part. He said how fine a thing it was to ring a peal in honour of the work that one minister had done, and then to ring a peal of welcome to his successor. He also said how good it was to have ringers from other parishes at such a service as that, for each church should get outside and beyond its own parish, if they were to promote the spirit of friendliness and fellowship.

The peal boards were made by Mr. E. Shakeshaft and Mr. Aubrey Barbey.

After the service a tea was given in the school by Canon Carroll. The Bishop took the chair, supported by the Revs. R. Gore-Browne, R. Howes, F. H. Lawson, Mr. Andrew Gore-Brown, and Canon Carroll, the Hon. Mrs. Gore-Browne and the Misses Carroll. There were about fifty-five ringers and friends present.

After tea, the Rev. R. Howes proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Carroll for his hospitality, to which the Rector replied.

An exhibition of handbell ringing was finely given by Messrs. Lambert, H. Sear, A. J. Green, T. Roberts and F. Case. The ladies in charge of the tea were Miss Cannings, Mesdames Cashmore, Pitson Sorrell and Shakeshaft.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Market Lavington on Saturday, March 2nd. After the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Stourton, B.A.), who is a ringer, and a former chairman of the branch, a peal board was dedicated by the Vicar, recording a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung by the Market Lavington ringers (the Vicar himself being one of them) on February 15th, 1928.

Tea followed, to which 21 sat down, after which a short business meeting was held, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. The Chairman said he had that afternoon attended the annual committee meeting of the Guild at Salisbury, and the question of a form of service for the dedication of peal boards was discussed, and favourably received. Among the other business disposed of was the selection of Bridport, Dorset, for the annual meeting of the Guild, if it could be arranged there. The Chairman also stated that that day was the 62nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Brownlee West. Mr. West was formerly secretary of the branch, and was one of the vice-presidents of the Guild. He asked Mr. Wicks, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. West, to convey the congratulations and best wishes of the branch to Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee West.

The death of Mr. Cecil Hampton, formerly of Devizes, who was an enthusiastic ringer when living in the district, was reported, and all present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. W. Parker, of Marden, was elected a ringing member of the Guild.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and those who prepared the tea. He congratulated the ringers on their first peal.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to have the meeting at Market Lavington, and thanked those of the branch who had assisted in teaching the Market Lavington ringers, especially mentioning Mr. S. Hillier, of Devizes, who, he regretted, was not present on account of illness.

Ringers were present was Market Lavington, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, St. James', Southbroom, Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon, Rowde, Holt, Melksham, Trowbridge and Eriestoke, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

SHERBORNE, HANTS.—At St. John's Church, on February 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. C. Hammond 1, W. Hunt 2, C. Ostler 3, W. Ford 4, H. Balaam (conductor) 5, J. Chesterman 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Seventy years ago to-day a peal of 10,047 Stedman Caters was rung in 6 hrs. 16 mins. at Aston 'by a miscellaneous company.' 'The above peal,' says the record, 'was rung single-handed, and what eminently combines to enrich this performance is, it was rung at the first attempt, and is the greatest number of changes ever completed in this intricate system. It was composed for this occasion by Henry Johnson and ably conducted by John Perks.'

On March 8th, 1737, a peal of 12,603 Grandsire Caters was rung at Norwich in 8 hrs. 15 mins., and was the longest in the method up to that time. Indeed, it was a great performance, seeing how short a time before that the first ten-bell peal was rung.

The first peal of Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark by the College Youths on March 12th, 1758.

The London Scholars, who afterwards became the Royal Cumberland Youths, rang the first peal on the twelve bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, on March 14th, 1727. It was a 6,006 Grandsire Cinqnes. The next day the College Youths went there, and rang a peal of 6,314 in the same method.

During the recent hard frost, Mr. E. Harry Stoneley, of Stoke Golding, the well-known Leicester and Hinckley District ringer, skated no less than 200 miles on the canal in six days. On one evening he did 23½ miles at a stretch. Mr. Stoneley is a great cyclist, and has cycled thousands of miles for ringing. He was one of the band which rang the record 12,696 Cambridge Surprise Major.

ST. GEORGE'S, SOUTHWARK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the announcement contained in 'The Ringing World' dated February 15th regarding the tower of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, which is now the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police Guild. It was stated that only call changes had been rung here for many years.

This church formerly possessed a very able band of change ringers, but its activities had to be suspended during the war. The society lost several of its members in the war, but it was restarted with the introduction of a few recruits, of whom I was one, and subsequently met with a good measure of success in change ringing. On the arrival of the present Rector, however, things were made too uncomfortable for any self-respecting body, with the result that the members desired to sever their connection.

Since that time, it is true, I believe, that no regular change ringing has taken place. I cannot help wondering whether the Rector still intends to make the stipulation that only those who attend the services shall be allowed to ring the bells, and, further, whether the Police Guild has agreed to observe this rule. Some, no doubt, would be inclined to sympathise with a church possessing a good ring of bells which are not often rung, but if the Rector's general attitude remains as it was I cannot prophesy a long and happy connection with any ordinary company of change ringers.—Yours faithfully,

19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

A. H. KEIGHLEY.

February 26th, 1929.

MINOR METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of March 1st, page 138, are the official minutes of the Central Council meeting of June 5th, 1928. I read that this motion was carried unanimously: '... That No. 5, Treble Bob, be renamed "London Treble Bob"; No. 4, 4th's-place Delight, be renamed "Clarence"; No. 14, 3rd's-place Delight, "Barham"; No. 36, 3rd's-place Delight, "Windsor." ...'

In your issue of September 7th, 1928, there is a list of revised names, asking for correction. I read: '... No. 5, Treble Bob, "Rochester"; No. 4, 4th's Delight, "St. Werburg"; No. 36, 3rd's Delight, "Balmoral." ...'

What, please, is the explanation? If you cannot add your editorial note, perhaps Mr. Trollope would be kind enough to enlighten us.

I wonder if Mr. Trollope would be kind enough to take his list, as published on September 7th, 1928, and say, definitely, that all of the names stand, except numbers so-and-so, which are now so-and-so.

I think we six-bell ringers would like it to be definite; quite a number of us have the old 'Collection' which we should be glad to bring up to date. And we have waited a very long while!—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

St. John's, Leytonstone.

THE OLD MANCHESTER RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re the article published in your issue of the 22nd ult., and headed 'An old Manchester record,' I think that there must be a great error, either on the part of the writer of the same, or otherwise the printers, or composers, inasmuch, if you read carefully, you will note that the peal Kent Treble Bob Royal, consisting of 8,000 changes, is recorded as having been rung on February 23rd, 1830, whereas in another part of the matter it is stated that the bells were not augmented to a peal of ten until the year 1835, or five years later than the impossible peal on eight bells.

Manchester.

W. BROWN.

[The peal was described as 'Royal' in the old record.—Ed. "R.W."]

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

The forty-first gathering of ringers popularly known as the 'Johnson Dinner' took place in Birmingham on Saturday, and although the attendance suffered somewhat through the illness of many who would otherwise have been present, the Connaught Room of the Imperial Hotel was filled with a representative and happy company. In the afternoon the new bells at St. Martin's Church were tried by a number of visitors who thoroughly enjoyed the experience, while others went to the Cathedral where the 'pleasure' was tempered by the opportunity of ringing on a badly-going peal of poor bells. However, the belfries were the rallying point of the gathering, and a company of nearly 140 sat down to dinner later, under the chairmanship of the Rector of Birmingham (Canon T. Guy Rogers). He was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), Rev. W. Riley (Shirley), Lt.-Col. Danielsen (Edgbaston), Mr. J. J. Kendall (churchwarden of St. Martin's), Mr. W. R. Heaton, Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary of the Guild), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (vice-president) and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. J. Bullock (Master of the College Youths), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. Clark, Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon). Among the visitors were Messrs. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), E. W. Elwell (hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild), J. Jagger (Old Hill), Capt. J. H. R. Frechorn (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. F. Perrins (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. Coppock and Miss I. Thompson (Nottingham), Messrs. C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), F. E. Dawe (Woking), G. R. Pye (Romford), G. Dent (Harlow), W. H. Barber (Newcastle), H. W. Wilde (Chester), E. Bishop (Swindon), W. Saunders (Coalbrookdale), W. Thomas and W. Knight (Bristol), T. King (Bath), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), W. Short (Clent), W. Elton (Walsall), S. R. Roper (Croydon), S. Palmer and W. Bugar (Sheffield), J. W. Pemberton (Erdington), etc. Among the officers of the Guild were Messrs. J. George and J. H. Shepherd (vice-presidents), E. Allaway, and there were members of the Guild from all the towers in and around Birmingham.

After dinner the toast of 'The King' was drunk, and Mr. T. H. Reeves then proposed 'Church and State.'

SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

Mr. Reeves said that owing to little criticisms and the differences between the various ruling bodies of the Church, the average layman did not know quite where he stood. They had the challenge of the scientists which apparently knocked the very foundations of the faith of the Church away, but really did nothing of the sort. Science itself was constantly developing, and what was once accepted as true is proved by new knowledge to be false; whereas the foundations of the Church were in truth itself, and the developments of science only go to prove more and more how sure are the Church's foundation. As regards the State, there were many who would like to see the Church freed from any connection with the State, especially after the recent controversy. The union was to the Church a matter of secondary importance. She was a divine society founded on Christ Himself, having for its ends the salvation of souls, and should she be separated from the State might well fulfil all her functions to perfection. Not so with the State. Take away the uplifting influence of the Church, and he was afraid it would become more and more materialistic and selfish. He would say, in conclusion, let Church and State continue to go hand in hand and work together for the uplifting of the nation and the world in general.

The Rector, in reply, said Mr. Reeves' speech opened the way to him to give them a long lecture, but he must content himself with a few words. There was only one God, and therefore the God of science and the God of religion was one and the same. Given time and patience, an open mind and a ready heart, they would eventually find that the truth which came from religion and the truth which came from science could be harmoniously blended. Therefore he was not in the least alarmed with the different shocks that came to them. With regard to the relations between Church and State, if there was any great quarrel with the State on any big moral issue he would be among the first to ask for the freedom of the Church, but he did not feel there was any great spiritual or moral question which had arisen to divide Church and State. He was perfectly happy to retain their connection with the State at the present moment, and he felt that whatever action Parliament took in connection with the Prayer Book was taken deliberately in the interest of the Church itself. He believed Parliament believed the Church did not know its own mind sufficiently. There was a strong minority in the Church against the proposed revised Prayer Book, and that being the case the State might be well justified in saying, 'You must hold your hand for the moment.' Continuing, the Rector thanked the Guild for asking him to preside at that gathering. It was a matter of great regret to him that Mr. Paddon Smith had

resigned the secretaryship after 20 years of splendid service. He had now accepted the office of vice-president, which was a signal mark of the Guild's trust and confidence in him now that he had resigned the important post of secretary. He (the Rector) would like to express his own appreciation of Mr. Smith's kindness and his work for the Guild (applause). He would also like to add his appreciation of Mr. Reeves. He felt they would find in him one who would consider the interests of the Guild, who would not fail them, and who would be a worthy successor to Mr. Smith (applause).

HOW JOHNSON CONDUCTED A 'SILENT' PEAL.

Mr. John Jagger proposed the toast of 'The immortal memory of Henry Johnson,' and related the story of his various meetings with the Birmingham veteran. He was first introduced to him, he said, in 1877, by Charles Hounslow, of Oxford, 'but,' added the speaker, 'I had no more to do with him on that occasion, because Mr. Hounslow collared him all the time.' Their next meeting was in 1879, and the next not until 1884. On each occasion the older members 'collared' Mr. Johnson, so that he (the speaker) had little to do with him. The next occasion was in 1886, when they attempted a silent peal at Burton, and Mr. Johnson came to umpire it. The first time Mr. Hattersley, of Sheffield, who rang the treble, wanted to catch the eye of the fifth man, Mr. Samuel Reeves. He could not catch it, so he walked halfway across the belfry and whistled. Mr. Johnson got up from his seat and said, 'That's blue'd it' (laughter). They attempted the peal again a fortnight later, and Mr. Johnson conducted the non-conducted peal (laughter). He went into the centre of the ringing room and said, 'Gentlemen, I want you to ring a good peal.' He called, 'Look to; she's gone,' and they started off into rounds. Then Mr. Johnson walked out of the circle, and took his seat. He said, 'Go, Stedman,' and they started. Then, at the finish of the peal, which they got, he said, 'That's all,' let them ring a few rounds, and then called, 'Stand.' He came into the centre again, and said, 'Gentlemen, you have rung a perfect peal. It may be possible to equal it, but never to surpass it' (applause). They were encouraging words to all of them. Afterwards, they had a little 'social,' of course, and Mr. Heywood, as he then was, collared Mr. Johnson (laughter). All the previous speakers whom he (Mr. Jagger) had heard propose that toast had eulogised Mr. Johnson's good qualities, and anything which he might add would be only to endorse what had already been said. He would therefore content himself by asking them all to rise and honour the memory of that wonderful man.

The toast having been drunk in silence, the customary request was made that those present who knew Mr. Johnson in the flesh should rise in their places. Eleven of the company responded.

AN ALDERMANIC REVIEW.

Alderman Pritchett proposed the toast of 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' He said that dinner, originally started 41 years ago as a purely local affair, had now developed into a national event. Ringers came there from all over England to celebrate the memory of Henry Johnson, under the auspices of St. Martin's Guild. During that 41 years there had been many changes. He believed Mr. Joseph Johnson, who was a son of Mr. Henry Johnson, was the only one present that night who attended the first dinner, and there could be very few others living. Every year they parted with old friends, but the compensation was that they made new ones. Although individuals left them—inevitably—yet the Guild went on, and the Henry Johnson dinner went on, more prosperously and more successfully every year. The oldest ringer present that night was probably Mr. Frank Banks, who had just attained his 81st birthday, and who was still actively discharging the duties as towerkeeper at St. Martin's Church. Long might he continue to do so (hear, hear). A suggestion had been made that day which might interest them. They had been holding a meeting of the founders of the proposed 'Campana' Lodge of Freemasons, and they were informed that Mr. Banks was already a Forester, an Oddfellow and an Antediluvian Buffalo, and they thought they might as well make him a Freemason and appoint him Tyler of the lodge, the Tyler being the person who looked after the furniture of the lodge. If that idea was carried into execution a very excellent Tyler he would make. Continuing, Alderman Pritchett said they missed several faces that night, for influenza accounted for a good many apologies, and had affected the attendance to some extent. They had, however, many old friends with them, including the venerable Rector's churchwarden of St. Martin's Church, Mr. Kendall, who was still young and active despite his 80 years, and continued to take great interest in that gathering. They regretted the absence of Mr. Geoffrey Molinex, who had been an invalid for some months.

CATHEDRAL BELLS RESTORATION SCHEME SHELVED.

During the year 1928 the Guild had gone steadily on and had been very successful, although it had not been able to ring so many peals—for obvious reasons. Eighteen peals had been rung during the year, consisting of Grandsire, Erin and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and seven peals of Stedman Cinques. These Stedman Cinques

included a peal which was Mr. James George's one thousandth peal (applause). There were only five persons living who had rung over a thousand peals, and they had two of them present that night, Mr. George R. Pye, in addition to Mr. James George. It was a wonderful thing to ring a thousand peals, and very few men were able to accomplish it. During the year the great event in their Guild had been the recasting and rehanging of the bells of St. Martin's Church, and a very beautiful peal they now had, and one they were proud of, and hoped the City of Birmingham would be proud of. Unfortunately, owing to illness, the usual practice and peal ringing had not yet been resumed, but they hoped they would be very shortly. Another interesting event, in which he personally took part, was the reopening of the twelve bells at Lincoln Cathedral. They, also, were a very beautiful peal. Then there was the reopening of the twelve bells at Worcester. That also was a memorable event in the annals of ringing during the past year. They had a Cathedral in Birmingham: unfortunately, the bells there were, in his opinion, worse than useless; they were a positive nuisance—a nuisance to those who heard them and a nuisance to those who had the misfortune to ring them. The authorities of the Cathedral had the opportunity last year to do something to make them a credit to the Cathedral and the town by having the bells recast and rehung, like the bells of the Parish Church. Apparently, the money was forthcoming. They appealed for three thousand pounds and they got £5,200, but no pressure, no solicitation, and no exhortation could persuade them to emulate the example of the Parish Church and install a decent peal of bells ('Shame'). So ringing there would be continued under protest and with a feeling that it was a



MR. A. PADDON SMITH.
Who has retired after 20 years as hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild.

disagreeable task that had to be done. In the meantime the practice at the other churches and the service ringing had been quite satisfactory. With regard to other matters, the great event since the last gathering had been the resignation of their secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith, after twenty years of devoted service, and his replacement by Mr. Thomas Reeves. He would have something more to say about Mr. Smith later, but of Mr. Reeves they all knew that he was an accomplished ringer and the son of an accomplished ringer and most worthy man, Mr. Samuel Reeves, who was himself well known all over the country as a ringer and as a former Master of the College Youths. Mr. Samuel Reeves was a most amiable gentleman, and a most patient instructor. With regard to Mr. Thomas Reeves, he believed he would be a most able successor to a splendid predecessor. For 20 years Mr. Godden was the secretary of that Guild. Mr. Godden was a most excellent secretary. He was succeeded by Mr. Paddon Smith. He did not know why Mr. Smith did not wait to attain his 'majority' before resigning: probably the idea occurred to him that as Mr. Godden had been secretary for twenty years he would be secretary for a similar period. He had

now given up that office, much to their regret, although they could not reasonably insist on his retaining it, after the splendid services he had rendered for so many years. But although they had changes in their officials, the Guild went on, and it would continue to prosper as long as it got such excellent men to serve it as Mr. Paddon Smith and Mr. Thomas Reeves (applause).

PRESENTATION TO MR. PADDON SMITH.

The toast having been drunk, Alderman Pritchett rose again and said that the honour had fallen to him to make a presentation to Mr. Paddon Smith. No words of his could adequately express their sense of appreciation of the services which had been so long and so efficiently rendered to St. Martin's Guild, and to the Art and Exercise in general by Mr. Paddon Smith, but they had endeavoured to express their feeling in a concrete form by making a presentation. This was to consist of a tea and coffee service, of beaten pewter, and a three-tier dinner wagon, which could be converted into a table. He congratulated Mr. Smith, not only upon receiving that token of the admiration and regard of his friends and brother ringers, but also upon having his wife and two sons present to witness the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Guild (applause).

Mr. Albert Walker paid a tribute to the services rendered by Mr. Smith, and said that his task as Deputy Ringing Master had been made very much easier by his association with Mr. Smith, who had done wonders for the Guild. Mr. Smith had promised to resign on several occasions, but when this time he told them he had finally determined to do so, it really came as a bit of a bombshell. They had not been left with much time to organise that presentation, but there had been a ready response from friends in many parts of the country, and he had received some remarkable letters of appreciation of Mr. Smith's services, not only to the Guild, but to the Exercise in general. He felt sure Mr. Smith would prize the gifts, which would eventually be suitably inscribed, and he hoped Mr. Smith would always treasure these mementoes of his long period as their secretary. He was glad to know that although Mr. Smith had resigned the secretaryship he would not lose one iota of his interest in St. Martin's Guild or in ringing (applause).

Mr. T. Reeves also spoke, and referred to the days when he and Mr. Smith used to walk together three or four nights a week to practise at the various churches. He knew Mr. Smith had had his heart in the work as secretary of St. Martin's Guild, and he (Mr. Reeves) took the work over from him, knowing he would receive from Mr. Smith all the support possible. In fact, but for that he would not have agreed to take on the position. He wished Mr. Smith success in his retirement from the cares of office, knowing full well that his interest in ringing and the tower of St. Martin's would continue (applause).

Alderman Pritchett, through the chairman, then handed the tea and coffee set to Mr. Smith amid applause. The table has not yet been delivered from the manufacturers.

LOOKING BACK.

Mr. Smith, who was very warmly cheered, acknowledged the gifts. He thanked the speakers for their flattering remarks and the members for their presents. It was not every man, he said, who got his work appreciated as the members of St. Martin's Guild and other Guilds had appreciated his, as shown by those very handsome gifts. Twenty years, continued Mr. Smith, was a long period. It was a big slice out of a man's life, yet, looking back on his twenty years as secretary, he could only wonder at the speed with which it had gone. He would like to read two extracts from the minutes of St. Martin's Guild which he came across the other day. One was of a meeting on January 8th, 1889, at St. Martin's Mission Room (even the building was gone now), Mr. Henry Johnson being in the chair. 'It was proposed by Mr. John Day, seconded by the Rev. H. C. Courtney, and unanimously resolved that Mr. W. H. Godden be elected secretary of the Guild.' Among those present at that meeting were those whose names were household words in those days: Henry Johnson, Harry Bastable, Samuel Reeves, Wm. Rock Small, John Saunders and Thomas Russam. Of all the names mentioned, only one man survived. It was Mr. Thomas Russam, and he (the speaker) was sorry that Mr. Russam was not well enough to be there that night. Twenty years later (1909) a meeting was held at the Church House, Moor Street (now no longer occupied by the church), with the Lord Bishop of Birmingham in the chair. On the motion of Mr. Painter, seconded by Mr. Russam, he (Mr. Smith) was elected secretary of the Guild. Alderman Pritchett had spoken of the Guild going on for ever, but the Alderman himself seemed to be like Tennyson's brook. He seemed to go on for ever (applause). In the minutes of that meeting it was recorded that Mr. J. S. Pritchett spoke in terms of high appreciation of Mr. Godden's services. Only a few moments ago he had done the same of him (Mr. Smith), and he hoped sincerely that when Mr. Reeves had done twenty years as secretary Alderman Pritchett would be there to speak as nicely of Mr. Reeves as he had of Mr. Godden and himself (applause). That meeting in 1909 was the only time in the history of their Guild when they had their patron, the Bishop, present at one of their meetings. Alderman Pritchett had said he thought Mr. Joseph Johnson was the only person present that night who was at the first commemoration dinner. There were two others still surviving, but who were not with them that night—Mr. Thomas Russam

and Mr. William Kent. During the twenty years he had been secretary the Guild had grown stronger, both numerically and financially, than it had ever been. When he took up the job he made a resolution that he would do his very best not only to maintain unimpaired its traditions, of which he was very proud, but, if it were possible, to enhance them. If the Guild was now stronger than ever it was before, it was not owing only to his personal efforts but to the unswerving and loyal support of every brother officer in the Guild (applause). He could only hope that his successor would have the same support, and he was not only hoping but he felt sure he would get it. These presents would occupy a very prominent position in his home, and would remind him for the rest of his natural life of the very many happy friendships he had formed and the many happy hours he had spent among bellringers (applause).

A GIFT TO ST. MARTIN'S TOWER.

Another presentation followed. Mr. F. E. Dawe referred to the hearty welcome which was always extended to visitors to St. Martin's belfry and to the friendships that were there set up and cemented. He said the ringers there were proud of their bells and of their ringing chamber. He knew they were proud of their Rector and churchwardens, and he believed their chairman was proud of his ringers. Seventeen years ago he (Mr. Dawe) had the pleasure of being their chairman, and on that occasion he presented to the belfry a small photograph of the church. He could not help thinking now that that photograph was totally inadequate to the surroundings. He therefore unearthed the old negative, had had it enlarged, and the picture framed to take the place of that earlier one. As it happened, although it had not been mentioned, he was one of those who were present at the first Johnson dinner. Henry Johnson himself was there, in wonderful form, shrewd, witty, clear-headed and humorous. He was truly a wonderful man. Although 53 years separated Henry Johnson's birthday and his own, they were not only friends, but, which was very unusual for an old man and a young one, they were 'pals.' He (the speaker) was never able to hoard money, but he cherished the letters which he received from many distinguished persons. He was now going to collect the letters he had received from Johnson, Reeves, Bastable and many others—Johnson's letters were particularly interesting, and contained many of the old man's compositions—and it was his intention, if the Guild would accept them, to hand them over at an early date to Mr. Reeves to be preserved in the archives (hear, hear). He hoped to do the same thing with the letters of other notable persons of 50 years ago, and to give his letters from Holey to the College Youths; those from John Cox to the Cumberlands; those from Jasper Snowden to the Yorkshire Association; while those of James Washbrook would find their way to the Oxford Guild (applause). He asked St. Martin's Guild to accept the gift of the picture in the hope that it would find a place in the ringing chamber (applause).

The Rector gratefully accepted the gift on behalf of the Guild, and said it would be treasured in the ringing chamber.

Mr. Albert Walker proposed 'The Visitors,' and extended a cordial welcome to the representatives of the many societies who had come to join St. Martin's Guild in that commemoration. Referring to the various dinners now held in different parts of the country, he said there were many who would probably like to attend them all, but some of the smaller ones were held too close to the larger gatherings, and he suggested that the organisers should endeavour to spread them out somewhat. They ought to give every encouragement to these dinners which cemented the fellowship and brotherhood among ringers.

THE RECTOR ON THE RACK.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who first responded, said in coming to that gathering, visitors always felt that their time and trouble were well repaid. They felt that this year they were present on an auspicious occasion. They had been presenting a most worthy, hardworking and popular secretary, after his 20 years' service, with a suitable memento, and they had been listening to the new peal in St. Martin's; they had enjoyed a very good dinner and had listened to some most finished speeches. He felt he was interpreting the wishes of the visitors when he said they were enjoying themselves. He agreed that if these dinners could be divided into periods it might be a little easier for those visitors who wished to attend them. Last year at that gathering the Rector appeared to be rather on the rack—there were so many attempts at advice as to how St. Martin's bells should be hung and how they should be cast. They all felt some measure of pity for the Rector, and therefore they came that day to join in their compliments and congratulations to him and to the authorities at St. Martin's who had cut the gordian knot. They had got their peal back again; everybody was happy in Birmingham, and they were there to witness their pleasure that evening (applause).

Mr. E. W. Elwell also responded, and referred to the way in which such gatherings promoted good fellowship among ringers, and by that means did a great deal to improve change ringing and to keep members of the Exercise enthusiastic, keen, loyal and good friends one with another. From the geographical advantage which they had in Birmingham, the Henry Johnson dinner drew ringers from all corners of the land, for they could get there without undue trouble. Those who came to that dinner were not treated as visitors, but

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ANOTHER PEAL OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE

Among the new contracts which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have had entrusted to them are the following:—

Leyland, Lancs.—Recasting peal of eight, tenor 22½ cwt., adding two trebles to form peal of ten, and hanging in new metal frame with new fittings.

Barnet, Herts.—Rehanging on ball bearings, peal of eight, tenor 23½ cwt.

Kingsteignton, Devon.—Recasting peal of six, tenor 12 cwt., and augmenting to peal of eight, tenor 16 cwt., and supplying new metal frame and new fittings.

Iver, Bucks.—Rehanging peal of six, tenor 15½ cwt., in new metal frame and with new fittings.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A 'CONSULTANT' FOR DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Hadleigh with the hope of helping beginners there, but as no local men turned up the more elaborate methods were rung. At the business meeting after tea, it was proposed by Mr. C. J. Sedgeley in the chair, that the meeting thanked the secretary and supported him in his action in writing to the Archdeacon and to the secretary of the Advisory Committee, pointing out how unwise it was for that committee to act without the expert advice of the Guild.—This was carried with enthusiasm.

It was decided that an officer, to be called 'Consultant to the Advisory Committee,' be elected each year at the annual meeting.

It was also decided that members of the Guild should do all they could to get as many ringers as possible elected on the Parochial Church Councils, the Diocesan Conference, and the Church Assembly.

It was agreed to send an instructor to Hadleigh as soon as a hand could be got together able to avail themselves of such instruction.

The Chairman explained that it was hoped that the memorial tablet to W. L. Catchpole and James Motts would be unveiled at St. Mary-le-Tower Church on Easter Monday, and that all subscriptions would be sent in before then.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PEALS OF MINOR DISCUSSED.

A very successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, February 23rd, members being present from the following towers: Bedford, Biggleswade, Roxton, Southill, Clifton, Bromham, Sandy, Kempston, St. Neots, Great Staughton and Long Stanton.

The business meeting followed tea, with the Rector (Rev. H. P. Higham) in the chair. One new member was elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Arlesey on Saturday, March 16th. It was also suggested that a combined meeting be held with the Herts County, Ely Diocesan and Beds Association at Biggleswade on Saturday, April 20th.

A discussion on what should constitute a peal of Minor took place at some length. A resolution being put to the meeting was carried unanimously, that all peals of Minor should consist of seven 720's, each true and complete, as passed at the Central Council meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding, brought the business meeting to a close.

The tower was then again visited, and some good touches rung round.

The secretary wishes to thank all the members who made the journey to Eaton Socon on such a rough day, and hopes that still more will try and be present at the future meetings. The bells were rung down about eight o'clock, and brought a very pleasant and successful afternoon and evening to a close.

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were made to feel thoroughly at home and to have a share and interest in that festival, which became more and more national in character.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith submitted 'The Ringing World,' to which he wished every success, and suggested that those who were responsible for sending reports of meetings might get out of the stereotyped style and add interest to their contributions by sometimes telling readers about the features of the church and the bells at the places visited.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded.

Alderman Pritchett offered the thanks of the company to St. Martin's quartette and to Mrs. Hughes for their delightful contributions to the musical programme, and went on to propose the toast of 'The Chairman,' to which Canon Rogers replied.

This brought a pleasant evening to a close. The speeches were interspersed with glees and part-songs by St. Martin's quartette, handbell selections by Mrs. Hughes, tunes by members of St. Martin's Guild, and a bob course of Stedman Ciques by G. P. Swann, F. W. Perrins, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris.

A large number of visitors stayed for Sunday and met for ringing and friendly intercourse at various centres during the day.

A NEW PEAL FOR KENTISH WEALD.

The new peal of eight at Frittenden, Kent, was dedicated by the Bishop of Dover on Thursday evening, February 21st. The bells are the gift of Admiral Moore, who was, owing to indisposition, unfortunately unable to be present at the service. A large congregation of parishioners was, however, in the church, and listened with great interest to the most interesting address of the Bishop.

The local ringers, ably led by Mr. H. Baker, raised the bells afterwards, and with the help of Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn and Mr. Adecock, of Croydon, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. Mr. C. F. Johnston represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have been responsible for the work.

The bells are a completely new ring, replacing the old peal of eight. The tenor is 15 cwt. in F sharp, and the bells are hung in metal headstocks and hall bearings, in a new teak frame of two tiers. Although no visiting ringers were present on Thursday, the new peal was tried during the previous week by neighbouring experts, who expressed their keenest approval at both the tone and 'go' of the bells. The local ringers are extremely pleased with their new peal.

CATHEDRAL RINGER'S DEATH AT CHICHESTER.

Death has robbed the Chichester Cathedral band of a keen member in the person of Mr. Marcus Robert Heffer, who passed away at the Richmond Arms, of which he had been proprietor for a number of years. Deceased formerly served 25 years in the West Sussex Constabulary. The funeral took place on February 27th, when six police constables acted as bearers, and a number of ringers were present, including Messrs. J. H. Blake, A. Tugwell, H. J. Tucker and T. H. Doick, representing the Cathedral Guild. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by F. Arthur 1, W. Falconer 2, T. H. Doick 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, G. Marshall 5, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 6, J. H. Blake 7, A. Tugwell 8.

NORTHERN ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

There was no doubt that the joint meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and the Southern Division of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, held at Northallerton on a recent Saturday, was a huge success. The 30 members who attended will all vouch for that. The ringers gathered from Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Middlesbrough, Richmond, Ripon, Saltburn, Sharow, Stockton, Thirsk, and Hurworth, and everybody had a real good ringing day. The striking feature of the meeting was the large proportion of young ringers there, and it gave the officers great pleasure to see the meeting (which was a suggestion of a member of the Richmond band) such a great success. The bells were rung from about 2 o'clock till 8, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, and Double Norwich were successful. The younger members were given careful attention, and each one of them was made to do something better than he was accustomed to. A unique touch was one of Grandsire, in which the ages of two ringers totalled more than 150 years. Vice-President Newton, of Stockton, was one of the veterans, with a 'score' of over 70, whilst the 'father of the meeting,' Mr. 'Jimmy' Barnett, 'topped the hill' with 80 years to his credit. Long may these two worthies live to grace the meetings of the association.

Tea was provided at Russell's Cafe, presided over by the Rev. Canon Brown, Vicar of Northallerton, supported by the president of the association (Mr. J. C. Pollard) and Mr. T. Metcalfe, secretary. The Vicar, in his usual happy way, gave the association a most hearty welcome to Northallerton, saying how pleased he was to hear the bells rung so well, and hoped to have the pleasure of welcoming the association on many more occasions.

The President thanked the Vicar most heartily for his kind remarks, and also for being present at tea and for allowing the members of the association the use of the bells. He also thanked Mr. J. Barnett for making the necessary arrangements for the tea.—This was seconded by Mr. J. T. Titt and carried by acclamation.

A lively and useful discussion on the aims and work of the association took place afterwards. The officers particularly wish to express their pleasure on seeing such an excellent meeting, and hope that the Easter meeting at Masham and the annual meeting at Ripon in Whit Monday will be as well attended.

KENTISH RINGERS' LOSS.

Mr. Arthur Finn, J.P., F.S.A., donor of the fine peal of bells at Lydd, Kent (lost by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), died on Thursday week at the age of 72 years. He was a leading figure in the Romney Marsh District, and his passing has thrown the little borough of Lydd into gloom.

He was always interested in bells and ringing, and welcomed and entertained the Kent Association whenever they visited Lydd. A well-known agriculturist, Mr. Finn was six times Mayor of the borough, and he filled a great many other public offices.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 20 mins.: J. Baileys 1, C. H. Webb (conductor) 2, F. Baileys 3, E. Watson 4, W. A. Wood 5, A. Warwick 6. First 720 by all except the conductor and first by the local band. The bells were augmented from three to six by J. Taylor and Co. last May.

TIMSBURY.—On Sunday, February 17th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob in 25 mins.: G. Comer 1, Gilbert Hasel 2, Wm. Young 3, Wilfred Young 4, J. Fear 5, T. Clark (conductor) 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: H. Flower 1, F. Fraser 2, W. Watchorn 3, J. Hurrell 4, C. A. Bines 5, Gunner R. Martin, R.A., 6, W. Anderson (conductor) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8. Rung as a compliment to F. Fraser, who celebrated his 79th birthday on February 12th.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): A. Dean 1, W. Coles (conductor) 2, G. Talbot 3, G. Mariner 4, G. Cook 5, A. Harman 6, G. Smart 7, J. White 8, J. Bennett 9, C. Otway 10. First quarter in the method by the ringers of 3rd and 7th.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Sunday, February 17th, for Confirmation, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. E. Geare 1, J. Bennett 2, A. Howkins 3, G. Radford 4, G. Cowley (first inside) 5, W. H. Seabrook 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, C. Carpenter (first quarter) 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 720 Lancashire Surprise, conducted by O. Gilbey; for evening service, 720 Lancashire Surprise, conducted by J. Brown, with G. Harwood, H. Reader, J. Hack, F. Keech, H. Brown. First in the method on the bells and by all the band.

PINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, February 10th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: J. R. Main 1, G. Bashford 2, C. Richardson 3, G. Clapham 4, A. Boddington 5, T. Abbott 6, J. King 7, T. R. Hensher (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 3rd and 5th.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 10th, in 32 mins., at 33, New Street, Ludlow, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) on handbells: J. J. Price 1, H. Jones 2, W. J. Beniams (conductor) 3-4, A. Nason 5-6.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—For evensong, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Jefferies 1, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 2, I. Hopes 3, J. Jefferies, jun., 4, T. James 5, E. Palmer 6, T. Marsh 7, A. Smart 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1st and 2nd.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church on Sunday, February 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: W. Blake 1, W. Judge (conductor) 2, L. J. Coles (first quarter-peal) 3, G. Cooke 4, J. B. Howes 5, W. Brigham 6, V. Bennett 7, J. R. Chaundy 8.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: M. T. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, F. F. Mortlock 3, F. A. Poulson 4, Leonard Pryke (first quarter-peal on tower bells) 5, A. Symonds 6, L. Poulson 7, F. A. Turner 8. Rung to welcome the preacher, Archdeacon Farmiloe, of Bury St. Edmunds.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): M. T. Symonds (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks 3, W. Fayers 4, L. Poulson 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, L. Leeks 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. Leeks.

LONDON.—At St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, E.C., on Sunday, February 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,299 changes), tenor 30 cwt.: A. W. Coles 1, F. Jennings 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, W. E. Madgwick 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. J. Nudds 6, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 7, C. W. Grimwood 8, C. W. Roberts 9, H. Belcher 10.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: C. H. Briggs 1, Rev. R. P. Farrow 2, C. E. Carr 3, C. Brown 4, C. H. Webb 5, L. E. Towers 6, R. F. Elkington 7, A. Ballard, jun. (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 3rd, 6th and tenor, and first attempt.

BATH.—On Sunday, January 20th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. W. Brown 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, T. F. King 6, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8. Arranged for Miss Hastie, of Guildford, who was paying a visit to Bath.

LATE NOTICE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Service, Tea, Meetings, etc., at 4.30. All visitors will be made heartily welcome.—J. A. Waugh, District Secretary, 8, Fuller's Road, Woodford, E.18.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 14th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; 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 Christ Church, Ealing, on Saturday, March 9th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Following meeting, a dance and social will be held in Christ Church Parish Hall in aid of the Isleworth Bell Fund. Tickets, 1s. 6d. inclusive, may be had from the hon. secretary, Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Usual arrangements.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Flare (6) on Saturday, March 9th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston (bells 6) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 9th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All members and ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, March 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—G. Grover, Hon. Dis. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Widnes, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special method: Court Bob Triples. Members are requested to make a special effort to attend this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on March 9th at St. Marie's and the Cathedral, Sheffield. Bells open early. Committee meeting 4 p.m. in St. Marie's Presbytery. General meeting 6 p.m., in St. Marie's Presbytery for election of officers. Details of contest for silver cup, etc. Visitors make own arrangements for tea.—R. Harrison, Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Ringing meeting at Newmarket on March 9th. Bells: St. Martin's, Exning (5), St. Mary's (6), All Saints' (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—L. Moon, Ramleh, Newmarket.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Quorn on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) will be ready from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Tea in Church Schools 5 p.m., 1s. each. A hearty invitation is offered by the Vicar and ringers of Royston.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A meeting at Waddesdon, Saturday, March 9th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Waddesdon Deanery Lent Missioner. Tea and business meeting as usual.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Whetstone on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. This is the first of a series of meetings to be held at some of the 5 and 6-bell towers in the district, now seldom, if ever, visited. It is hoped that members will do their best to support both this and subsequent meetings. — Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row (8 bells) on Saturday, March 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1929 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, March 9th. Meet at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, at the 'Anchorage'—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports, etc., to hand. Expecting a good muster of members and visitors.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (usual terms) and business meeting. Please advise me if you require tea. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be on Saturday, March 16th, at Daybrook. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is essential that all those requiring tea to notify me not later than March 13th.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at Reigate. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) at the White Hart Hotel, Bell Street, at 5.45 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All those requiring tea must inform me by Wednesday, March 13th. — Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Gen. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at St. Katherine's, Savernake Forest, on Saturday, March 16th. Visitors requiring tea kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on March 16th at 3.30 p.m. The bells (6) will be available for ringing at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. W. Barton, 46, Alexandra Road, Pudsey, not later than Thursday, March 14th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Sympson on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available during the afternoon. Service at 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by March 12th. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sonning on Saturday, March 16th. Bells at 3. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5. All welcome. Please let me know by Tuesday, March 12th, if requiring tea.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, March 16th. 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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must inform me not later than March 12th.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, March 16th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at 1s. per head. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by Wednesday, the 13th? The business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at the Institute after tea, and a good attendance is desired. The annual report will be available at the meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, March 20th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 23rd. Tower open 3. Tea, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Laxfield on March 23rd. Bells (6) at 2. Tea, 1s. each, at the King's Head at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Sec., Ufford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Ringing all day (except 2-3) at St. Mary le Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), Rushmere (6). Service; St. Mary le Tower, 2 p.m. Meeting in Oak Lane Rooms at 2.30. Tea 4.30.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday. April 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry at 11.15. Service in All Saints' Church at 12. Address by the Rev. H. de V. Watson, Rector of Harrietsham. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing; Maidstone (All Saints) (10), Leeds (10), Harrietsham (8), West Malling (8), Linton (8), Barming (6), Boxley (6), East Farleigh (6), Bearsted (6), St. Michael's, Maidstone (6). For dinner tickets apply before March 28th to Fred M. Mitchell, Assistant Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells (10) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. W. White not later than first post Tuesday, March 26th. Members are urged to attend.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ALTON, HANTS.—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Monday evening, February 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: A. H. Heath 1, A. Hardiman (conductor) 2, C. L. Rogers 3, L. Noakes 4, G. Noakes 5, W. Perry 6, S. E. Armstrong 7, V. Lowten 8. This was the first quarter-peal by A. H. Heath and C. L. Rogers.

WARFIELD.—At St. Michael's Church, on February 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Double in 48 mins., in honour of the Vicar's engagement and the birthday anniversaries of the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 5th: G. Simmons 1, T. Wetherall 2, W. Dyer 3, F. Webb 4, J. Brant, sen., 5, J. Brant, jun., 6, G. Higgs (conductor) 7, J. Collyer 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering.

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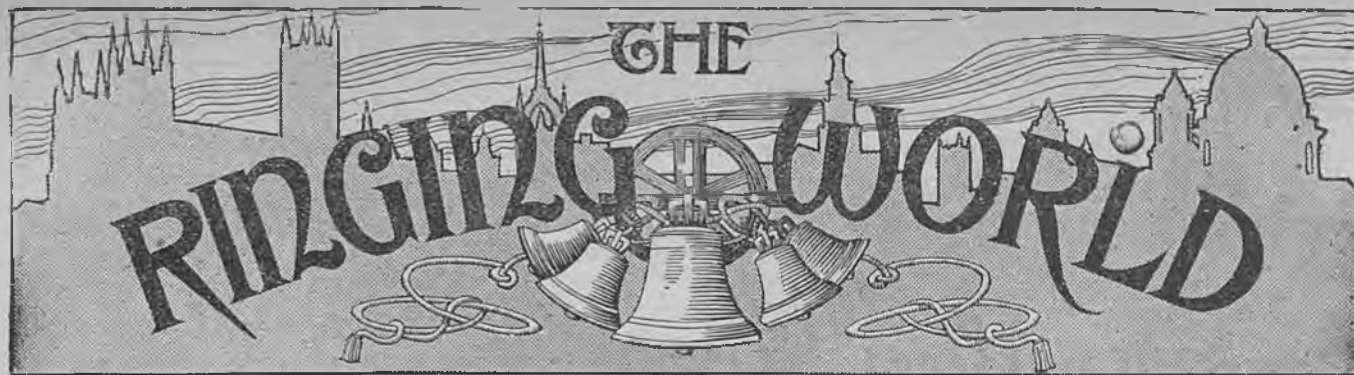
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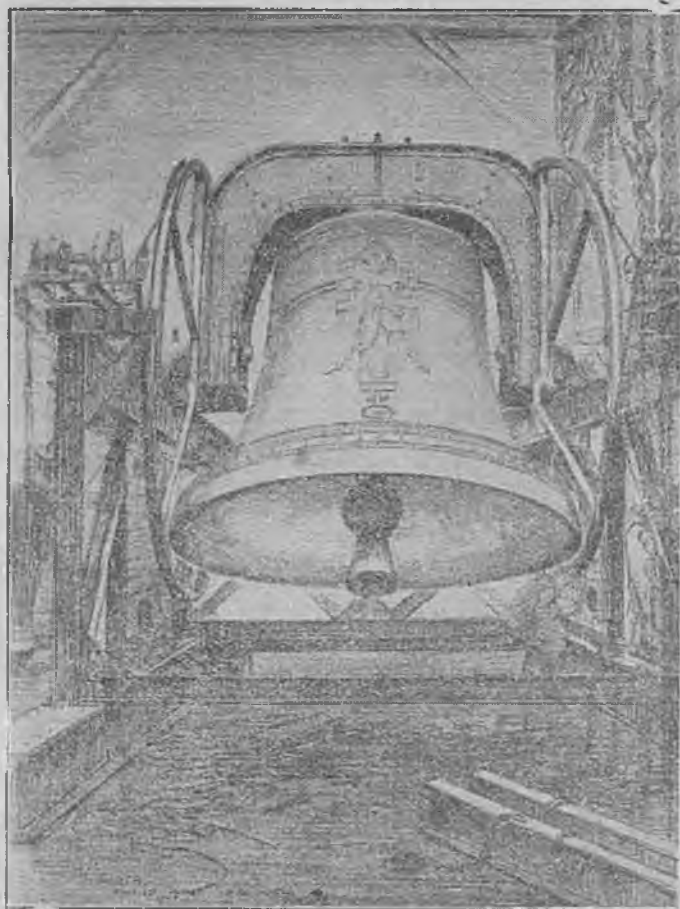
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CENTRAL COUNCIL POLICY.

A fortnight ago we referred to the position of the Central Council in regard to the affiliated associations, and pointed out how the process of time had led to a growing opinion in some quarters that the relationship should be placed upon a different foundation to that which has existed since the formation of the Council nearly forty years ago. When the article was written we were not aware of the strong feeling which had developed among a section of ringers in the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and which has led to the suggestion that the association should withdraw from the Council until, in effect, the latter's constitution is amended so that its policy reflects the views of the affiliated organisations instead of merely registering the private opinions of the elected representatives. As we said a fortnight ago, this issue has got to be faced sooner or later, but it would, we think, be a disastrous step if associations, which may feel that change is necessary, should withdraw from the Council at this stage.

There are, of course, two sides to this, as to most questions, and the arguments in favour of maintaining the status quo are cogently put, in a letter elsewhere in this issue, by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who, for so many years, was hon. secretary of the Council. The point of Mr. Davies' contention is that representatives should hear the pros and cons of every subject before they come to a decision, and that they should not attend the Council meetings committed to vote one way or the other without having had the opportunity of hearing the arguments on all sides. There is much force in this contention, but ringers will ask what use is it, then, for the Council, as they have done on some few occasions, to refer a matter to the associations for their views—as for instance in the case of the proposed diplomas for young ringers? Mr. Davies also argues that it is up to the associations to elect men who are in sympathy with the views of those who send them, but the difficulty in this matter is that the representatives are elected only once in three years and in the intervening period all sorts of things may crop up in which the associations and the representatives may differ.

If the present policy of the Council is to be continued, it seems to us that to ensure the sympathetic representation of which Mr. Davies speaks, the constitution of the Council will have to be changed, so that the members are elected annually instead of triennially. If that were done the associations would be in a stronger position, and it would not materially affect the Council. Presumably the object of a three-year term of office was to secure some

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continuity of policy in the Council, but there is hardly likely to be any great upheaval by a change to an annual election, and, if there were, then it would be an indication that those who 'pay the piper' desired a change of tune. The elections take place next year, and it would be a good time to test the feeling of the associations on matters of this kind.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT 1	JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 8
PERCY MAY 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
HARRY R. ROFER 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
ALBERT A. FLEMING 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † 50th peal on twelve bells, 25 being Cinques and 25 Maximus. Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of William Wood, a respected member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, interred the previous day.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. in B flat.

FRANCIS E. DAWE 1	GEORGE A. CARD 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE GILBERT 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 10
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on 12 bells, and rung on his 42nd birthday. W. H. Fussell's 700th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES 1	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS 3	CHARLES T. W. COLES 8
WILLIAM B. MANNING 4	FRED C. MAYNARD 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal in the method.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5049 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE 1	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	FRED LAMBETH 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 3	JOHN A. BURGARD 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	GILBERT H. HARDING 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	NORMAN V. ANDERSON Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Monday, February 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,

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

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ALBERT E. RICHARDS 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
WALTER THOMAS 4	REGINALD L. INCE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for Sir Harry Barnston, M.P. for Eddisbury Division, who was buried in the family vault on this day. He had been Rector's warden at this church for the past 27 years. The whole pull and stand was also rung 58 times.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

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

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

*FRANK WEST Treble	†WILLIAM L. GOTTERRIDGE 5
†MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 2	†ROLAND BIGGS 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*THOMAS J. FOWLER 4	†F. DONALD BOREHAM Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	*SAMUEL HOLT 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	PETER CROOK 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday peal to Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES Treble	†FRANK LAWRENCE 5
*DENNIS R. MORRIS 2	CYRIL TANSELL 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	GORDON W. CHECKETTS 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Major away from the treble. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM PIKE Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	GEORGE COOKE 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
PERCY JONES 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Major as conductor.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

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

HARRY HOYLE Treble	*ARNOLD ROTHERY 5
JOHN TURNER 2	DONALD SNOWBALL 6
SAM WHITEHEAD 3	CHARLES H. CRAVEN 7
JACK TURNER 4	HENRY H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,
5096 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

STUART SANDFORD Treble	EDWARD H. SPIGE 5
AMOS S. CONSTANT 2	*LESLIE STACKY 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
RICHARD A. CONSTANT 4	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. This composition comprises 2,572 changes of Bob Major and 2,524 of Grandsire Triples, and is now rung for the second time. All except the ringers of the 3rd and 6th are Sunday service ringers at St. George's.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

JOSEPH H. COX Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
HAROLD V. COOPER 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by F. E. WARD. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

The conductor's 50th peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

PETER CHARMAN Treble	*WILLIAM HOOKER 5
*THOMAS ADAMS 2	JOHN COOK 6
ALAN R. PINK 3	JACK BLANCH 7
WALTER CHARMAN 4	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN. Conducted by W. STANFORD.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the nearest convenient date to commemorate the anniversary of the 13,440 in the same method rung on March 1st, 1889, in which the ringer of the 4th also took part.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, February 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's, each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

ARTHUR CLEMENT Treble	ERNEST E. FERRY 4
CHARLES F. VASEY 2	ADAM DEAS 5
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 3	FREDERICK SHERATON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. FERRY.

First peal on the bells. The back five were cast by James Bartlett in 1687, and hung in the old church. The present church was built on the site of the old one in 1850, and the treble was added in 1859.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Westminster, Violet, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent.
Tenor 9 cwt. in E.

BERNARD WELLS Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 4
*KENNETH SNEILING 2	ALFRED J. BULL 5
REGINALD H. HORPE 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. The quarterly peal for the above association.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

SIDNEY FOSKETT Treble	WILLIAM PEACOCK 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS 2	HORACE H. SMITH 5
*HORACE P. GILES 3	CHARLES W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

* First peal away from treble. This was the first peal on the bells since the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Rowell and Son. Mr. Peacock was elected a member of the Guild before starting for the peal, which was rung as a farewell peal to S. Foskett, who, to the regret of the band, is shortly leaving the district.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Treble 7 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat.

ARCHIBALD GULDING ... Treble	RICHARD PAINE 4
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	GEORGE NOICE 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILFRED ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The thanks of the company are due to Mr. Russell for having taken up so much of his time in overhauling the ropes.

STAMFORD HILL, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*ARTHUR UNDERWOOD ... Treble	FRANCIS E. RINGROSE ... 4
JOHN G. NASH 2	MARK FENSOM 5
†THOMAS G. DEAL 3	CHARLES H. ROSS Tenor

Conducted by C. H. ROSS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Ring as a birthday complement to F. E. Ringrose. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and third, especially the latter, who rang right through without fault or hitch, and is 81 years of age.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G

ERNEST A. MARSH Treble	NORMAN GEARY 4
RONALD ROSSKILL 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
GEOFFREY GEARY 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

First peal of Minor for Mr. E. A. Marsh, and 30th peal for the conductor.

AN ABRIDGED SYSTEM OF PROOF.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

In the recent series of articles under this heading I explained that the false course ends from four rows should bear a visible relationship one to another; and that, if this relationship were found, the systems would combine into one which would be very much abridged. It is absurd to have to admit that two very obvious facts had not occurred to me, and I now hope to point to a definite and visible relationship between those course ends (with tenors together) which pertain to any four rows.

Given two course ends which come from two rows of like nature, the relationship between them should be governed by the Hidden Factor of 23456, because both have been produced by transpositions which are relative to rounds; and those which come from the other pair of like nature rows similarly. In short, the false course ends which come from rows of like nature are related by the natural head of the plain course (23456).

The two rows, whence the first pair of false course ends come, are related to the other two rows by a transposition of the lead-end of the method, and thus it is obvious that both pairs of course ends should be related in some way; and, further, that the relationship should have some bearing upon the lead-end of the method. It was the concentration upon this lead-end that blinded me to one very obvious fact, viz., that, no matter which of the seven 'regular' lead-ends be used, the relationship, between one pair of course ends and those of the other pair, should be standard, because the rows whence the latter come must appear somewhere in the plain course, however the first lead-end may be varied.

We have, then, to decide which of the seven lead-ends is the natural 'end' (in the theoretical sense of the term 'end') of the plain course, in the same way as the lead-head 12345678 is the natural plain course head. In the articles just concluded, I gave a table showing the coupling and positional pairs which the various lead-ends substitute for the lead-head. It will be observed therein that each lead-end substitutes one pair which is identical with the pair in the lead-head. (I have already explained that it is immaterial which 'way' the figures of a pair are read, once the combination is properly established.) For example, the lead-end 13254768 substitutes the 3/2 for the 2/3 of the lead-head; the lead-end 14628375 substitutes 4/2 for the 2/4 pair, and so on. This means that these particular pairs are undisturbed, and the lead-end which does not disturb the tenors (the 7/8 pair) is 1.24365.87; it is the only lead-end which has 1-7-8 'at home'—a 'course end,' as it were, and we may assume that 24365 is the natural 'end' of the plain course, which should relate one pair of course ends to the opposite pair, in a similar way to that in which 23456 relates the units of each pair of course ends which come from two rows of like nature. Or, alternatively, 24365 should be the relationship which links the course ends from two rows of opposite natures.

Here, then, we have two transpositions which possibly will relate the course ends from two odd and two even rows, viz., 23456 and 24365, and I have taken the trouble to apply these transpositions to the sixty possible course ends (with tenors together). I find that the relationships are perfectly proportioned. There are four groups of sixteen each (this does not mean sixty-four course ends). Sixteen pairs are linked together by 23456, and sixteen pairs by 24365, each course end of the pair producing the other by the same transposition—thirty-two in all. Sixteen produce themselves when related to 23456 (Mr. Baker terms these 'Simple Transposition Rows'), and sixteen do likewise when related to 24365; a total, apparently, of sixty-four. There are, however, four which produce themselves when related either to 23456 or 24365, which I have counted twice in order to show an equal proportion. They are: 23456, 24365, 26543, and 25634.

The particular form of transposition which relates the course ends is based on Mr. Baker's 'Proving Value.' The latter provides only for rounds as the Hidden Factor, but any given row may be used in the same way. They are related to 23456 thus:—

Read, in the course end, the separate figures of the Hidden Factor (2, 3, 4, 5 and Course end 2.6.4.3.5 6), and observe the figures which appear in the same row (the H.F.) below, immediately under each figure as it is read. They are 2, 5, 4, 6 and 3. Then the course end 26435 is related to 25463 by the H.F. 23456, and (an important point) vice versa.

The above is a straightforward 'proving value' transposition, as explained in the previous articles, viz., the positions occupied by rounds in the course end 26435, give the P.V. 25463; but I have shown it in the above manner because it is not so simple when rounds is not the Hidden Factor.

Now relate the same course end to 24365 in a similar way:—

Read the H.F. 24365 in the course end, and obtain the resultant from the row below (which always is identical with the H.F. being read in the row above). The resultant is 23645. Then the original course end (26435) is related to 25463 and 23645 (by the Hidden Factors 23456 and 24365 respectively, each of the latter being related to 26135 in precisely the same way.

If this is concrete, it is necessary to produce only one false course end in every four, the remainder resulting from these simple transpositions, and this means that only the half lead of the method is necessary, plus the lead-end row. Below are given two examples, one showing rows of like nature, and the other showing rows of opposite natures, both being taken from the first halves of different methods. If desired, the 'like nature' system may always be used, taking one row from each half when necessary, but the double system is, of course, the shorter way. It is understood, in an asymmetrical section, that two pairs of rows must be dealt with.

ROWS OF LIKE NATURE.

Proceed (as described in the system which deals with rows of like nature, in the previous articles) with the downward treatment only. If no combination of coursing and positional pairs is revealed, the four rows are 'clean.' Produce the false course end for every combination obtained from this downward treatment. Then relate the course end (or ends) to 23456, and reverse the combinations. Finally, relate all course-ends to 24365; reverse the combinations and alter them by the lead-end.

The rows with the treble in second's place (2-4), in this asymmetrical half-section, are 'clean.' Rows 1-3 show one combination only—78 in 6/8; and the false course end is 54263. Thus we have, from the downward treatment PC(7/8)—54263(6/8). For the upwards, the rows being of like nature, we relate the course end to 23456, as in 'K' above, giving 46325, and reversing the combinations, we get PC(6/8)—46325(7/8).

Now relate each of these to 24365, as in 'L' above, and we get 34562 and 62345 respectively. Then reverse the combinations and alter them to those which the lead-end (17583624) substitutes, as shown in the table given on page 26 of 'The Ringing World' of January 11th. The combination 78 in 6/8, when reversed, becomes 68 in 7/8, and the lead-end substitutes 46 in 2/4 for the latter.

The other of the original combinations so treated, will result, of course, in the reversal of the last, viz., 24 in 4/6. Thus we have PC(4/6)—34562(2/4), and PC(2/4)—62345(4/6), as the remaining false course ends which pertain to the four rows with the treble at lead.

ROWS OF OPPOSITE NATURES.

For rows of opposite natures the above is exactly reversed. Proceed as described in the system for opposite nature rows, producing all combinations and their respective false course ends from the downward treatment. For the upward, relate the course end (or ends) to 24365; reverse the combinations and alter them by the lead-end. Finally, relate all course ends to 23456, and reverse the combinations ordinarily (i.e., without the lead-end alteration):—

This half-section is symmetrical, and only one pair of rows need be treated. Either pair (13-15 or 14-16) give '46 in 4/6,' with the false course end 32465; i.e., PC(4/6)—32465(4/6) for the downward treatment. For the upward, the rows being of opposite natures, we relate the course end to 24365, giving 43265. The combination, when reversed, is identical, viz., 46 in 4/6, which, altered by the lead-end substitution gives 78 in 7/8; i.e., PC(7/8)—43265(7/8).

These two, related to 23456, and in reversed combinations, give identical results, and thus the false course ends which govern the eight rows of this section are: PC(4/6)—32465(4/6), and PC(7/8)—43265(7/8).

It is understood, if the downward treatment reveals more than one combination and its resultant false course end, that each one must similarly be treated. It will be observed that the second example shows identical course ends when related to 23456. This might so happen when relating a course end to 24365, and, as previously mentioned, when relating to both, in the cases of four of them. So that, if the downward course end should be either one of 24365, 26543, or 25634, the whole four in that block will be identical. The combinations might, upon occasion, also be identical. For instance, if the combination were '68 in 6/8,' and the lead-end 15372846, the reversal would be the same, and the alteration due to the lead-end also would be identical, viz., '68 in 6/8.'

It has been suggested that I should explain the significance of the combinations, once the course ends have been produced. They point to the leads of the respective courses, e.g., PC(2/3)—24365(6/8) means that certain rows in the lead which follows the 'Middle' position (6/8) of course headed (and not 'ended') by 24365, will be false against certain rows of the lead which follows the 'Before' position (2/3) of the course headed by 23456—the plain course.

Here, then, we have a system which enables us to prove a method like Cambridge Major in five or six minutes, or, perhaps, in less, by using a table of related course ends. I would compile one ('Minor-mania's Ready Reckoner for Industrious Method Provers; False Course Ends at a Glance,' 2s. 10d. post free) were it not for the fact that being so simple a proposition to compile it for oneself, the sales would be nil!

I am indebted to Mr. George Baker for the amount of thought he has given the subject, and the time spent on a fairly lengthy correspondence.

(Continued in next column.)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first district meeting of this year of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Cranleigh on Saturday, March 9th. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and various Major methods (including Cambridge and Superlative Surprise) were rung.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. F. Lytton), who in an extremely interesting and novel address welcomed the members to Cranleigh. The service was brightened by the fact that the organist had very kindly arranged for the attendance of a choir.

Tea was served in the Church Hut, the ladies responsible for it only charging their bare out-of-pocket expenses, and very kindly handing over the balance to the district funds. The business meeting followed, at which, in the absence of the Rector, who had had to leave for London, the curate, Rev. G. Mitchell, presided.

The chief item on the agenda was an invitation received from the Central District, Surrey Association, to hold a joint meeting at Guildford on August Bank Holiday.

After some discussion it was agreed that, as the date suggested was an inconvenient one for a meeting at Guildford, the idea should not be entertained, but that the secretary should write to the Central District of the Surrey Association and say that the members would be happy to join with that body in holding a joint meeting at Guildford on some convenient Saturday. One new member was elected.

The meeting was fairly well attended by members from Cranleigh, S. Nicolas', Holy Trinity Cathedral, Glandon, Haslemere and Woking, with visitors from Shoreham and Ottershaw and several others who omitted to sign the attendance register.

DEATH OF MR. S. PALFRAMAN.

The death took place suddenly on March 1st, at his home, 681, Bolton Road, Bradford, of Mr. Samuel Palframan. He was 71 years of age, and for close on 50 years had been a constant ringer at St. James' Church.

He commenced ringing in 1878, when the bells were first put in, and rang his first peal in October, 1880, for the Yorkshire Association, under whose auspices he had rung 26 peals in all.

He was interred at Undercliffe Cemetery on the 6th inst., and many friends attended the funeral.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Firth Hopwood 1-2, James Cotterill 3-4, Arthur Gill 5-6, Joseph Broadley 7-8.

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TWO PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

The two following peals of 5,056 Cambridge Surprise Major are remarkable for the fact that the 2nd is in 6th's place for 14 leads only in each peal. This is the least number of changes with the 2nd in that position in any peal yet composed in this method.

234567 B In M W 4th's H

643527 — — — —

237546 — — — —

254637 — — — —

56234 — — — —

35264 — — — 3

56342 — — — —

64523 — 2 2 3

42635 — 2 2 3

23456 — 2 2 3

First rung at St. Mary's, Chester, December 28th, 1927.

234567 B In M W 4th's H

35264 — — — 3

25463 — — — —

56234 — — — —

427365 — — — —

643527 — — — —

56342 — — — —

64523 — 2 2 3

42635 — 2 2 3

23456 — 2 2 3

First rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, January 23rd, 1928.

(Continued from previous column.)

spondence, but he does not wish to be identified in any way with what has been said, as he considers a lot of it to be untrue and misleading.

However, the principles which govern the system seem to me to be fairly reasonable, and I should be most interested to see an example of a case where the system does not work, provided that the method be 'regular.' It certainly 'pans out' with the odd dozen (or so) methods that I have tried, but it is only fair to admit that I have not tried it on the other 32,454,223,988!

MR. MAURICE SWINFELD'S UNIQUE RECORD.

Burton-on-Trent has been well known from the days of its first peal to have been the home of ringers of no mean ability. There were the famous Wm. Wakley and his brothers, assisted by such men as J. Griffin, J. Jaggard, and their famous band who made history in the early days of Surprise ringing, and who scored many peals in the higher methods. So to-day, although the ringers of Burton have lost their former greatness as a band, there is a representative of the art who has secured what must be a unique record, viz., that of calling his first 55 peals of Stedman Triples, all of different compositions, and mostly conducted from non-observation bells from treble to tenor. It is a wonderful performance, but, like many other talented men, the conductor has very little to say himself about his achievement. He is only anxious, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to give his best thanks to all who have assisted in making up this total, especially his father, Mr. John H. Swinfield, who fixed up the peals and rang in them all; Mr. Chas. Draper, who took part in 50; Mr. James George, who rang in 38; Mr. J. Curtis, who rang the tenor on many occasions; and, not least, Mr. C. R. Belton, of Barwell.

All members of the Midland Counties Association are very proud of Mr. Swinfield's record, and the ringers generally will congratulate him, and hope this talented conductor will go on to greater victories. Here is the list of compositions which Mr. Swinfield has called:—

1. J. O. Lancashire's Variation of J. W. Washbrook's Four-part.
2. G. Lindoff's Ten-part, No. 2.
3. Variation of Sir A. P. Heywood's Ten-part, No. 3.
4. Sir A. P. Heywood's Six-part, No. 2.
5. Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Six-part, No. 3.
6. Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Six-part, No. 10.
7. A variation of J. Carter's Odd Bob Four-part.
8. A variation of J. O. Lancashire's Six-part.
9. J. W. Parker's Six-part, No. 2.
10. J. W. Parker's Six-part, No. 1.
11. A variation of Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Six-part, No. 11.
12. Sir A. P. Heywood's Ten-part, No. 1.
13. J. Carter's Ten-part, No. 33.
14. Sir A. P. Heywood's Ten-part, No. 6.
15. Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Ten-part, No. 7.
16. J. J. Parker's Six-part.
17. Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Irregular Ten-part.
18. G. Lindoff's Twelve-part, No. 8.
19. J. W. Parker's One-part.
20. G. Lindoff's Twelve-part, No. 5.
21. G. Lindoff's Twelve-part, No. 4.
22. Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation of Thursians' One-part.
23. Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation of Late's One-part.
24. J. J. Parker's One-part.
25. J. Carter's One-part, No. 16.
26. J. Carter's Six-part, No. 60.
27. J. W. Washbrook's Twenty-part, No. 2.
28. A variation of J. Carter's Ten-part, No. 48.
29. Sir A. P. Heywood's Four-part, No. 5.
30. Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Four-part, No. 2.
31. Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's Four-part, No. 6.
32. G. Lindoff's Twelve-part, No. 3.
33. G. Lindoff's Twelve-part, No. 2.
34. G. Lindoff's Twelve-part, No. 1.
35. G. Lindoff's Twelve-part, No. 6.
36. J. Carter's Ten-part, No. 5.
37. J. Carter's Ten-part, No. 81.
38. J. Carter's Ten-part, No. 11.
39. A variation of J. O. Lancashire's Irregular Twelve-part.
40. J. Carter's Five-part, No. 6.
41. J. Carter's Ten-part, No. 79.
42. J. W. Washbrook's Ten-part.
43. T. Thursians' Ten-part, No. 2.
44. G. Lindoff's Twelve-part, No. 7.
45. J. Carter's Variation of T. Thursians' Ten-part.
46. J. Carter's Odd Bob Twenty-part.
47. A variation of J. J. Parker's Ten-part, No. 9.
48. G. Lindoff's Ten-part, No. 1.
49. J. J. Parker's Ten-part, No. 6.
50. J. J. Parker's Five-part, No. 8.
51. T. Thursians' Four-part.
52. J. W. Parker's Odd-and-even Bob Five-part.
53. J. Carter's Ten-part, No. 80.
54. J. O. Lancashire's Odd-and-even Bob and Single Ten-part.
55. T. Brook's Variation of T. Thursians' Four-part.

LANCASHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

Ringers of North-East Lancashire, especially those in the Blackburn Branch, will be sorry to hear of the sudden death of Wm. Hy. Harrison, of 38, Earl Street, Colne. The deceased was a ringer of Colne Parish Church for thirty years, for the past twelve of which he held the office of towerkeeper. Always of a cheerful disposition, he was a fine example to the younger members of the local band. Therefore all ringers will join the local band in expressing their deepest sympathy with the widow.

NEW BISHOP'S VISIT TO COLCHESTER.

The recently-appointed Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. H. A. Wilson) paid his first visit to Colchester on Sunday, March 3rd, when he preached at St. Peter's, (the Parish Church) at the morning service. The Mayor and members of the Corporation attended in state, supported by the G.O.C. of the 4th Division, Major-General A. R. Cameron, C.B., C.M.G., and various representatives of corporate bodies. A touch of Double Norwich Major was rung for the service by Messrs. H. T. Pye, G. A. Wightman, W. J. Nevard, F. L. Bumpstead, R. W. Stannard, G. R. Ashbrook, W. Chalk (conductor), E. P. Duffield, followed by a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins. by Messrs. G. A. Wightman, E. P. Duffield (conductor), W. J. Nevard, F. L. Bumpstead, W. J. Schofield, G. R. Ashbrook, W. Chalk, R. W. Stannard.

PEAL BOARD GIVEN TO HANSLOPE BELFRY.

A peal board has been placed in the belfry of the Parish Church at Hanslope, Bucks. This fine old spire, which rises to a height of 226ft., and is a landmark for miles around, has a delightful ring of six bells, with a tenor of 22 cwt. in E, last rebung in 1912 by Mr. Alfred Bowell. These were set going by 3 o'clock, and at 3.30 the company, not so large as it would have been had the weather conditions been more favourable, moved to the church for a short service, conducted by the Vicar, who spoke on the true spirit of ringing, namely, not only for pleasure but as a duty, to call people to worship in the house of God. The Vicar also spoke of the close relationship the bells had with almost every event of life.

At the conclusion, the Vicar proceeded with the company to the belfry. After the dedication of the board, the band in their same order as for the peal, rang a short touch of Bob Minor, viz.: P. Amos 1, F. Burgess 2 (both of Northampton), G. Parker 3 (Kings-thorpe), S. Foskitt 4 (Bletchley), E. C. Lambert (conductor) 5 (Stony Stratford), T. Wise 6 (Wootton).

Tea was then partaken of at the home of Mr. E. Edkins, formerly one of the local band. At this, the Vicar was unable to be present, but he came in at the finish and was very interested in the music given on the handbells. He often wondered, he said, why this sort of thing was not done more. He thought much interest might be roused in the villages if only the handbells were used more often, instead of lying idle in the belfry year after year. New recruits, too, said the Vicar, could often be secured in this way, and by other bands coming and ringing peals.

Mr. P. Amos said he and his fellow-ringers were very grateful to the Vicar for permitting them to ring this peal, and it was his suggestion that a board should be given. Hanslope was not a place where peals were rung every little while. There had only been two others rung there at all, the first being on the old five, prior to the treble being added in 1902, and it was 23 years since the last. The chief feature of this board, said Mr. Amos, was the fact that it had been made throughout by one of the band, namely, Mr. T. Wise, of Wootton, Northants. It was well made and written to perfection, and he was sure that all who had seen it would congratulate him on having turned out such a splendid piece of work.

The cost was then handed to Mr. Wise, who, in response, said, although this sort of thing was not his living, it had given him great pleasure, as one of the band, to make the board. As the church was being renovated he would hand a donation out of the costs towards the funds (applause).

A vote of thanks of thanks was passed to the Vicar and ringers for welcoming the visitors there that day, and for the use of the bells. The Vicar, in response, complimented the band on having rung their peal, and hoped they would come again.—Mr. P. Evans, on behalf of the local ringers, said they had great pleasure in welcoming anyone there to have a pull any time they liked to come.

A move was then made to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire, Kent, Stedman and Plain Bob were indulged in, the local ringers joining in.

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PEALS IN WALES.

No. 1.—Wrexham, July 27th, 1803. Grandsire Caters. Conducted by Richard Cross.

For the first peal in the Principality, Lawrence organised the team and rang the tenor.

No. 2.—Dolgelly, September 25th, 1809. Grandsire Triples. Conducted by John Hints.

John Hints was a valuable member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and called a number of peals for that society in London. Being a Welshman, he was eager to conduct the first peal of Triples in Wales. 'Kints' is an error of writing up Lawrence's peal records. Lawrence raised his band from Shifnal, Liverpool, Shrewsbury and Stourbridge.

No. 3.—Dolgelly, September 26th, 1809. Oxford Treble Bob Major. Conducted by Richard Cross.

Cross was a prominent conductor of the old Union Society of Shrewsbury, who claim the above records. He put Lawrence on the tenor in this peal.

No. 4.—Wrexham, August 17th, 1818. Oxford Treble Bob Royal. Conducted by Jos. Riley.

There were two men each on the 8th, 9th and tenor during this performance. The composition was Riley's famous even 5,000. (See Snowden's 'Treble Bob,' Part II., page 105.)

Each of these peals was well known to the College Youths of the period, Lawrence being a member of the society and residing in London in 1787-8. Hints and Riley would also tell the Londoners of the strenuous work put in to score these peals, and the long, dangerous riding by stage coach to and from the towers, over the mountains.

No. 5.—Llanstephan, January 1st, 1876. Grandsire Triples. Conducted by Henry Haley.

An interval of 58 years passed between the fourth and fifth peals, the bad going of the Wrexham bells preventing any further attempts.

I would just like to point out that this attempt was not claimed as the first peal in Wales, but the 'first by the College Youths in Wales,' as per peal book. It was quite permissible to so record the peal, as the society had previously scored the first peal in Ireland (conducted by J. Pettitt), and the first peal in Scotland conducted by Mr. Wood in 1872 and 1873 respectively. This peal was the first time Holt's Original was rung in Wales.

Mr. Groves is correct regarding the first non-conducted performance, June 26th, 1803, by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. This and the Wrexham peal, achieved a month later, are two 'honours' well deserved by the Midland ringers of a century ago.

W. H. F.

PEALS ON FIVE BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The report of proceedings at the Central Council meeting held at Hereford contained, amongst other interesting matter, a resolution which was carried, and from which the following is extracted:—

'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 row being included or rung more than once in any 120.'

Below is given the first half of 120 Doubles. The Peal Committee, then, are instructed to regard as a legitimate performance any 42 variations of the same if rung.

The Methods Committee, on their part, would probably reject any such number of variations because of their not being based on either method, system or principle, and regard the whole as illegitimate. In that case it would seem that amendment is required to remove conflicting authority.

MERIVALE MEDLEY.

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23154	24135	14532
32145	42315	41523
31254	43251	45132
13524	34215	54312
15342	43125	53421
51324	34152	35241
53142	31425	32514
35412	13245	23541
34521	12354	32451
43512	21534	23415
45321	25143	24351
54231	52134	42531
52413	25314	45215
25431	52341	54123
24513	53214	51432
42153	35124	15423
41235	31542	51243
14253	13452	15234
12435	14325	12545

The whole repeated completes the 120.—Yours, etc.,

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

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The Western District of the Ladies' Guild is meeting at Bath tomorrow. This short notice of the fixture has been unavoidable.

The Hertford County Association is holding its annual gathering at St. Albans, as is customary, on Easter Monday. This year the venue of the tea and business meeting has been changed to the charming grounds of the Ver Residential Hotel, situated at the bottom of Holywell Hill, five minutes from the Abbey. Frequent buses pass the door, and the L.M.S. Abbey Station is within one minute. It is hoped that members will support this new venture, the secretary having been assured of excellent service from the management.

'Many happy returns' to Mr. Challis Winney, who was born at Nayland, Suffolk, on March 17th, 1858.

At Debenham, on March 16th, 1767, a peal of 10,080 Bob Major 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 time the extent of 60 courses (out of course) has ever been rung,' is the note to a peal of 7,025 Stedman Eaters at All Saints', Poplar, on March 17th, 1846. It was composed and conducted by H. W. Haley.

On March 19th, 1892, a peal of 11,200 Bob Major was rung at Speldhurst, Kent.

The day after he was 72, Mr. James George turned in Bow tenor (which is 53 cwt.) to a peal of Treble Twelve: last Saturday having celebrated his 75th birthday last November; he rang Southwark tenor (50 cwt.) to a peal of Stedman Cinques in 3 hrs. 37 mins., and finished 'as fresh as paint.' This must surely be a 'weight for age' record. Evidently, Mr. George must be getting 'Younger' every day.

By the way, this peal, which was Bill Fussell's 700th, was notable also for the fact that four of the hand averaged over 70 years each.

Messrs. Goddard, Tricker and Ellingham, who gave selections on handbells at the London County Association annual meeting, held at St. Clement Danes' Parish Room recently, are connected with St. Paul's, Hounslow, belfry, and not with Isleworth, as erroneously mentioned in the report.

Mr. E. H. Lewis is shortly leaving 'Bonnie Scotland' for England to take up an important position in London.

The bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will be broadcast from 7.50 to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

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ANOTHER DESERVING CASE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At the College Youths' meeting on February 19th a subscription list was opened on behalf of Mr. Frederick G. Newman, who is in very straitened circumstances. He has been out of regular employment for many months, and his wife, daughter and himself have all been in the doctor's hands. At the meeting held on March 5th it was decided that an appeal for further help should be issued in 'The Ringing World,' as it was thought that many who knew Mr. Newman years ago as one of the foremost ringers and conductors will like to help a brother in distress.

Any contributions sent to me will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.'

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

Contributions to date are:—

	£	s.	d.
College Youths' Gift Fund box	1 1 0
Collections in the meeting room	3 2 6

WHAT THE AMERICANS DID.

Having heard of the advent of a policeman ringer to Maidenhead the other day, Mr. George Gilbert made inquiries with a view to securing the services of a helpful adjunct to local ringing circles. Seeing two constables at a street corner, he asked if they knew of a bellringer among their colleagues.

No. 1 Policeman: Yes, came here from Hagbourne.

No. 2 Policeman: Isn't that where they held the record for bell-ringing for 24 hours without stopping?

No. 1 Policeman: No! Some Americans came over and beat them last year.

(Collapse of the ex-sergt.-major—in laughter.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at Chelmsford on Whitsun Tuesday, May 21st, 1929, at 11 a.m. precisely.

Agenda, 1929.

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 Standing and other committees.

MOTIONS.

7. That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively, before beginning the next 720 or 120. (Mr. R. Whittington and Mr. A. H. Pulling.)
8. (a) That honorary members pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum. (b) That associations in future pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum. (Mr. E. W. Elwell and Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.)
9. (a) The Council asks each association to appoint a consultant to the Advisory Committee or Committees in its area. (b) The Council asks each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to Parochial Church Councils, to Diocesan Committees and to the Church Assembly. (Rev. H. Drake and Mr. Ch. J. Sedgley.)
10. That the rules of the Council be amended in order to provide that the notice and agenda of each annual meeting of the Council be published at least eight weeks, instead of twelve weeks, prior to such meeting. (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. C. T. Coles.)
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. (Mr. W. Ayre; seconder not yet given.)
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

(N.B.—The detailed agenda will be published a fortnight before the meeting.)

E. ALEX. YOUNG,

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'MERE AUTOMATA.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—If Mr. E. Guise, the able and devoted hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, is rightly reported (on page 150) as regards his views of the constitution and representative nature of the Central Council and of the qualification of its elected members, I should esteem it a favour if you would allow me to advance one or two arguments on the other side. Mr. Guise's chief complaint seems to be that the members of the Council were exhorted by the president and are expected to vote according to their best judgment on each question as it arises, after having carefully weighed the pros and cons that have been advanced in the course of discussion. So far as I can make out his view, it seems to be that each member should come to the meeting to vote, not according to the arguments brought forward, but according to orders given them beforehand. In other words, they should be not thinking and reasoning human beings, but mere automata. We know this is actually the case in certain quarters, and that the result is that the 'majorities' obtained are often purely fictitious, the result being that the tail frequently wags the head. But be this as it may, it is at once obvious that were it logically carried out to the full in the case of the Council, the Council would have lost any reason for a continued existence, and I should be one of the first to say 'Away with it.' Mr. Guise appears to forget that the arguments he brings against the Council are equally applicable against the House of Commons. He seems to think it derogatory to be asked to vote according to his own best judgment, and that it is a far greater thing to vote according to someone else's order. Well, we must leave him to choose. Of course, it goes without saying that the association which sends him to represent them will be exceedingly foolish if they have not taken every care to satisfy themselves before electing him that his views are in general, and in particular, on crucial points, in sympathy with their own, otherwise they have only themselves to blame if his vote does not please them. If ever the Council becomes a mere set of robots, I hope I may not be there to see.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE COMING JUBILEE.

A glorious spring afternoon favoured the members of the South-Western Division for their first meeting of the year at Chigwell Row on Saturday last. The Church of All Saints is situated at the top of the hill, in practically the centre of what remains of the old Hainault Forest, the happy hunting ground of former kings and queens and nobility of the country. From the top of the tower on a clear day the Thames is easily visible, whilst on all sides a splendid view of the surrounding country is obtained. The bells have recently been augmented from six to eight, and members arrived early, evidently with the intention of having a full afternoon. Good use was made of them till 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Retreat for tea, after which the business meeting followed, presided over by the District Master, supported by the Vicar and members of the local band.

The provisional election of two non-resident life members was confirmed, and five new honorary and fourteen ringing members were elected—a good start for the year. Bentley was unanimously chosen as the tower for the next meeting to be held in May.

It is to be hoped the complete restoration of the old Abbey Church of St. Margaret, Barking, will be finished by September, and the church authorities are contemplating holding a week's celebration. It was suggested by Mr. T. Faulkner that a meeting there of the association on the last Saturday would be appropriate, and the members unanimously agreeing, it is hoped that this meeting can be arranged.

The District Secretary gave a brief outline of the intentions of the special committee on the way the association's jubilee celebrations will be held at the annual meeting at Chelmsford, and asked for the support of all individual members to make the occasion a success.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the members of the local band for the success of the meeting, the Vicar stating that he hoped to be able to do more for the association in the future, and that the members would see their way to pay him another visit in the near future.

During the afternoon between 40 and 50 members were present from Leytonstone, Barking, Woodford, Brentwood, Bentley, Dagenham, Romford, Walthamstow, St. Mary's, Leyton, Leigh-on-Sea, Loughton, St. Botolph's (Bishopsgate), West Ham, South Wood and Rayleigh, together with the local band, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, and London Surprise were brought round. It is hoped the meeting at Bentley will be arranged for Saturday, May 25th, and that all members will make a note of this date.

NORTHERN DIVISION ENTERTAINED.

A well-attended meeting of the Northern Division was held at Widham on Saturday, March 2nd, forty members being present, representing 19 parishes. Among those who attended were Mr. E. J. Butler, secretary, South-Western Division, Mr. G. Green, Master, South-Eastern Division, and Mr. W. J. Nevard and Mr. W. Stannard, Master and secretary of the North-Eastern Division. At the customary service an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Campbell). A bountiful tea was provided for them at the Church House, through the generosity of Miss Eyre, sister of the late general secretary of the association, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. The Vicar presided over the tea, and at the business meeting which followed the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) was in the chair, supported by Mr. W. Arnold, district secretary. Regret was expressed that Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) and Mr. W. K. Lobb, of Feering, were unable to attend.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. J. Richardson, of Dunmow, while the Rev. G. Campbell was elected an honorary member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Easton during the summer.

Mr. A. A. Saunders moved a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Eyre for her kindness and generosity in providing the excellent tea, also the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc.—Both Miss Eyre and the Vicar suitably replied.

Courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung on handbells, and during the afternoon and evening the methods rung in the tower ranged from Bob Minor to London Surprise. The thanks of those present are due to Mr. Andrew Evers for the splendid arrangements he had made both for the ringing and the tea.

A VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

On Thursday, March 7th, a party of ringers from Exbridge, Hillingdon, Iwer, Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead met at Farnham Royal tower to ring with and do honour to Mr. J. J. Parker, whose name as a composer is known so well to the Exercise.

Touches in various methods were rung, in which Mr. Parker took a rope.

Mr. T. Smith (Windsor), on behalf of all present, conveyed heartiest greetings to Mr. Parker on the attainment of his 76th birthday, and to this Mr. Parker very suitably responded.

It is hoped that another evening just as pleasant will be spent in 1930.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES. THE OPERATION OF NATURAL LAWS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Since my friend Mr. Stephen Wood asks on what authority I made the statements of fact which appeared in my last letter, and since there are, no doubt, a large number of the junior members of the Exercise who also require proof of statements which I considered so obvious as not to need proof, I proceed to set forth the proof.

At the root of all change ringing are certain natural laws, which no man made and which no man can alter. Every Principle and Method is derived from the Plain Hunting Course.

What is a Plain Hunting Course? Take a cotton reel, draw eight lines upon it at equal intervals, write 1234 on any one of these, 2143 on the next line, until we come to 1324 on the eighth line.

Now we can start from any one of the eight rows we please, and we can go round either way we please, but the result will always be the same—we shall arrive at the next row to the one we started from.

The custom of the Exercise demands that we shall start from 1234, go 2143, etc., we make eight changes, practise eight rows, and return to 1234, which may be called the first row or the last.

Now there are 24 changes on four bells, and these 24 can be arranged in three round blocks, as follows:—

1234	1342	1423
2143	3124	4132
2413	3214	4312
4231	2341	3421
4321	2431	3241
3412	4213	2314
3142	4123	2134
1324	1432	1243

Each of these can be rung by itself and brought round, but they can all be joined together by making 2nd's place when the treble leads, join them together, and we find that 1234 belongs to the first round block and 1243 to the last round block.

Now add a bell in the hunt to each of these round blocks. —

21354	21543	21435
32145	25134	24153
32415	52314	42513
34251	53241	45231
43521	35421	54321
45312	34512	53412
54132	43152	35142
51423	41325	31524
15243	14235	13254
12534	12453	12345

Each of these can be brought round separately, or they can be joined together by making 3rd's place when the 2nd leads. Here 21354 belongs to the first round block, and 12345 to the last: it follows that as long as we are compelled by the custom of the Exercise to begin ringing rounds, in all even-bell methods, with 2nd's place made when the treble leads, rounds is the first row of the method, but in all odd-bell methods, with 3rd's place made when the two hunts change places in front, the first row must be 21354 (7698 EO), and rounds the last, and this is natural law which cannot be altered.

H. LAW JAMES.

SOCIETIES' RULES SHOULD BE IDENTICAL.

Dear Sir,—It is always beneficial to read the many letters which appear in 'The Ringing World' week by week and so glean the knowledge of the different opinions as expressed in these letters. Every one of these writers must be given the credit of having the best intentions until there is substantial reason to think otherwise.

That 'it takes all sorts to make a world' is an ever present truth, and even admitting that 'never is a long day,' it is quite safe to assert that we shall never all think alike, or all wish to ring at the same particular church on the same particular day. A variety of thought is essentially good.

The whole of the universe has been, and is still, moving at a startling pace, and it is questionable whether anyone can keep pace with the tide of events.

But the craving is ever for 'something new,' something faster, something exciting, and it is therefore only quite natural that our little campanological world should not be exempt, but that this craving should be present with us in our Art and Exercise. There may be some phases of life and some things which tend to this continual craving, and, of course, by the proper application of the 'something new,' improvements are effected and real progress made. But there are certain subjects which do not readily lend themselves to the idea of the 'something new.'

In change ringing one of these subjects is

Change ringing is bound up in the word 'true,' and 'true' is bound up in change ringing.

'True' is the foundation, constitution, the very life, the 'be all and end all' of change ringing.

'True' cannot be distorted simply to meet this 'something new.' It must be 'true' or 'untrue'; there is no go-between.

It must be admitted that sometimes the new idea has proved a success (the formation of our Guilds and Associations is an instance),

but, does our change ringing, as an Art and Exercise (mark this designation, please, Art and Exercise, not football) lend itself to all of these latest ideas in the way of 'something new,' something exciting?

We must ever bear in mind that we are dealing with an Art and Exercise which is ancient—300 years old—not a new motor-car.

Let us go back and look at the beginning. When the bells are 'pulled off,' they are 'pulled off' in rounds, not as a matter of convention alone, but more as a matter of foundation, constitution. Then our touch or peal is constituted from, after, these rounds, the first 'pull' after these rounds being the first change, which is at handstroke, and the touch finishes with the last change as rounds—rounds as the last change. Instances: The touches and peal compositions as contained in Snowden's 'Grandsire' and 'Stedman.'

This is the Art and Exercise—300 years old. This is custom and tradition, as generally accepted by the Exercise—the unwritten law.

If this very constitution is to be broken down simply as being a convention, or for the sake of this 'something new,' I will ask these questions: If not rounds, what is to be rung at the 'pull off'? and what is to be done at the last change? It may be 85163472. Are the bells to cease in this awful abrupt manner? Just look at this, please, and think it out. Think of the other fellow, the outside public.

Take, for instance, that 5038 of Grandsire Triples which it is proposed to ring with 12345678 and 13254768 tacked on to the front, the last change being the 12th change of a lead, 21647358. It would be at least interesting to know if it is intended to cease the ringing at this 21647358 backstroke, and, if not, what the next handstroke will be? Readers of Snowden's book have no doubt read the final remarks on this 'touch.'

Now I presume that in long record attempts that have failed, if the conductor has been able to call the bells 'home' to rounds (note this please, home—rounds) at a particular point, say, 7.392 changes, it has ranked as a peal, but if not brought 'home' to rounds, although perhaps over 10,000 changes have been rung, the attempt has counted for nothing. Why? Simply because the bells did not come 'home' to rounds.

No, this change ringing does not readily lend itself to all these ideas of the 'something new.' Why, the very edifices in which the bells are situated, our cathedrals and churches, are looked upon as being out of date, unpopular, with the crowd, but these beautiful, ancient foundations, constitutions, monuments and their teaching will still be here long after the crowd has gone.

Is it not so with our Art? It cannot, perhaps, be claimed to be popular with the crowd, but we hope and trust it will be here long after we and the crowd have gone.

Even if it were possible, we would not dream of playing any pranks with the Church: therefore, do not let us think of playing with the very foundation of our change ringing or tampering with the truth of its life.

It behoves us then, surely, as participators in this ancient Art, to put our very best into it, to ensure its being handed down at least up to the standard, if not better than when we received it.

Now the foundation, constitution, custom and tradition are well known to all the ringing fraternity. It is as unwritten law.

To further our Art and build it up, associations, Guilds and societies have been formed, and an enormous pile of good work has been done. This was a new idea which has proved successful. Is it desirable to continue this good work? Of course, it is. Change ringing minus the societies would be at a standstill. It is part of the work to put the house in order.

If we are to break down this constitution, this unwritten law, chaos will surely result, for touches and peals will not be uniform, but start and finish anywhere and nowhere. On the other hand, to continue the good work of putting our house in order, owing to this new idea, this 'something new,' it will be essential and necessary to formulate rules regarding this foundation, constitution and life of our change ringing. That is, if the majority is against this new idea of starting and finishing our touches and peals anywhere and of using unorthodox (at present) methods, ways and means.

This constitution, which has obtained up to the present as unwritten law, will have to be put into written law. This brings us to the rules of the Central Council and our several societies. The rules of each and every society on all vital points must be identically in accordance with the Central Council's ruling.

For instance, if the C.C. fails to recognise a certain kind of performance and the rules of the several societies are not framed in accordance with that refusal, the unrecognised can still be performed, as peals are not rung under the auspices of the Central Council but according to the rules of the particular association.

Even if one Guild failed in its rules, it would still be possible to ring anything unrecognised by the Central Council for this Guild. Therefore, the rules of each and every society should be identical on all vital points affecting the foundation, constitution and life of change ringing.

With regard to all these (up to the present) unorthodox compositions and proposed unorthodox ways of starting and finishing our ringing of touches and peals, by all means print them in any written work, but with block type letters at the head, 'FALSE,' and at the foot the author's name, date and remark, 'Unrecognised by the

Central Council, 1929,' so that the next and succeeding generations can know the nature of some of the new ideas of this our present time.

The Central Council appears to have been placed in a ridiculous position regarding the Doubles and Minor controversy. I cannot imagine how it can tolerate undue preference by allowing any one unorthodox composition, but 'to bar tightly against anything further.'

That sort of procedure positively will not do, and to ask the Central Council to accept that which is admittedly untrue is expecting the impossible.

There are some methods ruled as illegitimate, although perfectly true, because they fall short, in some respect, of a certain standard, but is it not more desirable to ring something illegitimate, but nevertheless quite true, than that which is admittedly untrue?

It is certainly quite apparent that the resolution should not have been passed in this 'anything but agreed to' fashion.

However, I am sure we all hope and trust that the very best will be done, and that nothing will be sanctioned that will be at all likely ultimately to undermine the foundation, constitution and life of our Art and Exercise, but that we shall all, as true change ringers, ever strive and continue to

'Ring out the false,
'Ring in the true.'

Yours faithfully,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

All Correspondence intended for this Journal should in future be addressed to—

The Editor,
'The Ringing World,'
WOKING, SURREY.

THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to thank, through your columns, the many men who have kindly replied to my request for five-bell methods, and to say that I am sorry I have not been able (through lack of time) to thank them all individually.

We had hoped that the book would have been in print by now, and that Mr. Joyce's difficulties about the names would have been at an end. The delay is not our fault. It is caused by the well meaning but misguided people who keep raising difficulties first about the names and now about the compositions. If we had been left alone we should have printed such things as Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge and Pitman's and Morris' arrangements of Doubles and left them to present and future generations of ringers to decide whether they would ring them or not. Now the Exercise must decide itself before the book is issued.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

'SPLICING,' AN ANCIENT PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Your editorial remarks and the various letters on what shall constitute a peal on five and six bells are very interesting and good. To me, as an ordinary ringer, it appears that the matter requires very careful thought. As far as I can see there is nothing to be gained by it in splicing 120's together in the Doubles. If some of us do not like to hear rounds come up at the end of each 120, why do not composers give us a peal of Spliced Doubles with only rounds at the finish?

This, of course, would mean that certain rows would have to occur 43 times, as rounds are considered a change in Doubles. Ringers would certainly not be able to call it monotonous, especially if a change of method is adopted every 80 changes, and, by the change, ring the reverse of a method.

Talking of splicing methods, I was always under the impression that this was a modern introduction, but I find I am mistaken. I came across a portion of an old book with the title, 'The elements of music made easy, or, the new harmonical spectator,' by William Tausius, sen. I cannot find the date of publication, but it certainly was before 1790, as there appears a name of a person in it at that date stating that it was his book.

The only entry with reference to ringing gives us Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Minor, and the following spliced method, which it states is the 'grandest peal of all and is called Crown Bob,' which constitutes a lead of Oxford Treble Bob, a lead of College Pleasure, and a lead of College Treble Bob; this, repeated five times, brings up the half-peal, and by using two singles completes the whole peal with only two calls. The Editor remarks that he is indebted to 'his friend Mr. William Mitbam, of Swavefey, in Cambridgeshire, who is an ingenious Pfalmodist, a steady, strong Baffist, and an expert Ringer.' Is anything known of this man?

The Editor remarks that he gave the original six-score of Doubles on another page, but, unfortunately, this is torn out of my copy.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN PERRY.

Brewood.

MELTON SURPRISE ROYAL.

BY FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

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IPSWICH RINGER'S DEATH FROM A BURN.

As a result of a burn from a gas ring, St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, has lost a member in the person of Mr. William Wood. Mr. Wood on February 15th went to a neighbour's house to knock up a burst pipe, and in getting up from the floor touched a gas ring which had just been put out but was still hot. Although treated by a doctor, and afterwards at Heathfields Institution, septicæmia supervened with fatal results.

The funeral took place in Ipswich Cemetery on Friday, March 8th.

The late Mr. Wood was elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association nearly 50 years ago. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. 'Old Bill,' as he was lately familiarly known, took part in 25 peals, including three peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, in which he rang his favourite bell, the tenth. He was 65 years of age.

As a tribute to his memory the St. Mary-le-Tower Society placed a wreath on his grave and rang a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Maximus half-muffled, the record of which appears in the usual place.

COVENTRY RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on February 26th of Mr. Thomas W. Chown, one of the All Saints' Society of Ringers, Allesley, Coventry. He succumbed after only a short illness, and was buried at Norton, near Daventry, on Saturday, March 2nd. Deceased was highly respected by his fellow-ringers.

On Monday evening, March 4th, at All Saints', Allesley, a peal of London Surprise Minor was attempted with the bells half-muffled, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2,640 changes: G. Gardner 1, F. W. Perrins 2, W. Stote 3, H. G. Summers 4, J. W. Taylor 5, J. H. W. White (conductor) 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 10th, for Holy Eucharist service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Rainbird 1, R. Henzel 2, C. Pryke 3, H. Jeffs 4, R. L. N. Ong 5, E. Furbank 6, F. G. Ringe (conductor) 7, P. S. Carroll 8. First quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell by ringers of 3rd and 4th.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 42 mins.: W. H. Theobald 1, W. Pye 2, A. Prior (conductor) 3, G. L. Joyce 4, P. H. Avey (first quarter in the method) 5, W. Madgwick 6, E. J. Butler 7, E. D. Smith 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 3rd, at the Church of Holy Trinity for morning service, 1,248 Double Norwich in 47 mins.: L. H. Page 1, G. Bacon 2, F. Lufkin 3, S. Baybutt 4, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 5, S. W. Corden 6, G. E. Wilson 7, J. Cornford 8. Also three courses of Stedman Triples by the same band. All the above are service ringers at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, but owing to illness the above was arranged.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 49 mins.: H. Hood 1, G. Warner 2, A. E. Winterton 3, J. W. Perry 4, F. E. Blewitt 5, T. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, A. G. Hunt 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 7th and tenor.

ACTON.—On January 27th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: G. R. Fardon (conductor) 1, Wm. H. Hollier 2, J. W. Kelley 3, H. Wincote 4, R. A. Fardon 5, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 6, E. W. Coulson 7, E. Easton 8.

NORTHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, January 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: N. Clark 1, J. North 2, T. Bryant 3, J. Roberts, sen., 4, J. Stevens (first 720 in this method) 5, J. Parker (first 720 as conductor in this method) 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with E. H. McKie (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 1,080 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: N. Clark 1, J. North 2, T. Bryant 3, J. Roberts, sen., 4, J. Roberts, jun. (first extent in this method on an inside bell) 5, E. H. McKie (conductor) 6.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, January 27th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (22 singles), in 28 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, F. G. Symonds 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 27th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Wood 1, J. Burdfield 2, T. Adams 3, R. Wood 4, T. Newman 5, W. J. Wicks 6, A. Feist (conductor) 7, T. Radbourne 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving the parish.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—Sunday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): R. Oakwell 1, J. Vincent 2, A. Aubrey 3, T. Portlock 4, W. Trueman (conductor) 5, E. Portlock 6. Rung for evening service on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells. Longest length by the ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 14 mins.: A. Lewis 1, W. Emmett 2, W. Godfrey 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. S. Bird 5, W. G. Lewis (conductor) 6, E. Gladman 7, F. Humphries 8.

LATE NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea at 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise me not later than March 18th?—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells of St. Ebbe's (8) from 3 p.m., St. Thomas' (6) after meeting. Service in St. Ebbe's Church 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please let me have numbers for tea by Wednesday, 20th. All ringers welcome.—William Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 2, Kington Road, Oxford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover on March 23rd. Bells available. All those requiring tea notify Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than Wednesday, March 20th.—J. P. Farlton, Hon. Sec.

THE CATCHPOLE AND MOTTS MEMORIAL.

The following subscriptions are acknowledged to the fund towards the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late Messrs. W. L. Catchpole and James Motis in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower Church:—

Already acknowledged £12 18s. 6d., Rev. H. Drake 5s., E. Jenkins 5s., H. Barton 5s., per F. Lambert 5s., G. Moss 1s., C. Clapnell 2s., L. C. Wightman 2s., G. Berry 1s., J. Botwright 6d., G. Finch 1s., C. W. Pipe 2s. 6d., G. Whiting 1s., E. E. Lanham 2s. 6d., S. W. Kinsey 1s., C. Parker 2s. 6d., P. Parker 2s. 6d., W. Cowey 1s., O. G. Barnard 1s., G. R. Day 1s., J. Durrant 1s., J. Gillingham 1s., F. Gillingham 1s., S. Gowing 1s., J. Rose 1s., J. Smith 1s., St. Mary-le-Tower Society £2 2s.; total £17 9s.

This list is now about to be closed, and it is proposed to unveil the tablet at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild on Easter Monday. Mr. G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich, is the hon. secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.—On Saturday, March 9th, for Confirmation service, 720 Grandsire Doubles; after service, 360 Cambridge, 216 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Bob Minor. The ringers taking part were J. and R. Abery, J. and R. Hazell, G. Parsons, S. Davis and R. Hibbert.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Thursday, March 7th, for practice, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Neal 1, J. W. Lake (conductor) 2, A. H. Palmer 3, A. S. Allen 4, R. W. Daniels (first 720 in the method) 5, T. L. Bainbridge 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Neal 1, J. W. Lake (conductor) 2, A. H. Palmer 3, F. French 4, R. W. Daniels 5, A. S. Allen 6.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Tuesday, March 5th, at St. Thomas' Church for Confirmation service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: L. Robbins 1, N. Scott 2, R. Rex (conductor) 3, F. Knapp 4, S. Beaven 5, J. Scott 6. Also 720 Plain Bob: J. Berry 1, L. Robbins 2, J. Scott 3, R. Rex 4, S. Beaven 5, N. Scott (conductor) 6. Rung by the local band.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (usual terms) and business meeting. Please advise me if you require tea. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be on Saturday, March 16th, at Daybrook. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at Reigate. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) at the White Hart Hotel, Bell Street, at 5.45 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Gen. Sec., Winchester, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at St. Katherine's, Savernake Forest, on Saturday, March 16th. Visitors requiring tea kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on March 16th at 3.30 p.m. The bells (6) will be available for ringing at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at 1s. per head. The business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at the Institute after tea, and a good attendance is desired. The annual report will be available at the meeting.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Sympson on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available during the afternoon. Service at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Sonning on Saturday, March 16th. Bells at 3. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, March 16th. 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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute at 5 p.m.—H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, March 16th. The bells (8) will be available for ringing from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Service, Tea, Meetings, etc., at 4.30. All visitors will be made heartily welcome.—J. A. Waugh, District Secretary, 8, Fuller's Road, Woodford, E.18.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, March 16th. Bells of St. Saviour's, Larkhall, available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Bernina Café, Old Bond Street, at 5.15.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, March 20th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Laxfield on March 23rd. Bells (6) at 2. Tea, 1s. each, at the King's Head at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Sec., Ufford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Croudall on March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bus services No. 7, 37 and 52 from Farnham Town Hall. Will all who intend to be present please notify me before March 20th?—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 23rd. Tower open 3.—Short service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are now due. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, March 20th.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells ready 2.30. Tea and business meeting as usual. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, March 23rd, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, will be provided for those who send their names to T. J. Fowler, Dean View, Cookham Rise.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells of Groby (6) available from 3.15 p.m. till 4.45 p.m., and Ratby (6) from 6 p.m. till 7.45 p.m. Tea in Ratby Church Room at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring same please advise me not later than Thursday, 21st? Business meeting in Ratby Church Rooms at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Alban Disney, Hon. Dis. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Blisworth on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 19th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) available 3.45 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. C. Brown, New Walk, Sapcote, Leicester, by Thursday, the 21st. A good meeting is hoped for. All ringers and friends cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Ringing all day (except 2-3) at St. Mary le Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), Rushmere (6). Service, St. Mary le Tower, 2 p.m. Meeting in Oak Lane Rooms at 2.30. Tea, 4.30, at Lyons, 1s. each.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 1st. The rings of bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-the-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be available. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Archdeacon of Norwich. Luncheon will be served at William Grix, Limited, Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present at luncheon must notify the same to the secretary not later than Wednesday, March 27th. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar of Aldenham. Tea at 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting, at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill, adjoining the river bridge. Notification of attendance will be appreciated, for the sake of the caterer and others.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 1st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 27th. Further particulars next week.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry at 11.15. Service in All Saints' Church at 12. Address by the Rev. H. de V. Watson, Rector of Harrietsham. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Maidstone (All Saints) (10), Leeds (10), Harrietsham (8), West Malling (8), Linton (8), Barming (6), Boxley (6), East Farleigh (6), Bearsted (6), St. Michael's, Maidstone (6). For dinner tickets apply before March 28th to Fred M. Mitchell, Assistant Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 1st. Committee at St. Mary's Vestry 11.15 a.m. Service 12 noon. Address by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. P. N. Waggett). Lunch, followed by the business meeting, at the Dorothy Café, at 1 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary-the-Great (12), St. Andrew-the-Great (8), Old Chesterton (6) and St. Mary and the English Martyrs (8) (after 3 p.m.). Will members who are able to attend please inform the secretary before March 26th?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells (10) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. W. White not later than first post Tuesday, March 26th. Members are urged to attend.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Leicester. Bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8), All Saints' (5) available during the day. Committee meet 3.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Convivial 8 to 10 p.m. All at Victoria Commercial Hotel, London Road. To avoid confusion and disappointment it is imperative that those requiring tea (1s. 6d. per head) must obtain tickets from me not later than Thursday, March 28th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashted on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting following. Those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Wednesday, March 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street (near Abbey Gateway), at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 6th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Further particulars next week.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

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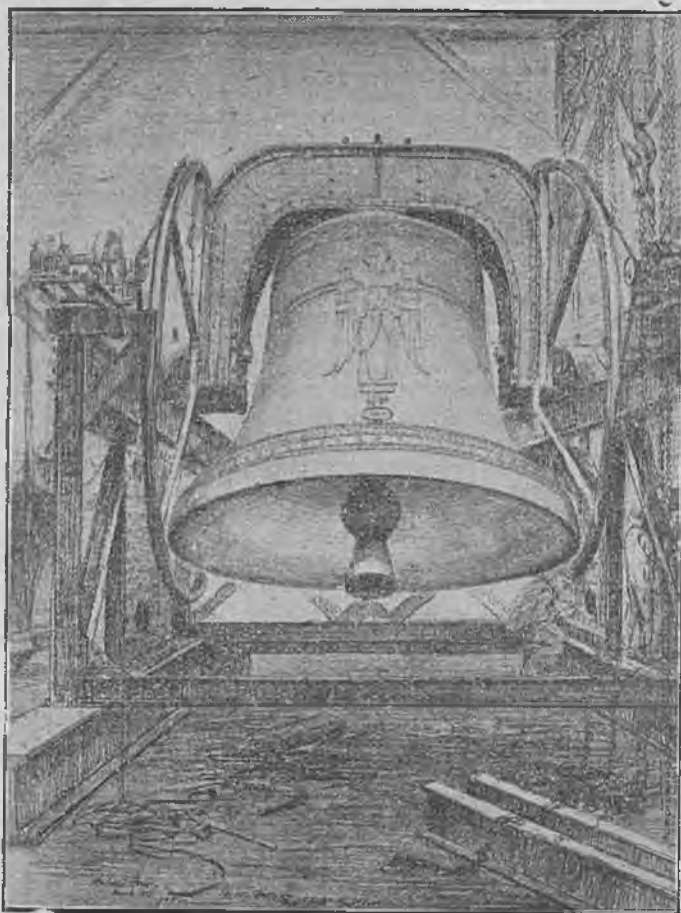
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The agenda of the Central Council, which appeared in our last issue, promises to provide an interesting meeting at Chelmsford, as a good deal of the business relates to matters which affect the Exercise generally and in which ringers as a whole can take an interest. This early publication of the details gives the associations the opportunity of considering the business of the Council, so far as it concerns them, and of expressing their views. Easter and the period up to Whitsun Tuesday, when the Council meet, is the time when the majority of the affiliated organisations hold their annual meetings and are thus able to consult their members on any special points that may be raised. Although the representatives are, under the constitution of the Council, free agents to vote as they choose, there are matters in this year's agenda upon which they may like to consult their associations. One of these is certainly the proposal to increase the affiliation fee.

Ever since the Council was inaugurated the subscription has been half-a-crown for each elected member, and this has formed the sole revenue of the Council. Its work has been carried on with this meagre financial support, out of which, in addition to the expenses of the meetings, the Council has financed the issue of its many useful publications. It has always been the aim of the Council to publish these at the lowest possible price, with the result that there has been, on the whole, a net monetary loss to the Council in this department, but a great gain to the Exercise by the wider circulation of knowledge which this low cost made possible. On a very small income the Council has done a great deal for the advancement of the art; on a doubled income, it could do a good deal more. From time to time we have suggested that the Council needed more money for its work, and if the associations had only to provide the affiliation fees there would be little to quibble about in raising the paltry half-crown subscription to five shillings. But the liability of most of the associations does not end here. Practically all of them pay the out-of-pocket expenses of their representatives, and this, when the meeting place is a distant one, is a heavy drain on those organisations which have only limited resources.

Much as we should like to see the Council's funds supplemented, the possible result must not be overlooked that an increased subscription might reduce the number of representatives elected. We can hardly think that affiliated bodies would curtail their representation merely because they were asked to pay another half-a-crown for each member they send to the Council, but when we find

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one association, which is entitled to four representatives, electing only one; and another seriously considering withdrawal altogether, because of dissatisfaction with the constitution of the central body, the possible effect of an increased subscription ought not to be lost sight of. Here, therefore, is one case where the early publication of the agenda may help to a considered vote being given at Chelmsford. All the associations which hold their annual meetings between this and Whitsun Tuesday should take care to bring the subject before their members so that the representatives may know their feeling on the matter. It will be better to know the views of the associations beforehand than to regret an action after it has been taken.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT 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 GOUGH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

This peal, at the same church and by the same band standing in the same order, replaces the one rung on June 9th last

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR H. MARTIN ... Treble	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 2	*HAROLD V. COOPER ... 7
*MISS AMY JOHNSON ... 3	HARRY PRICE ... 8
WILLIAM SHORT ... 4	*THOMAS HEMMING ... 9
*WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 5	*ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Bob Royal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE ... Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 2	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
THOMAS LANGDON ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON

Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Phillimore, the Rector's father.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ERNEST BRETT Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
RONALD H. BULLEN ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 4	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Kentish.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*PERCY ALMOND Treble	GEORGE ANDREWS ... 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 2	*EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 6
*CHARLES H. ANDREWS ... 3	GEORGE GREEN ... 7
*JOSEPH BOWELL ... 4	*MORRIS J. LING ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Grandsire. Messrs. Almond and Nevard are from Great Bentley, Andrews (2) from Thorington, Bowell from Bromley, and Green from Great Baddow. M. J. Ling belongs to the local band.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 6
MISS FREDA ORR ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
FREDRICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the association. The method is No. 13 in Central Council Collection of Plain Methods.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	HERBERT E. AINSLEY ... 7
*HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Superlative, also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 6th.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH)

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*MISS GWEN F. STORER ... Treble	THOMAS ROGERS ... 5
†JOHN GORST ... 2	JOHN COOKE ... 6
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 3	JOHN BREESE ... 7
WALTER J. BATTLE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the method.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Sannans,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GLYN WILLIAMS Treble	PERCY JONES ... 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... 6
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 3	JOHN W. JONES ... 7
HAROLD C. CASSEL ... 4	*TIMOTHY POPNELL ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. TAYLOR. Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.

* First peal of Triples.

BOLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND
DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS Treble	ARCHIBALD KAY ... 5
CHARLES TRIBE ... 2	CHARLES FRANKLIN ... 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	ALFRED J. BATTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the 4th.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
ALLAN F. BAILEY ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First touch of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILFRED BOOTH Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... 5
GEORGE KING ... 2	THOMAS HOAD ... 6
PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 7
ALBERT HOEDEN ... 4	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT, JUN.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Lambert.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN BOOTH Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 5
HAROLD HAMER ... 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
WALTER STAFF ... 3	*JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
JAMES INGHAM ... 4	WILLIAM HORAN ... Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal in the method.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten six-scores of Old Doubles, ten of Bob Doubles and 22 of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM YOUNG Treble	JOHN FEAR 4
GILBERT HASSELL 2	R. THOMAS CLARK 5
WILFRED YOUNG 3	FREDERICK BROWN Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

First peal in three methods by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Thomas Bevir, one of the local ringers. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Dr. and Mrs. Bevir, whose hospitality was greatly appreciated.

LOWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Treble	GEORGE JEFFES 4
*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 2	AMOS SMART 5
CYRIL WILSON 3	†FRANK KIRK Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal and first attempt. † 80th peal.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

*DENNIS ADAMS Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4
†WILLIAM BAVIN 2	†ARTHUR J. GINN 5
†A. WILLIAM T. GINN ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal, and aged 16. † First peal in the method. Rung with muffled clappers in memory of John Thoday, a much-respected churchwarden and past ringer, and William Warrington, father of the tenor man. Mr. Thoday was interred on the above date, the latter on February 9th. Dennis Adams kindly took a rope at the last minute.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true and complete 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. MOSS Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 4
*CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 2	WILLIAM KERBLE 5
STANLEY MOSS 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise and quickest peal on the bells.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb.

*HARRY PURCHASE Treble	JESSE TOUT 4
*ALBERT TURNER 2	ALBERT TOUT 5
†CHARLES QUICK 3	WALTER JOHN SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT TOUT.

* First attempt. † First peal. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd are from Chipstaple, 5th from Milverton.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—On Thursday, February 28th, 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 21 mins.: W. H. Poole 1, J. C. Furlong 2, G. Miles 3, J. W. Leggett 4, H. Turner (conductor) 5, W. D. Leggett 6. First 720 by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A SIX-BELL MEETING.

The North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, on Saturday last, attracted some thirty members, who thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon's ringing on the pretty peal of six bells. These bells were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1865, and were recently quarter-turned, reclappered and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, with excellent results. The tone of the bells is greatly improved, and during the afternoon and evening of the meeting were rung to as many methods as have been rung on them during their whole previous existence.

The Vicar (Rev. A. T. Morgan) gave an interesting address at the service, speaking about the various uses of bells, and how they affected our daily lives. The school bells, when we were young, bid us come to receive education, without which it would be impossible to progress; later, the factory bell called us to the work, without which life would be useless indeed. Empty is the life of those who go through it without finding it necessary to do useful work. Next the fire bell warned us of danger, and the church bell called us to worship. So all through our lives bells had their uses in many ways.

After tea, which was served in the Church Hall, the usual business meeting was held. The Vicar took the chair and was supported by Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), Mr. N. A. Tomlinson (Master), and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary). Included in the company was Mr. H. A. Barnett (Tottenham), who has recently celebrated his golden wedding, and whom everybody was especially glad to see.

Ten new members were elected. St. James', Clerkenwell, was chosen for the next meeting of the district on May 4th, when, the hon. secretary mentioned, the recast peal of eight would be opened. He hoped members would note this date, as it was especially desired to get a good meeting. The Vicar had been good enough to invite members to tea.

Notice was given of the annual general meeting, which is to be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on April 6th.

The business over, Mr. W. Pickworth moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, and for permitting the meeting to be held; also to Mr. Ringrose and the ladies who had prepared tea. This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Ross and carried unanimously.—Mr. Ringrose briefly acknowledged the thanks of the members, and the meeting terminated.

Another visit was then paid to the tower, and many methods rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

After 20 odd years the South and West District held a Saturday afternoon meeting at Christ Church, Ealing, on March 8th, by permission of the Rev. Prebendary King (Vicar). Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., the Ringing Master, Mr. E. Goodfellow, being in charge. A short service from the Ringers' Service Manual was conducted by the Vicar, who in his address gave the association a hearty welcome. Tea was served in the schoolroom, where about thirty assembled, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. C. S. Bird, and supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. treasurer), the Ringing Master and others. One ringing member was elected, and votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, organist, hostess and assistants. Last, but not least, votes of thanks were also accorded to Messrs. W. G. Wilson and H. Burton for their invaluable services in arranging the meeting and tea, and the successful social and dance that followed in the Church Hall in aid of the Isleworth Bell Fund. Ringing ceased at 7.20 p.m., and dancing started at 7.30, the 'Double U' dance band being engaged for the occasion.

Some fine selections were rendered on handbells at intervals by Mr. J. R. Mackman and his son Howard, who were heartily applauded for their performances. Mr. H. Burton made and presented to the fund a beautiful cake, which realised 15s. There was also a mystery box, the lucky winner being Mrs. J. H. Hunnisett.

The hon. secretary, on behalf of the fund, thanked the company for their support, also Mr. Mackman and his son for entertaining them with their handbells, and Mr. Harry Burton for his generous gift, and for his services as M.C. The amount realised for the fund was £8 2s. 1d., and the total to date is £132 10s. 7d., plus ten pounds promised.

MANCHESTER RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter re Manchester record by W. Brown, published in 'The Ringing World' of the 8th inst., the ring of bells at the Manchester Cathedral were made into a peal of ten bells in the year 1825. Therefore a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal could have been rung in 1830, as stated in the 'Manchester Guardian' of January 24th.

The print does seem rather bad, but put it under a powerful glass and you can see the year 1825 all right.—Yours faithfully,

A. RIVARD.

NORFOLK GUILD'S PROPOSED REORGANISATION.

A PLEBISCITE TAKEN.

At the annual meeting of the Norfolk Guild at Norwich on Easter Monday a decision will be taken on the question of reorganising the area of the Guild for administrative purposes. In the meantime, in order to ascertain the feeling of members, a plebiscite is being taken, and the following memorandum has been sent out by the president (the Ven. G. M. MacDermott) and the secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman):—

'Doubtless all members are aware of the proposal for the reorganisation of our Guild. This proposal has been considered at all our general meetings in 1928; the reform suggested is to group the eleven existing districts into three large districts, corresponding to the areas of three archdeacons of the diocese.

'Each of these districts to have a committee consisting of chairman, secretary, and three or more elected members to work the necessary local business and to arrange meetings, etc.; the officers and committee to be elected at an annual meeting of each district.

'It is hoped thereby to secure more active co-operation of our members in the country districts and to strengthen the work of the Guild.

'At the various meetings held during the year it was thought inadvisable to come to a decision until individual members had been offered an opportunity of expressing an opinion.

'At a special general meeting held at King's Lynn on October 29th, 1928, the committee was accordingly instructed to issue a circular letter with questions attached for members to answer.'

THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

The questions upon which the members have been asked to say 'Yes' or 'No' are:—

- (1) Are you in favour of having three large districts instead of the present eleven small districts?
- (2) Do you approve of these districts covering the areas of the archdeacons of the diocese? The incumbent of your parish will tell you the name of your archdeaconry. The Aylsham, Great Yarmouth, and Norwich districts are in the Norwich Archdeaconry; Dereham, Diss, Louth, and Redenhall and Wymondham districts are in the Norfolk Archdeaconry; Fakenham, King's Lynn and Thetford are in the King's Lynn Archdeaconry.
- (3) And should the new districts be called: (a) The Norwich Archdeaconry? (b) The Norfolk Archdeaconry? (c) The King's Lynn Archdeaconry?
- (4) Do you consider a committee consisting of chairman, secretary, and three or more elected members can be got together for carrying out the work of your own new district as proposed?
- (5) Are you in favour of changing the title to: (a) The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers (the original title of the Guild)? or (b) The present title of the Guild to remain, viz., The Norfolk Guild of Ringers, for the Diocese of Norwich?

It is pointed out in connection with (5) that in the event of the suggested reorganisation coming to pass, the Bishop of the diocese thinks the title should be 'Norwich Diocesan' rather than 'Norfolk,' it being a diocesan society, and the members office holders in the church. It should be noted that 'Norfolk' does not express the true area of the Guild, part of West Norfolk being in the diocese of Ely, and part of East Suffolk being in the diocese of Norwich, hence the title 'The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers' is the correct expression to denote the area covered by the Guild. Of course, the title could remain as at present, but, if so, the whole title, 'The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich,' might be printed in the same type.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual report of the Guild, which has just been issued, after alluding to the activities of the past year, records the death of ten members, amongst whom were two original members of the Guild, viz., Mr. Robert Whiting, of Pulham Market, and Mr. Frederick Knights, of Norwich.

'Twenty-one members,' adds the report, 'have lapsed during the year, but we are glad to report that 29 new members have been elected and six re-elections of our members, the grand total of members being 806 against 801 in 1927.

'We would like to call the attention of members to one item in the balance sheet, and to remind them that the petty cash account for £4 18s. 3d. is unpaid and due to our secretary and treasurer. The secretary's appeal to some of the district secretaries and collectors for unpaid subscriptions to be remitted before the end of the year in the result was disappointing, inasmuch as a larger amount than usual, viz., £6 3s., is outstanding for the year ending December 31st, 1928, thus resulting in a deficit of £4 8s. 10d. instead of a credit balance of £1 14s. 2d. in hand.

'There has been a tendency of recent years, on the part of those responsible, in deferring the collection of subscriptions until well toward the end of the year, but as such method often leads to two years' subscriptions becoming due together, and means sometimes the loss of a year's subscription due to the Guild, we would remind all members that "all subscriptions shall be payable in advance and become due on January 1st in each year."

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Sympson on Saturday, March 16th, when about thirty members attended, representing the following towers: Bletchley, Bradwell, Beachampton, Penny Stratford, Great Brickhill, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Shenley, Whaddon, and the local ringers. Bells were ringing from 2.30 p.m. until service time. Unfortunately, owing to illness, the Vicar of Sympson (Rev. J. T. Lawson) was unable to be present. The Rev. D. R. James, of Great Brickhill, officiated in his absence. This was the first occasion on which a meeting had been held at Sympson, and it was quite a successful one. Tea had been prepared at the Plough Inn, where lots of good things had been provided.

After tea the chairman of the branch (the Rev. L. Moxon) had to apologise for having to leave early owing to other important business.

The Secretary appealed to all to attend the annual festival of the branch at Shenley in June.

Several matters were discussed, and Mr. W. Sear proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. J. James for coming at short notice to officiate, also to the Rev. J. T. Lawson for arranging the meeting, regret being expressed that he was unable to attend. This brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close. Ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge and London Minor.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Northern District of the Essex Association held a meeting at South Hackney on Saturday, and, despite a rather poor start, some good ringing was achieved. At 5 p.m. a service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector of South Hackney, and then an adjournment was made to St. Andrew's Hall, in Well Street, where, under the supervision of Mr. Briggs, a bountiful tea awaited the members. The business meeting was afterwards held. No new members were forthcoming. Whitechapel was chosen for the next meeting, to take place on the third Saturday in May.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbent for the use of his bells, and to Messrs. Riley and Briggs for having all in readiness in the tower, also to Mr. Free, the organist. The young ladies who helped at the tea were not forgotten.

After this the tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in until 9 p.m., Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich being rung. Although the attendance was not as good as it might have been, it is believed that all present enjoyed themselves.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT'S 150 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	1
London Surprise Minor	1	1
Seven Surprise Minor methods	1	—
Grandsire Triples	5	4
Erin Triples	1	1
Original Triples	1	1
Stedman Triples	44	8
Bob Major	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	12	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	6	1
Superlative Surprise Major	22	4
Cambridge Surprise Major	10	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	—
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	1
Bristol Surprise Major	10	1
London Surprise Major	7	1
Grandsire Caters	1	—
Erin Caters	1	1
Stedman Caters	6	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	—
Stedman Cinques	6	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	—
Total	150	29

Rung in 43 towers. Every peal conducted is a different composition.

(Continued from previous column.)

'Fifty peals in twenty different methods were rung during the past twelve months, against 44 peals in 1927. 130 members took part in these peals, which were conducted by 18 members. In conclusion, we have to thank Mr. G. P. Burton for auditing the Guild accounts for the 22nd time, and all other officers for their services during the past year.'

The balance sheet shows in the current account subscriptions amounting to £33 2s.; other receipts £2 8s. 6d. The expenditure was £40 1s. 11d. The outstanding subscriptions amount to £6 3s. The Guild has a reserve fund of £131 5s.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES. TESTS OF A DEFINITION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On March 1st, the official minutes of the last Council meeting at Hereford were printed. The definition of a peal of Minor is as follows: '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 more than once in any 720, etc.'

Now, 'Minormania' has complained that I very often fail to make my point plain, and I must plead guilty to having made two statements about this rule without making them plain.

(1) I have stated that we must ring seven different 720's. Does the word 'seven' mean seven different 720's, or can it mean the same 720 rung seven times?

Test the two statements thus: Does seven changes of Bob Major mean the same as one change of Bob Major six times repeated?

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
24163857	12345678
Etc.	Etc.

Obviously they mean two different things, and seven 720's therefore mean seven different 720's.

(2) Seven true and complete 720's. Does this mean that each 720 must be completed before another is begun, or, given seven true and complete 720's, may we mix them?

Test this as follows: A peal of Grandsire Triples must consist of 72 true and complete plain courses. Does this mean that each plain course must be completed before the next is begun, or may we mix them?

If my brother's peal of Cambridge Minor does not contain seven true and complete 720's, and if my peal of London Minor does not contain seven true and complete 720's, then Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples does not contain a single plain course of Grandsire Triples.

I believe that I have now covered all the ground. If, however, I have failed to make any point clear I am open to answer questions as far as possible.

H. LAW JAMES.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THE POINT.

Sir,—Most of your correspondents seem to appreciate my purpose in publishing the incomplete peal of Grandsire Triples. For those, however, who have missed the point, perhaps I may explain that I had two objects in view.

First, I wished to make it clear that no group of 720 rows of one of Rev. E. B. James' 2,160's of Cambridge Minor is true and complete in itself. Let me guard myself here by adding that this does not imply, as many people suppose, that it is therefore false.

In the second place I hoped by means of the example to reveal to some readers at least that there is all the difference in the world between rows and changes. It is natural for those who have not gone below the surface to assume that 'rows' and 'changes' are only two ways of expressing the same idea. Yet this is not so. Everyone is aware that there are but 5,040 different orders in which seven figures can be arranged, and you would naturally imagine that if you ring all these without repetition you have accomplished a true peal. My example of Grandsire Triples proves that this is not necessarily the case. In actual ringing we are concerned with changes and not rows. Thus in a 720 there must be 720 true changes, and any such resolution as that of which Messrs. Whittington and Pulling have given notice is altogether beside the point.

There is another point on which I should like to make a few observations. There has been a great deal of harping on truth and falseness, and this again is a matter on which there is need of clear thinking. Really it amounts to this. Is a peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Minor to be regarded as a whole or is it seven independent touches of 720 each? No doubt everyone will reply 'The former,' for we are all agreed that if a band sets out to ring a 7,200 of Bob Minor and breaks down in the eighth or a subsequent 720 it cannot claim to have rung a 5,040. But in effect a considerable number of your correspondents have adopted the latter interpretation. We all know that you can call the Single in Burton's 5,056 of Bob Major at the first Wrong and ring the second half of the peal before the first half. And the result is just as true as in the form in which the composition appears in the Central County Collection.

If a 5,040 of Bob Minor consists of seven parts of a single whole, there is equally no reason (so far as the truth of the composition is concerned) why you should not alter the grouping of the parts by splicing or other device. Thus, when we are told we must not sacrifice truth, some of us are left cold.

Of course this does not imply that all such arrangements are of equal value, or that there may not be some which it would be much better not to ring.

At the present time the volcano of six-bell composition is in full eruption. Much of what is being thrown up will doubtless prove to be mud on examination, but until it is given time to solidify it is

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PRESENTATIONS TO NORTH WALES RINGER.

MR. A. J. HUGHES' DEPARTURE TO YORKSHIRE.

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Rhyl, who has recently been promoted to a position at Bradford, after a sojourn of some years in North Wales, has been the recipient of a number of parting gifts by old friends and colleagues.

The ringers of St. Thomas', Rhyl, gave him a beautiful walking stick suitably inscribed, and to his son, Mr. Albert H. Hughes, they presented a silver bell chain pendant with inscription. These presentations were made by Mr. Charles Egerton and Mr. Ben Collis respectively.

Mr. Hughes, who was district foreman in the engineering department of the L.M.S. Railway at Rhyl, received a handsome Jacobean oak bookcase from the supervisors in the Chester and Holyhead district, and his staff presented Mr. and Mrs. Hughes with an umbrella each. These gifts were handed to Mr. Hughes at a gathering of railway men, when Mr. Tudor Williams, the secretary and one of the organisers of the movement, referred to his long association with Mr. Hughes, whom he had known all his lifetime. They were members of the Railway Institute Boys' Brigade at Bangor together, Mr. Hughes serving as an officer and Mr. Williams as the instructor. Again during the Great War they had met in trying circumstances, but their friendship was a source of mutual cheer. After the war Mr. Hughes was sent from Bangor to take charge of the Rhyl Station alterations and the Prestatyn extension, when they again met. They worked harmoniously together for ten years, when Mr. Williams was transferred to the Denbigh district, and he to Low Moor, near Bradford. Mr. Hughes had a sympathetic feeling towards all who were ill or suffering in any way.

Mr. Tomlinson, who presided over the gathering, then asked Mr. Mathews, stationmaster of Rhyl, to hand over the valuable gift. Mr. Mathews, in doing so, said he was grieved to lose a friend and a neighbour. Mr. Hughes had always been very willing and most efficient in every service he undertook.

Mr. Hughes, in replying, thanked the promoters and subscribers for the fine gift, and dwelt on the comradeship which had always characterised their relations as railway workers, and on the encouragement received from those in authority on the North Wales district of the L.M.S.

After the presentation at the station the party went to the Bee Hotel, where a convivial gathering took place. Refreshments were kindly given by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur. Here Mr. Hughes had a 'surprise packet,' when Mr. Sibley, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, presented him with a pipe in case as a souvenir of good fellowship and a token of good wishes.

Mr. Hughes has taken up his residence at Low Moor, Bradford, and will thus lose his position as the representative of the North Wales Association on the Central Council. He has already been warmly welcomed into Yorkshire ringing circles.

All Correspondence intended for this Journal
should in future be addressed to—

The Editor,
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WOKING, SURREY.

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premature to declare that this or that will not turn out to be solid rock. Instead of the craze that has smitten certain members of the Exercise to condemn wholesale, would it not be better to await the acid test of experience? It is very noticeable that those who are most ready with clear-cut solutions are in nearly every case eight-bell ringers with small knowledge of six-bell problems.—Yours faithfully,
E. S. POWELL.

'BROUGHT ROUND?'

Dear Sir,—It was a pleasure to read the Rev. H. Law James' letter in your issue of March 15th until, speaking of the three leads of Bob Singles he had produced, he said, 'Each of these can be rung by itself and brought round.' No plain ringer will admit there is any legitimate method of ringing the second lead of Bob Singles before the first lead has been rung, let alone ringing it by itself and bringing it round. Repetition is one thing, but changes can be 'brought round' only at the occurrence of a round—123, etc.

I write in this way because it is usual for Mr. James in his arguments to start off well and blunder past the bounds of reason before he ends.

I read the second half of his letter several times, and ultimately congratulated myself upon unravelling exactly what was in the writer's mind. The letter was written for the benefit of the junior members of the Exercise, and in case the latter ladies and gentlemen did not measure it, the last sentence occupied over seven lines of small print. With apologies for a little aberration, I remain, yours faithfully,

Norwich.

J. F. DUFFIELD.

A LINK WITH JASPER SNOWDON.**DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR CRITCHLEY.**

Another link with the days of Jasper Snowdon and those who founded the Yorkshire Association has been broken by the death, which occurred, on the 9th inst., of Mr. Arthur Critchley, of Ilkley, who was 73 years of age. The deceased joined the Yorkshire Association in the year of its commencement in 1875, and although he had rung only two peals he remained a member until his death. Mr. Critchley was a member of a family which had a long association with Ilkley. His grandfather was a warden of the Ilkley Parish Church, and his father, Mr. T. J. Critchley, was for many years a member of the old Ilkley Local Board.

Mr. Arthur Critchley, who was the eldest son of the family, was educated at the High School, Ilkley, and the Spofforth Academy. He was perhaps best known in Wharfedale as an expert angler. His father was for many years hon. secretary of the old Burnsall Angling Club, and Mr. Arthur Critchley was a member of this club, and was amongst the earliest members of the Ilkley Angling Club, with which he was closely associated throughout its long history. He was one of the cleverest makers of flies in the valley and many young anglers came to him to gain the benefit of his expert advice and skill.

He was a lover of music, a violinist and a vocalist of considerable ability, and in his younger days was a member of the Ilkley Vocal Society and of the Ilkley Parish Church Choir. At one time he was a playing member of the Ilkley Cricket Club.

The funeral took place at the Ilkley Cemetery on Tuesday, March 12th, following a service conducted by Canon C. J. Hamer, Vicar, at the Parish Church.

On Sunday, with the bells half-muffled, the Ilkley ringers rang 504 Stedman Triples.

PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of March 15th there are two peals of Cambridge Surprise Major 'by T. B. Worsley,' quite a capable composer. But, sir, in the second peal at any rate, I contend that four courses are Mr. Worsley's, and the other nineteen belong to Middleton and Johnson. Why not, then, 'Worsley's Variation'?—Yours faithfully,

J. F. DUFFIELD.

Norwich.

MARVELS OF THE EXERCISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I noted your remarks in 'The Ringing World' re Mr. James George, who, no doubt, is a marvel for his age, but in the peal rung at Ipswich is a man whom I consider a far greater marvel. Mr. Robert Brundle is 78 years old, and has rung quite a lot of peals of Surprise Maximus recently.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST F. POPPY.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The many friends of Mr. H. A. Barnett, of All Hallows', Tottenham, will be interested to learn that the golden anniversary of his wedding fell on March 9th. After an association of over 50 years with the belfry, Mr. Barnett is still one of the most valued of the ringers—one of those whose steadiness and reliability go so far to ensure 'coming into rounds' at the proper time. The ringers presented Mr. and Mrs. Barnett with a clock as a mark of their esteem.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday, March 9th. The bells of St. Mary's were set going to Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich, and, later, 21 sat down to an excellent tea in the Anchorage, adjoining the church, those present including the president, Mr. E. E. Ferry, Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rev. Welch, and ringers from Houghton, West Hartlepool, Durham, Newcastle, Sunderland and the local belfry.

The treasurer, Mr. G. S. Taylor, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Parkinson thanked the ladies for waiting on the party at the tables.

During the meeting Messrs. Ferry, Story, Davidson and Robson entertained the company with some excellently struck Grandsire Triples on the handbells.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Durham City on Saturday, May 4th.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Tuesday, March 12th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major on the back eight (tenor 39½ cwt.) in 55 mins.: W. Fisher 1, J. Breese 2, L. L. Gray 3, T. Hammond 4, G. R. Newton 5, J. Cooke 6, E. Caunce 7, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 8. This was rung half-muffled, after meeting short for a peal attempt, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy ('Woodbine Willie').

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

As Good Friday comes in next week, 'The Ringing World' will be published one day earlier. All communications for that issue should reach us as early as possible, and in no case later than Monday next.

The meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association at Bolsover to-morrow has been cancelled, owing to illness near the church.

Many of the visitors to Bristol for the last dinner of the United Guilds will remember the Chilcompton bus. We are credibly informed that this vehicle has now done 43,500 miles, and that it has never yet been washed.

Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, writes that it would be interesting to know how many ringers there are who have rung a hundred peals on the bells at their own church. There must be quite a number who have done this.

The peal of six (tenor 19½ cwt.) at Winslow, Bucks, restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated at 11.15 a.m. on Easter Day. There will be ringing at noon, when visitors will be welcomed.

On this day in the year 1734 a peal of 6,876 Grandsire Caters was rung at New College, Oxford. An old chronicler records that 'twas a glorious performance, for tho' there were two very great blunders and some other bad ringing, yet, considering the great length of the peal, it was admirable ringing, such as can hardly be mended, unless it be by the Londoners, it being a thing, as it were, next to impossible to go through such a long, tedious work without faults.

This record of the peal is interesting, in that it gives the vocations of the ringers, who were:—

1. Hearn, the Taylor.
2. Mr. Vickers, second Butler of New College.
3. Mr. George, the Taylor.
4. Mr. Guy Terry, the Potash Maker in St. Clement's.
5. Mr. Yates, second Cook of Magdalen College.
6. Mr. John Broughton, Barber.
7. Mr. Richard Smith, Glover.
8. Mr. Barnes, second Cook of Christ Church.
9. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, of Holywell, Carpenter and Bell Hanger.
10. Mr. Nicholas Benwell, who shows Great Tom.

On March 27th, 1815, a peal of 10,008 Grandsire Caters was rung on the same bells.

A peal of 7,104 Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark on March 22nd, 1802, by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

On March 23rd, 1783, a peal of 5,020 Old Double Caters, 'being the first peal ever rung in that method,' was achieved by the College Youths at Fulham. It would be interesting to know exactly what 'Old Double Caters' is.

James Barham called the first peal of Reverse Bob Major at Harrietsham, Kent, on March 23rd, 1751.

Elijah Roberts' great performance of 'tapping' 19,440 changes on handbells took place on March 23rd, 1837.

A peal of 5,160 'Double Twelve In' was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, by the College Youths, on March 24th, 1784, and two days later they rang 6,048 'Real Double Twelve In' at St. Saviour's, Southwark.

The climax to the rivalry which extended over many years between the College Youths and the Cumberlands, for the longest length of Treble Bob Royal, was reached on March 27th, 1784, when the Cumberland Society scored the famous 12,000 at Shoreditch in 9 hrs. 5 mins., a record which was unbroken for over a hundred years.

Another method, which from its old name we do not recognise today, was rung for the first time on March 28th, 1750. It was 5,040 'New Double Tripples, being the only peal that was ever completed in that method,' and was rung by the Cumberlands at Shoreditch.

BROADCAST OF ST. MARTIN'S BELLS, BIRMINGHAM.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will those ringers in various parts of the country who listened to the ten minutes' broadcast ringing from St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, 7.50 to 8 p.m. on Sunday last, kindly forward to the undersigned their opinion as to how the twelve bells came through, as the B.B.C. officials here are very anxious to know if the microphone as placed for this broadcast is now in the right position for 'radioing' St. Martin's new peal.—Yours faithfully,

81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham. **ALBERT WALKER.**

THE FIRST PEAL IN WALES.

After all, the peal of Grandsire Caters at Wrexham in 1803 was not the first peal in Wales. A peal was rung at St. Giles Parish Church there on March 26th, 1729, exactly two hundred years ago next Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas Cathrall writes from Wrexham as follows:—

'In your issue of March 1st the claim of the College Youths to the first peal in Wales is disproved by Mr. Jas. E. Groves, and he refers to a peal of Grandsire Caters rung here on July 27th, 1803. We have no records of this peal in our possession, but there is a board in this tower recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, rung on March 26th, 1729, by a local band.'

TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH E. SYKES.

'GASSED' AT COPENHAGEN.

The death has occurred at Copenhagen, Denmark, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. Joseph Edwin Sykes, one of the best-known ringers in England. Mr. Sykes, who was the eldest son of Mrs. Sykes and the late Mr. D. F. E. Sykes, a former well-known solicitor, of Ainsley House, Marsden, Yorks, was employed by Messrs. W. O. Holmes and Co., the well-known gas engineers of Huddersfield, and travelled all over the world superintending the erection of gas manufacturing plant. He had been engaged in this work in the Danish capital and was found gassed in a room in the works, with one of the gas cocks turned on. He died without recovering consciousness. The cause of the tragedy is not yet known.

Mr. Sykes had carried out work for his firm in many parts of the world. He had visited most of the countries in Europe, had erected gas plant in distant Manchuria, and in Canada, and in the course of his business had visited almost every corner of the British Isles.

He was an enthusiastic ringer, and wherever he pitched his tent would hunt up the ringers in all the towers around. His sole 'relaxation' was found in ringing, and he was never happier than when on the rope of a heavy bell. Tall and muscular, he was well fitted for some of the big tasks he undertook when visiting neglected towers where bells go badly. He was a ready writer, with a sense of humour, and a pungent critic. To large numbers of ringers throughout the country he was known as 'Uncle Joe,' and many contributions in this journal from his pen appeared over the name of 'Samivel Peppery.'

His absence from England often took him away from ringing for long periods, as, for instance, when he was in Manchuria for eighteen months, but he never lost his interest in the art, and returned to activity in the belfry like a giant refreshed. He received 'The Ringing World' in more countries than any other man, and he was a frequent and entertaining correspondent. About six months ago, however, he retired from ringing, for what actual reason he never divulged. The Editor of 'The Ringing World' received a letter which Mr. Sykes described as his 'Swan Song,' and asking to be allowed to retire 'to his chimney corner' without comment.

And thus he slid out of the Exercise, but he left many friends, who will deeply regret his tragic end and sympathise with the bereaved wife and mother who are left to mourn their loss.

BIRMINGHAM'S VETERAN'S DEATH.

FOUNDER OF THE HOLT SOCIETY.

St. Martin's Guild has again, through death, lost another of its old members in William Kent, one of the vice-presidents, who passed away on March 8th. The writer of these few lines has been happy in knowing and ringing with him for 58 years, and can testify as to what manner of man he was.

'Bill,' as his intimates called him, was a St. Martin's Youth, first and last. As a youth he drifted down to St. Martin's, along with Baldwin, Bastable, Avery, Johnson, jun., Buffery, Farmer and others, who were brought up under the eyes of Henry Johnson, sen., Lates, Perks and Day, who taught them how to ring, and they learnt the lesson well. Later on, William Kent took over from young Henry Johnson the towerkeeping of the famous Aston Church, started the Holt Society, and gathered around him a splendid band, of whom the only ones now left are Charlie Stanbridge and the writer. Mr. Kent also used to go on Saturday nights to Sutton Coldfield, as instructor, when the bells were made into eight, and among others who came under his influence were Charles and Fred Dickens. He was a good conductor, but never avaricious, and anyone who was capable could call.

As a composer he was of no mean ability. He had some splendid short course peals of Grandsire Caters. As a ringer, in his day none were better. He was a good handbell ringer, and took part in the first peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' in Birmingham, along with Bastable, Avery and Johnson, jun., with Day and Johnson, sen., as referees. He also rang 3-4 in the first peal of Stedman Cinques and the long peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's. I do not know at the moment how many peals he had rung, but it must have been a good number, and so one could go on. But of the man himself I should like to say a few words. Of a quiet, unassuming disposition, he was generous almost to a fault, and was never known to speak harshly to anyone. In the 58 years the writer has known him, there has never been the slightest jar to mar that long friendship, and that was how he had been all through his long life.

And so he was laid to rest on Thursday, March 14th, in Erdington Parish Churchyard (with his wife who had predeceased him by a year or two) in the presence of the sorrowing male members of his family and friends. Included among the wreaths was one from St. Martin's Guild, whose members were represented by Messrs. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master), G. Swann, T. Miller, J. George, F. Dickens and A. Paddon Smith. The first four rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave, and last Tuesday St. Martin's bells were rung muffled.

And thus we leave him, certain that he has left behind him the beautiful memory of one of Nature's gentlemen.

TOM RUSSAM.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pudsey on Saturday last, members from the following towers being present: Bradford, Giseley, Keighley, Armley, Leeds, Queensbury, Ilkley, Lindley, Headingley, Birstall, Bingley, Lightcliffe, Bramley, Shipley, Idle, Rothwell, Calverley, and the local company. At the service the address was given by the Rev. W. T. Grange, in the absence of the Vicar through illness. Tea was served in the West End Cafe, and the business meeting was held in the Park Hotel, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) being in the chair.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr. H. Peel (Birstall) and Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe) to the committee; and Mr. F. Hutchinson (St. Chad's), secretary. Mr. C. E. Lawson (St. Chad's) was elected on the committee in the place of Mr. E. H. Simpson (Shipley), who expressed a wish to retire owing to his inability to attend meetings.

There were no invitations for the June meeting, and it was proposed to endeavour to arrange one at Marsden.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the Rev. W. T. Grange for his address, and, to the local company for the arrangements made, were carried unanimously.—Mr. P. Cordingley responded. A vote of thanks to the secretary brought the business meeting to a close. Ringing on tower bells and handbells was afterwards further indulged in.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting was held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday last, when the majority of the towers in the division were represented, about 40 ringers being present from Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, All Saints', Handsworth, Conisborough, Sproborough, Doncaster, Arksey, Rawmarsh, and Dartfield. A short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Lee Nicholls), a practical ringing member of the association, and whose address on the various uses of bells was very much appreciated. A splendid tea was provided in the Institute by the local company, and the business meeting was held in the same place.—The Rector was voted to the chair, and opportunity was taken to congratulate him on his appointment as an hon. Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

Mr. W. Bilson, of Ranmoor, was elected a member of the association. Mr. F. Clark was re-elected as secretary and thanked for his past services. Mr. G. Holmes (St. Marie's), Mr. S. F. Palmer (Cathedral), and Mr. G. Clark (Arksey), were elected to the general committee of the association, and Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley was re-elected to the local committee.

For the annual joint meeting of the societies in the southern area, Whiston, near Rotherham, was selected, the date being fixed for June 22nd.

A committee consisting of Mr. G. Lewis, Mr. S. F. Palmer, Mr. R. Harrison, jun., Mr. G. Holmes, and Mr. M. Wilson, was elected to make the necessary arrangements for the annual dinner of the association which will be held this year in Sheffield on September 21st next, and all present were asked to make this known and help to make the event successful.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, to the ladies for their services at the tea, to the organist, and to the local company for their kind welcome, were heartily carried, and replied to by the Rector, who promised that, at the first opportunity, he would have the bells at his church put into a condition which would make them second to none in the county.

MINOR METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder what Mr. Trollope would have us read into his letter of March 15th? Are his remarks to be construed into gentle reproach?

Following my letter of enquiry, his passing reference to it means:—

- (1) It is the business of the Methods Committee alone as to why the Central Council motion, in part, has been ignored.
- (2) That Minor ringers must await the new 'Collection' and pay their 1s. 9d. for the privilege of correcting the book for which the Central Council already has charged.

The first, certainly, is not our business, other than that we are interested in the 'rummy' doings of a body which is going to ask us (through our various associations) to contribute our mites toward an affiliation fee of 5s. per member.

The second certainly is our business, if only for the reason that we have paid our 9d. for our 'Collections.' The least that Mr. Trollope (impersonally, please) could have done was to have told us why we are called upon to wait for the names. The new 'Collection' has been put back on account of the 'peal controversy,' otherwise, we are told, it was ready for the printers' hands.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

St. John's, Leytonstone.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held at Chelmsford on Whitsun Tuesday, May 21st, 1929, at 11 a.m. precisely.

Agenda, 1929.

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 Standing and other committees.

MOTIONS.

7. That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively, before beginning the next 720 or 120. (Mr. R. Whittington and Mr. A. H. Pulling.)
8. (a) That honorary members pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum. (b) That associations in future pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum. (Mr. E. W. Elwell and Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn.)
9. (a) The Council asks each association to appoint a consultant to the Advisory Committee or Committees in its area. (b) The Council asks each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to Parochial Church Councils, to Diocesan Committees and to the Church Assembly. (Rev. H. Drake and Mr. Ch. J. Sedgley.)
10. That the rules of the Council be amended in order to provide that the notice and agenda of each annual meeting of the Council be published at least eight weeks, instead of twelve weeks, prior to such meeting. (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. C. T. Coles.)
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. (Mr. W. Ayre; seconder not yet given.)
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

(N.B.—The detailed agenda will be published a fortnight before the meeting.)

E. ALEX. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With most of your leading article on the subject of the Central Council as reflecting, or failing to reflect, the views of the Exercise at large, I heartily agree. For instance, though I think that a Council elected triennially is much to be preferred in many ways, by all means let us have an annual election if such an arrangement would conduce to greater efficiency. But I think that the wisdom of experience leads the other way. I notice that you make no allusion to one of my (implied) arguments, which is that the Council is founded on the model of the House of Commons, which is usually taken as being at least fairly representative of opinion in the country, and has a life even longer than three years. And just as there are ways for members to consult with their constituents with a view to learning their constituents' views on any particular question, and of either giving effect to those views by their vote, or of resigning if they find themselves in hopeless conflict with them, so, surely, it is with members of the Central Council. If some members think that there is a strong general feeling in favour of diplomas, by all means let the Council postpone its decision for a year, asking each and every association affiliated to it to pass a resolution in the meanwhile stating its view definitely on the subject. The Council must guard itself against hasty decisions, which, after being passed, turn out, when all is said and done, to be nothing more than the crotchets of a few well-meaning but mistaken people.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

DECISIONS BY DEMOCRATIC METHODS

Sir,—Now that the agenda for the coming meeting of the Central Council is published, may I call the attention of all ringers to item No. 7 on that agenda. May I also be allowed to suggest that all district secretaries should place that item on their own agendas for consideration at any meetings which they may be arranging between now and Whitsuntide, and arrange also to take a vote on the question, 'Yes' or 'No,' and forward the result to the general secretary of their association or Guild, who would thus be in the position to instruct the representatives who are going to Chelmsford of the exact opinion of their members on the question.

There are, of course, subjects which come up for discussion at the Central Council meetings of a nature on which it is certainly impossible to give an intelligent vote, except only after hearing the

full discussion, and on such subjects such a request as I have made above would be silly, and impracticable. On the other hand, on such definite questions as, say, 'Diplomas for young ringers,' of last year, or item No. 7 on the present agenda, I contend, sir, that decisions should be reached by democratic methods, and should certainly reflect the opinion of the members of the affiliated associations. Anyway, here is the chance for the rank and file of ringers to have their say—if they wish to. I hope every district secretary will give them the opportunity to do so.—Yours truly,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON,
Cranleigh (Guildford Diocesan Guild).

The motion referred to above is as follows: 'That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively before beginning the next 720 or 120.'

RULES SHOULD BE REVISED.

Sir,—Your leading article of March 15th stands in many ways as a reply to Rev. C. D. P. Davies. There are one or two additional points, however.

Firstly, during the last eight years (during the first four of which we had one member, and during the latter four three members upon the Central Council) the cost to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of its connection with the Central Council has been £19 10s. 1d. (During the last four years the expenses count for two members only, the third respected member not applying for expenses.) This is surely one reason why the associations should have a recognised status.

If the answer to that is to be read in the Central Council rules, it is in words to this effect: 'Associations (according to their numerical strength) elect representatives upon the Council.' Now in the 'English Dictionary' this word means delegate. We know what happened about this word at Hereford, and the least that is indicated is that the rules of the Council should be altered to 'Associations (according to their numerical strength) elect the members of the Council.' This would put matters clearly that an association could send members as members if they choose, and there would be no doubt in the minds of ringers throughout the country that the people whom they sent would be there as free agents, and not mere 'automata' or 'Robots.'

Mr. Davies says in his letter: 'Of course, it goes without saying that the association which sends him to represent them will be exceedingly foolish if they have not taken every care to satisfy themselves before electing him that his views are in general, and in particular, on crucial points in sympathy with their own,' etc.

With regard to this, I would point out a difficult position of the person at Hereford who said, 'I was instructed by my association to vote for diplomas for ringers, although, personally, I am against them.' At this point the president said, 'You are here to vote as a member, and not as a delegate.' I take that as an indication that the association he represents will be foolish if that member is elected again.

Another point is the reference to House of Commons members. We, the electors, are usually inundated with letters from prospective candidates telling us what they are going to do if we put them in, and we have a good idea who not to put in. Not so in Central Council matters. For instance, how few, as members of the Council, will vote against No. 8b on the agenda this year, yet, upon the other hand, would they vote for it if they had the work to find the money? There is much to do in spending associations' monies to provide change ringers by means of local instruction. I have at my hand seven reports of other associations and I fail to find in any of the rules given reference to the Central Council. I have not picked these out; they are all I have.

This shows, therefore, that the rules of associations should be revised upon the question of the central body, but first the Central Council must pave the way by revising its own rules, either by removing the word 'representative' or by adhering to its correct meaning.

Now a few questions: Why did the Council refer an item to the associations?

Why do the associations refuse to give the Council 'powers to enforce'?

The expense of the Central Council each year must be about £100 to the associations throughout England. Is it really worth it? I put it to the Gloucester and Bristol members to settle this matter from their local standpoint.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Central Council member,

and Hon. Sec., Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

HONORARY MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dear Sir,—The agenda which is published in this week's 'Ringing World' contains a resolution, in the name of the general secretary of the Chester Guild, which proposes that honorary members of the Central Council shall in future pay an affiliation fee of 5s. per annum.

The Chester Guild has one member, and one only, who is qualified to take a seat on a Council of ringers (Mr. H. W. Wilde, of
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SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN TEN METHODS.

A PEAL OF 5,760 BY A. J. PITMAN.

The following remarkable composition by Mr. A. J. Pitman introduces ten Surprise Major methods into one peal:—

- 4263857 Rutland.
- 2357486 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire or Lincolnshire.
- 4523878 Rutland.
- 2465837 Rutland, London or Bristol.
- 5347286 Cambridge or Superlative.
- 2453678 London.
- 6524837 London.
- 4357682 Cambridge or Superlative.
- 6543278 London.
- 4625837 London.
- 5367482 Cambridge or Superlative.
- 4653278 London.
- 2548837 London.
- 5637284 Cambridge, Superlative or Lincolnshire.
- 2356478 Rutland.
- 5236478 Gloucestershire
- 3526478 Gloucestershire

Repeat four times, ringing last lead of all Rutland for Gloucestershire, produces:—

- 6234857
- 4527683 Cambridge or Superlative.
- 6245378 Rutland or London.
- 3462857 Rutland or London.
- 2547386 Cambridge, Lincolnshire or Pudsey.
- 6342857 Norfolk.
- 2537684 Cambridge or Superlative.
- 6325478 Rutland or London.
- 2643857 Rutland.
- 6357284 Cambridge or Superlative.
- 2563478 Rutland.
- 6245837 London or Bristol.
- 5327684 Cambridge, Superlative or Yorkshire.
- 6253478 London.
- 5642837 Rutland.
- 2367584 Cambridge, Superlative or Lincolnshire
- 5623478 Rutland or London.
- 4256837 Rutland or London.
- 6327485 Cambridge, Lincolnshire or Pudsey.
- 5426837 Norfolk.

Repeat as from 6234857 four times, ringing last lead of all Rutland for Norfolk, and finish with a bob.

Note that fourth's place bobs are made at the end of the leads of Norfolk, thus it may be considered as the second's place variation of that method.

This composition may be rung in from five to ten methods. Bristol may be rung at the home leads where shown, which cuts out the Middle and Wrong leads. Thus the ten available leads rung as Bristol will reduce the peal to 5,120 changes. The peal contains the 60 Middle, Wrong and Home leads, and may be reduced in several ways.

MERIVALE MEDLEY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The six-score in this week's 'Ringing World' called 'Merivale Medley' is a six-score of Original Doubles having 32 bobs and 2 singles. The Q sets are as follows: First half, when 1-2 change in front first time at S, second time a bob, third time plain, when 2-3, 1-5, 4-3, 2-5 and 1-4 change places in front bob; second half, 1-2 in front S.B.P., 2-5, 1-3, 4-5, 2-3 and 1-4 bobs.

It is a similar composition to the 720 of Bob Minor with 14 bobs and 2 singles. You can bob 1-3 in the first half and 1-5 in the second half: this gives another six-score with 38 bobs and 2 singles.

You can also bob 3-5 in both halves, 38 bobs and 2 singles, etc.

H. LAW JAMES.

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Eccleston). He has been an honorary member of the Council for some years, and rarely misses a meeting, giving his time and paying his own expenses. I should like to suggest, through 'The Ringing World,' that at all branch meetings held by the Chester Guild between now and Whitsuntide, a resolution should be passed instructing the Guild's representatives not to be influenced by any pros or cons which may be expressed at the meeting, but to give a direct negative to the proposal.

If the Council want cash, and we all know they cannot carry on without it, let them give each member of the Exercise, through their respective associations, an opportunity of providing it, and not stick their fingers in the pockets of those who are already bearing a major portion of the burden.—Yours truly,

W. BIBBY,

Frodsham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

GENEROUS DONATION TO DUDLEY 'SPIRE FUND.'

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week in beautiful springlike weather. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going. The beautiful form of service used by the Guild at its meetings was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Worger-Slade (assistant priest) at the Parish Church, the lesson being read by the president, the Rev. Canon Phelps, R.D., Vicar of Dudley. The address was given by the Rev. S. G. Lavery (assistant priest of Netherton Parish Church).

After the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was in readiness, provided by funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent ladies and gentlemen of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends, and was admirably served by a contingent of ladies, from among whom the following ladies kindly presided at the tables: Mrs. Blaker, Mrs. Worger-Slade, Mrs. J. Goodman, sen., and Mrs. Parkes. Upwards of eighty members and friends sat down to the tea, and it was regrettable that not more members availed themselves of the glorious afternoon to be present to partake of the good things provided. At the business meeting the president occupied the chair, supported by Dr. P. S. Blaker (vice-president), Revs. Dr. Worger-Slade, H. C. Kemp (Vicar of Netherton), and S. G. Lavery. Apologies were received from Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Churchwarden, and Mrs. Shuttleworth, Rev. Dr. Swindell, Vicar of Sedgley, Mr. Arthur Spittle, Mr. James Rayliss, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gough. After business of a routine character had been disposed of, the secretary read his report of last year's activities, which considering the difficulty of the times, was favourable. The membership, both honorary and performing, had increased, and financially the Guild was still in a prosperous condition.

The President congratulated the officials and members on the favourable report and balance sheet, and they were unanimously adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, Dr. Blaker occupying the chair during the election of president. The Rev. Canon Phelps was again unanimously elected to this office, and on rising to thank the members for the honour that they had again conferred on him was received with loud cheers. He was also thanked for his kindness and support to the Guild during the past year.

The following were elected as vice-presidents: Revs. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar of Rowley Regis), H. C. Kemp (Vicar of Netherton), Rev. Dr. Worger-Slade (of Dudley Parish Church), Messrs. J. W. Naylor, H. Watson, Arthur Spittle, H. Mason, F. R. McDowell, C. E. Lloyd, M.P., Dr. P. S. Blaker and W. Shuttleworth. Mr. John Goodman, jun., was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. Herbert Sheppard hon. secretary, with a special vote of thanks for his valuable services to the Guild during the past year. Mr. S. J. Hughes was again re-elected hon. treasurer, and the hon. auditors, Messrs. F. Evans and T. H. Justice, were also re-elected and thanked for their services.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at the Old Church, Smethwick, and Dudley was proposed for the attempt for the annual peal, the arrangements as to band and date being left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

The secretary brought forward a matter which had stood over from the last meeting. As Dudley Parish Church is the mother church of the Guild, he asked if it was possible to make a donation from the funds of the Guild towards the 'Spire fund' which is being raised to repair or rebuild the spire of the Parish Church which was partially blown down during the heavy gales last year. It was then unanimously resolved that £5 be given from the funds towards that object.

Dr. Blaker (Vicar's warden) briefly thanked the members for their generous gift and the Christian spirit which prompted it. The church officials, he said, would appreciate it also.—The President also thanked the members for their splendid gift as Vicar of Dudley, and said how much he, too, appreciated it.

The Secretary acknowledged the continued confidence which the members placed in him, and the business meeting ended with a proposition by Mr. S. J. Hughes, seconded by Mr. B. Fullwood, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rev. Canon Phelps for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the tower and bells, and also to the school managers for the use of the schoolroom, to the Rev. Dr. Worger-Slade for conducting the service, and to the Rev. S. G. Lavery for his interesting address. Special thanks were also given to the donors to the tea fund, to the ladies who presided at the tables, and to those who prepared and served the tea and looked after the comforts of those present. Mr. R. Pasfield (the assistant organist) was also thanked for the part he took in the musical portion of the service.—The President briefly replied on behalf of all concerned, and then closed the meeting with prayer.

Afterwards the bells were again kept merrily going until nearly nine o'clock, when another happy and enjoyable afternoon at Dudley was concluded.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: H. C. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, H. Belcher 3, J. W. Driver 4, A. Waddington 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. H. C. Block 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Challis Winney on his 71st birthday.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 10th, at the Cathedral for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: Chas. Walklate 1, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 2, J. E. Sanders (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Kendall 4, J. G. Blow 5, Chas. Jeffs 6, F. Beeson 7, J. Dryden 8.

SEVENOAKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for morning service, on March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. J. Ford 1, W. Turley (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, H. D. Ford 3, P. Turley 4, H. Baker 5, R. Collins 6, F. Paige 7, S. Comber (first quarter-peal) 8. The above are regular Sunday service ringers at Sevenoaks, except R. Collins, who hails from Seal.

PAIGNTON.—On Sunday, March 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) at the Parish Church in 51 mins.: F. Allwood 1, J. Huxley 2, H. G. Lewis 3, H. Huxley 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Lord Bishop of Exeter, also to welcome Messrs. H. G. Lewis and H. Huxley, who hail from Denbighshire and Warwickshire respectively.—On Sunday afternoon, March 3rd, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) on the back six of the Parish Church bells, in 43 mins.: F. Allwood 1, *H. G. Lewis 2, T. S. Collings 3, *A. L. Pope 4, H. J. Hole (conductor) 5, C. F. Austin (longest length on tenor) 6. * First quarter-peal of Doubles. Specially arranged for Mr. H. G. Lewis, who hails from Denbighshire.

DARLINGTON.—For evening service at St. John's, on March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: *A. W. Coates 1, A. Coates 2, Wm. Broadley 3, Wm. Dowson 4, Wm. Robinson 5, H. Broadley 6, H. Taylor (conductor) 7, *Robt. Wheadon 8. * First quarter-peal and first attempt.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on March 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: G. H. Gutteridge 1, G. E. Swift (first quarter in the method) 2, R. Warnett 3, J. H. Lucas 4, P. E. Jones 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, F. Corke 7, A. G. Bray 8.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins., for evening service on March 3rd: P. E. Jones 1, E. G. Swift 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, R. Warnett 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, F. Corke 7, C. Nicholls 8.

PEAL RINGING AT 81.

As recorded, a peal of Bob Minor was rung on the beautiful and recently restored ring at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Ringrose, towerkeeper and tutor of the promising young band now being initiated into the mysteries of change ringing. The treble was rung exceedingly well by one of the 16-year-old 'colts,' who thus scored his first peal at the first attempt. Age was well represented by 'young' Tommy Deal, now in his 81st year, who rang his bell faultlessly throughout the peal, proving himself another veteran of the Exercise. It is interesting also that it was the first peal by the 5th ringer for 25 years, and the first peal on the bells since 1914 (Bob Minor) called by the same conductor.

RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

We regret to record that Mr. A. Henley, a member of the Lambherhurst, Kent, band, died suddenly on March 14th. He was interred on Saturday, and on Sunday the bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect, for matins: W. Marshall 1, G. Fuller 2, A. Relfe (conductor) 3, J. Bassett 4, B. Luck 5, A. Smith 6. For evensong, 720 York Surprise: E. Woodage 1, A. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Relfe 4, J. Bassett 5, B. Luck (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF MR. F. TERRY.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death, on March 6th, of Mr. Fred Terry, at the age of 69 years. He was a member of St. George's band, Beekingham, and had been associated with the church from boyhood, first in the choir, then as a ringer when only call changes were rung. In 1887 the old church was pulled down. When the present building and tower was completed in 1904, and the bells augmented to eight, he joined the new band and took up change ringing, and rang nine or ten peals in various methods. He was a most regular attendant for Sunday ringing, and on practice nights, and will be sadly missed in the belfry.

He was a member of the Kent County and London County Associations.

The funeral took place on Monday, March 11th, and ringers attending the service were Mr. J. Lamb (Blackheath), Mr. W. Martin (St. John's, Deptford), Messrs. P. Spice and E. Mounter (Bromley), and the local band.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to his memory, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: W. Rawlings 1, H. Hawkes 2, F. Leeks 3, F. Scutcher 4, E. Mounter 5, G. Wickens 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, C. Austin 8.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Laxfield on March 23rd. Bells (6) at 2. Tea, 1s. each, at the King's Head at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Sec., Ufford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Croydon on March 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bus services No. 7, 37 and 52 from Farnham Town Hall.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 23rd. Tower open 3.—Short service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are now due. All ringers welcome.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells ready 2.30. Tea and business meeting as usual. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, March 23rd, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, will be provided for those who send their names to T. J. Fowler, Dean View, Cookham Rise.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells of Groby (6) available from 3.15 p.m. till 4.45 p.m., and Ratby (6) from 6 p.m. till 7.45 p.m. Tea in Ratby Church Room at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting in Ratby Church Rooms at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Alban Disney, Hon. Dis. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Blisworth on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—There will be no meeting at Bolsover tomorrow (Saturday, March 23rd) because of illness close to the Church.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) available 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for. All ringers and friends cordially welcome. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea at 5 p.m.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells of St. Ebbe's (8) from 3 p.m., St. Thomas' (6) after meeting. Service in St. Ebbe's Church 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—William Simmonds, Hon. Sec., 2, Kington Road, Oxford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 30th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those who inform Mr. A. Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, not later than the 28th. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

NORFOLK GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 1st. The rings of bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be available. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Archdeacon of Norwich. Luncheon will be served at William Grix, Limited, Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending to be present at luncheon must notify the same to the secretary not later than Wednesday, March 27th. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells open early. Tea provided to all those who advise Mr. C. Fowler, Princess Villas, South Anston. This is imperative. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—R. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar of Aldenham. Tea at 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting, at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill, adjoining the river bridge. Notification of attendance will be appreciated, for the sake of the caterer and others. — G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 1st. Committee at St. Mary's Vestry 11.15 a.m. Service 12 noon. Address by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. P. N. Waggett). Lunch, followed by the business meeting, at the Dorothy Café, at 1 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary-the-Great (12), St. Andrew-the-Great (8), Old Chesterton (6) and St. Mary and the English Martyrs (8) (after 3 p.m.). Will members who are able to attend please inform the secretary before March 26th?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry at 11.15. Service in All Saints' Church at 12. Address by the Rev. H. de V. Watson, Rector of Harrietsham. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing; Maidstone (All Saints) (10), Leeds (10), Harrietsham (8), West Malling (8), Linton (8), Barming (6), Boxley (6), East Farleigh (6), Bearsted (6), St. Michael's, Maidstone (6). For dinner tickets apply before March 28th to Fred M. Mitchell, Assistant Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells (10) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. W. White not later than first post Tuesday, March 26th. Members are urged to attend.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Leicester. Bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8) (except between 10-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.), All Saints' (5) available during the day. Committee meet 3.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Convivial 8 to 10 p.m. All at Victoria Commercial Hotel, London Road. To avoid confusion and disappointment it is imperative that those requiring tea (1s. 6d. per head) must obtain tickets from me not later than Thursday, March 28th. (N.B.—1928 reports now ready, price 6d., post free 7½d.)—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashted on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting following. Those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Wednesday, March 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 1st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 27th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 12.30 to 2 and after service; All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (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 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. — J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Easter Monday, April 1st. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Barnabas' (8) will be available from 10.30 a.m. Hot luncheon will be at the Plume of Feathers Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the annual business meeting. Luncheon can only be guaranteed to those who notify Mr. J. Nicholls, 20, Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard, by Thursday, March 28th, or the undersigned, Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Ringing all day (except 2-3) at St. Mary le Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), Rushmere (6). Committee meeting, 12 noon Service, St.-Mary-le-Tower, 2 p.m. Meeting in Oak Lane Rooms at 2.30. Tea, 4.30, at Lyons, 1s. each.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Masham on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwts.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at Ousbey's Café, members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, March 27th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton, Devon, on Easter Monday. Bells (6) from 2.30. Short service at 4.30, Parish Church. An address by the Rev. L. Stallard. Tea 5.15, Gould's Restaurant. Meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, April 6th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Nominations for C.C. representatives for the session commencing 1930 should reach me between now and July.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at St. Ellyios' Church, Llanelly. Ringing at 2 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4 p.m. at Church Room. Tea will be kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Davies.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold an eight bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton (near) Huddersfield, on Saturday, April 6th. Draw to take place 2.45 p.m. All who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, must send word not later than April 1st to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Nettleham (6), Saturday, April 6th. Tower open 2 p.m. Bus leaves Unity Square 3 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. Bus leaves Nettleham 7.15 p.m., 8.10 p.m. and 9.35 p.m. Notifications to tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Members requiring tea please notify Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held on April 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. at Hoddlesden and Darwen. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 6th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. Hudson Shaw (Rector). Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15 p.m., at a charge of 1s. As accommodation is limited, provision will only be made for those members

who advise either of the undersigned by Tuesday, April 2nd. Tea can also be obtained in the neighbourhood. The business meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Ringing arrangements are as follows:—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 2 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Giles', Cripplegate, from 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Magnus', Thames Street, from 7 to 8.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4., Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street (near Abbey Gateway), at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Frittenden on Saturday, April 13th, by kind permission of Rev. H. M. Leathley. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. A good meeting is hoped for. All ringers welcome. A card by 11th would oblige.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 13th. Nominations of officers must be sent in to me not later than April 1st.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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WOKING.—On Wednesday evening, February 27th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 48 mins.: W. H. Edwards 1, J. Brackley (conductor) 2, Mrs. W. H. Edwards 3, F. Foot (first quarter-peal inside) 4, H. Greenhill 5, T. Strudwick 6.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: B. T. Allred 1, Robert Allred 2, Henry Smith (conductor) (Leigh) 3, M. Berry (Walkden) 4, W. Hindley 5, J. H. Ridyard (Worsley) 6, H. Allred 7, Walter Smith 8. Rung after the marriage of Mr. F. J. Rice, one of the local ringers, and Miss E. A. Millington, of Lynwood, Leigh.

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MINCHINHAMPTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on March 12th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles: F. Canter 1, E. Jeffries 2, F. Simmonds (conductor) 3, F. Ponting 4, H. Phelps 5, W. Kirby 6. First quarter-peal by the 1st, 3rd and 4th ringers, also first as conductor by the 3rd.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 7th, 720 Bob Minor (42 Singles): A. H. Stebbings 1, T. Ringrose 2, W. Gridley 3, S. Bigmore 4, H. Barker (conductor) 5, H. Stebbings 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on February 28th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,248 changes): F. Fraser 1, R. Brett Smith 2, J. Lamb 3, C. A. Bines 4, W. Anderson 5, E. A. Garvard 6, R. Bullen 7, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 8. First quarter on the bells in the method, and first in the method by the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

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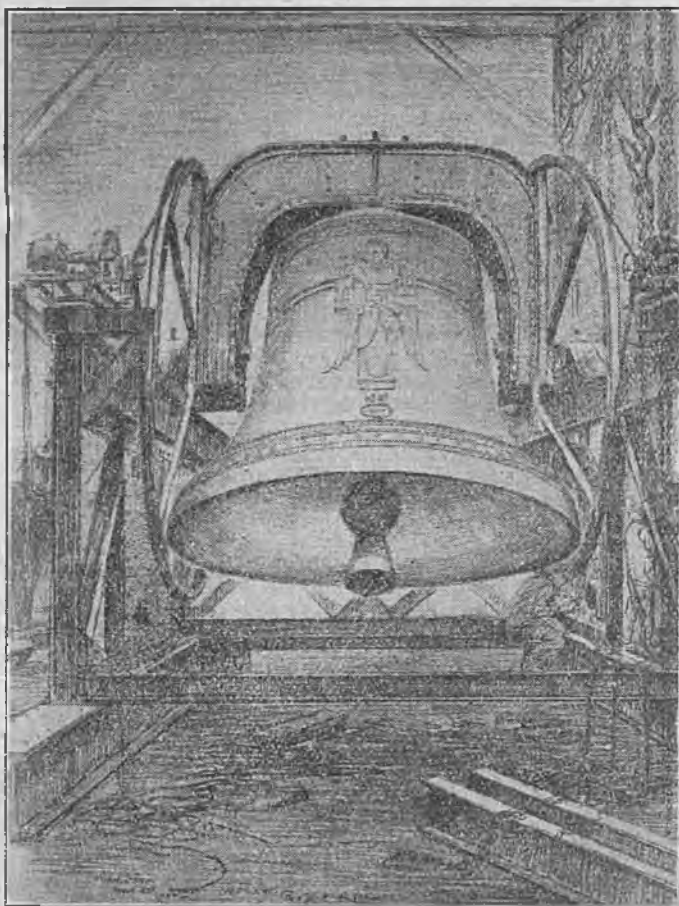
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AN IMPORTANT ISSUE

Next Monday the members of many of the associations will probably be asked to express their opinion on some of the matters raised in the Central Council's agenda, and one of the most important to the Exercise at large is that relating to the conditions which shall govern the recognition, by the Council, of peals of Minor and Doubles. No resolution which the Council may pass can prevent ringers ringing anything they like and calling it a peal, but the Council's decision, whatever it may be, will decide for the time being what shall and what shall not be handed on in its records as a peal, and it will have a considerable influence upon what ringers will themselves ring and recognise in future. Nothing, in our opinion, can go more to the root of ringing than the question of what shall be recognised as a peal, and it may not be out of place if, with next Monday's meetings in view, we refer to the differences of opinion between which the Central Council will be asked to decide at Whitsun.

Briefly, it comes to this, shall a peal of Minor consist of seven separate 720's, in each of which all the possible permutations are rung once and once only; or shall it be permissible so to mix up these permutations that some may appear more than once within the limits of one 720 and not at all in another, so long as each permutation appears only seven times in a 'peal' of 5040? In other words, shall we ring these changes, or rows, how we like—and call it a peal—or conform to the well established rule of ringing out each 720 true and complete in itself before commencing the next? The same arguments which apply to Minor will apply to Doubles, and what is permitted in one must be permitted in the other. Nor is it possible to make limits which will include specific compositions and exclude others of like nature. If you are to admit such arrangements as the Law James' London Minor, you must also admit as a peal such an absurdity as a composition of Bob Doubles in which each course is rung 42 times over before calling a bob to carry the bells into the next course. And then there enters the other phase, created by the Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge. Can 'rounds' at the start be treated as part of the extent? If it cannot, then this ingenious composition must stand or fall upon the general question, but we can foresee a great diversity of opinion upon the all-important point of that first row, 'rounds.'

Here, then, are some of the issues which the representatives of the associations and guilds will be called upon to decide when the Council meet at Chelmsford, and at the meetings of ringers between now and then there will doubtless be many disputations. Whether or not mem-

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bers will want to vote on this question in accordance with the views held by those who send them, they will certainly like to have behind them the opinions of the thinking ringers, and for that reason the important issue at stake ought to be put plainly before the 'rank and file' at the many meetings which are shortly to take place.

TEN BELL PEAL.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN Treble	† HENRY B. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE A. PICKERING 2	ADAM DEAS 7
ERNEST E. FERRY 3	ROBERT ANDERSON 8
* WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
JOHN ANDERSON 5	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. This was the 1,000th peal for the Durham and Newcastle Association.

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On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER IDLE Treble	SAM GIBSON 5
PERCY BYRAM 2	FRED HODGSON 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	HARRY MARSDEN 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... 4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... Tenor

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A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE,
CAMBRIDGE AND PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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Conducted by JOHN NEAL.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1929, in Three Hours,

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A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	CECIL NICE 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

ARTHUR GEORGE ARNELL Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN 5
JOSEPH FARMER 2	*HORACE TOLETT 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	†HARRY COLLEY 7
GEORGE JAMES NORRIS 4	EDMUND H. LINDUP Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

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DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, March 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5
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Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5
*WILLIAM M. STONE 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
CHARLES N. BERDOCK 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

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Tenor 16 cwt.

*C. F. WILSON Treble	OLIVER GREATHEAD 5
*WILLIAM GREEN 2	EDGAR STACEY 6
MILTON FOWLER 3	ALBERT NASH 7
ARTHUR PANTHER 4	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 197).

Conducted by ALBERT NASH

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. The composition, produced in 1887, is now rung for the first time.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

This was 'Father' Tom's first peal in the method for sixteen years. First Surprise peal as conductor.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT Treble	MISS ROSE A. BELL 5
JOHN WILCOCK 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
*FRANK GREENWOOD 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
HAROLD HAMER 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5050 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILLIAM SMITH Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 5
*ALBERT D. COLLINS 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6
THOMAS BEARDS 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the coming of age of the 2nd ringer.

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LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. NEWMAN Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
*PERCY GREEN 3	GEORGE HAYWARD 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal away from treble. W. Arnold has now completed the circle in this tower.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... Treble	DENNIS R. MORRIS 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*LEONARD C. DOWDESWELL 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
DENNIS SAYERS 4	CYRIL TANSELL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal at first attempt.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
*FREDERICK G. COLE 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise. The conductor's 1,200th peal. By a coincidence this peal was rung on the eve of the thirty-seventh anniversary (March 24th, 1892) of the conductor's first handbell peal, in which his wife also took part. It is also over 40 years since the ringers of the 6th and 7th rang their first peal together.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, March 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY 4
JAMES KNIGHT, JUN. 2	GEORGE TOOTH 5
WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 3	EDWARD E. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the treble.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-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, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD ASHFORTH ... Treble	†CYRIL CARNALL 4
*WALTER RICH 2	†HAROLD DENMAN 5
DAN A. PIERCY 3	ROBERT W. STOCKDALE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. STOCKDALE.

* First peal on inside bell. † First peal. Ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th belong to the local company, 3rd and tenor to Ordsall.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE BASFORD Treble	JOHN R. MAIN 4
JAMES WARD 2	*AMOS SMART 5
JOHN KING 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First 720 London and first on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WINCHESTER.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KING ALFRED'S COLLEGE GUILD.)

On Wednesday, March 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF THE COLLEGE OF KING ALFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

ERIC H. RUFFELL 1	ROBERT C. DAY 4
JAMES W. COLLINS 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 5-6
JESSE PEYMAN 3	REGINALD M. MALLETT ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Umpire: JAMES GAYLER.

First peal by all except the conductor. First by the King Alfred's College Guild, formed in January. Mr. Ruffell was elected a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild previous to the peal.

5,088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

BY JOSEPH W. PARKER.

23456 3rd's. 5th's. B. W. H.

23564	—	—
52364	—	—
64235	S	S
43526	S	S
35264	S	S
52643	S	S
52436	—	—
45236	—	—
24536	—	—

Five times repeated.

S for B at H in the eighth course of first and fourth parts. First rung at St. Paulinus', Crayford, February 1st, 1929, conducted by E. Barnett, sen.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Horsell on Saturday, March 16th. Unfortunately, not many of the ringers of the district put in an appearance, although those who did got plenty of practice, and a great deal of good was done in helping beginners to move a step forward in other methods.

Three ringers from West Clandon were greatly welcomed, as their presence enabled London and Cambridge Surprise to be rung. Besides those from West Clandon, ringers were present from Ottershaw, Otlands Park, and a good number of the local band, with visitors from Leatherhead and Woking, also an unattached member from Thames Ditton.

Tea was provided by the Vicar (Canon Pares) at the Institute, at which 17 sat down. Canon Norman Pares presided at the meeting, supported by the Rev. W. N. Willis, of Ottershaw, and Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild). There was but little business to transact.

Admiral Walker proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Pares for the use of the bells, and for providing an excellent tea. Canon Pares, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Horsell. His only regret was that there were not more there.

A service was held at six o'clock, when part of the Guild service was combined with evensong. A ladies' choir led the singing of the Guild hymns, making a very bright service and a welcome change. A friend of Canon Pares, the Rev. Cobb, gave an address and commented on the bells in Huntingdonshire.

The bells were kept going till nearly nine o'clock in Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. About 25 ringers put in an appearance during the afternoon and evening, but it would have been more pleasing to the officials had more of the district members attended.

CRONDALL'S UNUSUAL TOWERS.

The Farnham District held a meeting at Crondall on Saturday, which was attended by 38 members and visitors from Aldershot, Crondall, Farnham, Frensham, Seale, Ottershaw and Woking. The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Cyril Balmer), who gave an appropriate address based upon these words: 'Enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving and into Thy courts with praise,' which are included in the prayers of the service.

A company of 34 sat down to a very enjoyable tea provided by the local ringers and their wives, and at the business meeting the Vicar, after being elected as an hon. member, took the chair.

There was very little business to be transacted, and at the conclusion the hon. secretary moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and his great assistance in arranging the tea; also to the local ringers and their wives who had so ably carried out the catering.

As the bells are in sad need of the bell hanger's attention, there was not so much ringing done as there might have been, and the visitors spent a lot of time exploring this very interesting old church, which dates from 1150 A.D.

A very interesting point about the church is that the bells are in one tower, and the staircase in a separate tower about 6ft. away, the two being connected by little bridges or balconies. From the top of the stair tower access is obtained to the roof of the church.

Ringing, which ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, was brought to a close at nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

RINGERS WANT MORE MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is now some time since my letter appeared in your columns relating to the scarcity of meetings in Sudbury-Clare district of the Suffolk Guild. We have not yet had a meeting, neither are there signs that one will materialise. Why does the Rev. H. Drake spend so much time on long arguments when his Guild is wanting for organisation? I urge him to see that something is done. I am one of five in one company who are waiting to join the Guild as soon as a meeting arrives. Is the district secretary still on the active list? If so, can he get things going again?—Yours,

SUFFOLKIAN.

RINGER'S RETIREMENT.

Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, who has for so many years been connected with ringing in Greenwich, will, in May, retire from his position as messenger, mace-bearer and Mayor's attendant to the Greenwich Borough Council. His father, Mr. William Thornton, was messenger to the old Greenwich Vestry for about 18 years, and was succeeded by his son in 1889. Mr. Frederick Thornton has been personal attendant to every Mayor Greenwich has had, and up to now the mace has known no other bearer. This mace was presented to the Council in 1913 by Sir David Lionel Salomons, as a memorial to his uncle, Sir David Salomons, who represented Greenwich in Parliament from 1851 until his death in 1873. He was the first Jew to be admitted to Parliament.

BISHOP'S VISIT TO DORE.

YOUNG RINGERS CONFIRMED AND PEAL RECORDS DEDICATED.

Christ Church, Dore, was the scene of an interesting little ceremony on Sunday afternoon, March 17th.

It was the occasion of the first Confirmation held there by the first Bishop of the new diocese of Derby (Rt. Rev. Edmund Courtenay Pearce, D.D.), and the pretty little church was filled with an interested congregation. Among the confirmands were six of Dore's young ringers, Misses F. M. Elvidge and K. M. Revill and Messrs. F. Elvidge, G. Revill, J. Reynolds and N. W. Westlake, the latter four being also members of the choir. Before the actual service of Confirmation, the Bishop dedicated two gifts to the chancel, a handsome oak chair and a pair of solid silver Communion chalice; and, following the service, and before the Benediction, several gifts to the belfry.

The latter occasion provided a pleasing and somewhat unusual little ceremony arranged in accordance with the Bishop's own suggestion. Following the last Confirmation prayer and during the singing of the hymn, 'O Jesus, I have promised,' a procession was formed at the chancel steps, and, headed by the vergers (Mr. S. Thorpe) and the wardens (Messrs. H. E. Baggs and J. E. Lewis Cockey), with their wands of office, the Bishop, followed by the six ringers above-mentioned—the boys in their surplices—proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the rest of the ringers were assembled. Here a short ceremony was performed by the Bishop, suitable prayers being said and the four peal tablets dedicated. After a few words of greeting to those present, the procession was re-formed and the Bishop conducted back to the altar for the Benediction.

The four peal records dedicated have already been described in 'The Ringing World,' but it may be of interest to mention them again. The first two are handsome oak panels lettered in gold. One, presented by the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Clyst St. George, Exeter, records the first peal at Dore to be conducted by a lady, then Miss M. Davenport. The second, and the primary cause of the Bishop's visit to the belfry, records a peal rung to commemorate the foundation of the diocese of Derby and the appointment of Dr. Pearce as first Bishop, given by the band who rang the peal. The remaining two are framed records given by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, the one recording a fully-muffled peal rung in memory of the Rt. Rev. Sir E. Hoskyns, Bishop of Southwell, who dedicated the bells about 20 years ago, and the other, a framed set of eight 'Ringing World' peal cards, each recording a learner's peal at Dore.

Owing to the presence of so many of the young Dore ringers at the actual Confirmation, some kindly and much appreciated ringing assistance was given by Messrs. L. Charlesworth, R. Long, F. Ward and M. Wilson, of Sheffield Cathedral, and Miss E. Smith, of Norton, and some well-struck touches in various standard methods were brought round before and after the service.

The kindly and considerate action of Dr. Pearce in making the rather awkward ascent to the ringing chamber in his canonicals was deeply appreciated, and this appreciation was conveyed to him by the wardens; and the Bishop, who signed the belfry visitors' book before leaving, expressed his interest in, and appreciation of, the peal records, and his pleasure at coming in contact with so many young and promising ringers.

AN ANCIENT PEAL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—About seventy years ago, during work connected with alterations to the ringing chamber at the Parish Church of St. Alphege, Greenwich, a stone tablet was discovered, hidden by woodwork, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1732. I append an exact copy of the inscription as it appears.

The tablet was carefully restored and erected in a prominent position in the ringing chamber.

It would be of interest if either of our campanological historians could enlighten us as to the probable composer of the peal.

I hope it may be my happy privilege, together with my few remaining Greenwich colleagues and other helpers, to attempt a similar peal on the 200th anniversary.—Yours faithfully,

FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

The Society of Kentish Youths rang on Friday, ye 1st of Decembr, 1732, a peal of 5,040 Grandfire Triples in the eighth month of their practice by the persons under:—

Written.

Jno Grefham	the	Treble
Tho Laurance		second
Henry Wragg		third
Richd Bolton		fourth
Jno King		fifth
Sheirley Hoar		sixth
Dani Luck		seventh
Edwd Gillett		tenor

C. Simpson in 3hrs. 9 mins. sexton.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

IMPERFECT ANALOGIES.

Sir,—The analogies that Mr. Law James uses are imperfect. We do not need to say seven 'different' changes of Bob Major, because everyone knows that if we speak of seven changes we always mean seven different changes. This is not so in the case under discussion: if it were we should not be discussing it. The other analogy happens to be true, but it makes an insufficient proof.

Instead of 'tests,' what we should ask (as a judge would ask) is, Would the writer of the words have inserted 'different' if they meant 'different'? The answer is undoubtedly 'Yes.' It would have been quite easy to write 'seven different 720's, each true and complete in itself.' As these words were not inserted, we must conclude that the rule does not mean that the 720's are necessarily to be different, nor each true, etc., 'in itself.' I think your legal readers will agree with me in this.

On the other hand, Mr. Duffield finds needless fault with some other words of Mr. Law James. To say that the middle eight of a four-and-twenty can be 'brought round' by itself, is the same as saying it can be considered to be a 'round block.' Mr. Duffield seems to think that 'bring round' is the same thing as 'bring up rounds.' In practice they usually are, but in theory they need not be the same thing at all. If we start from Queen's we do not bring the course round when rounds comes up, but when we get back to Queen's.—Yours, etc.,

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE SAME 720—BUT A DIFFERENT ORDER.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Powell's letter for 'those who have missed the point,' he there states: 'Thus in a 720 there must be 720 true changes, and any such resolution . . . is altogether beside the point.' That point I certainly have 'missed.' Why, may I ask, is it 'beside the point'? Surely, the wording of the resolution seeks to elucidate that point. Many years ago, when I completed my first 720 of Bob Minor, in which I had rung the tenor, the dear old gentleman who had called it walked across the tower to me, shook my hand, and said, 'There you are, my lad. I called you Wrong, Right and Wrong, and you have rung all the changes it is possible to get on six bells, and if we had gone on and rung six more such lots, that is reckoned as a peal of 5,040 of Minor.' He added there are dozens of other methods you can ring, but you will still ring exactly the same 720 changes as we have just brought round, the only difference being that the changes will come up in a different order. That is the point of view from which I have always looked at this question, and I imagine hundreds of other ringers have done so also, and, if our point of view is correct, then resolution No. 7 is very much to the point.—Yours truly,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

'OUT OF THE MOUTHS,' ETC.

The 'Pub's' red windows glowed with cheery light.
Within, a babel—voices rose and fell.
'The argument which ends a shaky peal
Was, naturally enough, the 'place' and 'bell.'
'What's all this stooped fuss about a splice?'
Old Jinks remarked, as, with an angry eye,
He faced the local 'expert' who upheld
The 'Greater Experts' Six-bell Theory.
'Here, chuck it, Jinks,' Ted Fish, the Poacher, snapped
(The spittoon caught the well-directed shot),
And, pushing back his greasy moleskin cap,
He drained his mug and thus addressed the lot:
'No County Perlice about—I'll tell ya this,
If I should worry how I reads the law
I'd hang my night lines up and burn my snares:
I works by common sense and not by jaw.'
A roar of laughter—shouts of 'Good old Ted,
Who's for another, 'fore we goes to bed?'

'CASCABLE.'

HAMPSHIRE TOWERS VISITED.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday, March 16th, by members of the Woolton Hill band, who motored to Laverstoke, where 720 Bob Minor was brought round. A move was then made to Overton, where the band was met by their old friend, Mr. H. Balam. Here the bells were soon going for 720 Cambridge Surprise, but unfortunately this came to grief one course from home. Time not allowing another start, a good touch of Cambridge was rung on these bells. Deane was the next visited, and the ringing commenced with London Surprise Minor, followed by 720 Bob Minor. Afterwards, at Oakley, the party was met by Mr. Hunt, and, after tea, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor were rung on the bells, Mr. Hunt taking a rope in each. Touches of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob were also rung before making the homeward journey. The ringers were J. Scott, N. Scott, F. Knapp, R. Rex, J. Berry, L. Robbins, J. Robbins, H. Balaam, W. Hunt. The conducting was shared by R. Rex and N. Scott.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

Considerable impetus has been gained in Spliced Surprise Major ringing since the Rev. H. Law James' peal in four methods was published less than two years ago. A peal in ten methods by Mr. A. J. Pitman was published in our last issue, and this week we record the actual performance of a peal in six methods by the Middlesex Association at Willesden on Tuesday week. The composition was as follows:—

SPliced LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE, AND PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR. 5,184 CHANGES.

BY REV. H. LAW JAMES.

23456	M.	W.	H.	Methods.
64352	—	—	—	London, Cambridge, Rutland.
62453	2	—	—	Rutland, Bristol, Superlative, Rutland.
42356	—	—	—	Rutland, Cambridge, London.
32654	—	—	—	London, Superlative, London.
42563	—	2	—	London, Cambridge, Bristol, London.
36524	—	—	—	London, Pudsey, Rutland.
34625	2	—	—	Rutland, Bristol, Superlative, Rutland.
64523	—	—	—	Rutland, Cambridge, London.
54326	—	—	—	London, Superlative, London.
64235	—	2	—	London, Cambridge, Bristol, Rutland.
53246	—	—	—	Rutland, Pudsey, Rutland.
56342	2	—	—	Rutland, Bristol, Superlative, Rutland.
36245	—	—	—	Rutland, Cambridge, London.
26543	—	—	—	London, Superlative, London.

Repeat last part twice, then repeat the whole.

The above arrangement of methods was made by Mr. G. R. Pye. Superlative and Cambridge are interchangeable, but Pudsey may only be rung in the courses shown. Variations of the London and Rutland leads may be made, but should first be tried for falseness.

This peal was first rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Tuesday, March 19th, by members of the Middlesex County Association, and was conducted by Mr. William Pye. Rung at the second attempt.

THE TEN-METHOD COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to be allowed to congratulate Mr. A. J. Pitman on his wonderful ten Surprise method composition, published this week. Will he, however, make it quite clear whether the Bristol leads must be rung as Home leads, i.e., by calling two bobs Home? Will he state, further, whether the composition would be false if the Bristol leads were ended as Plained Middle?

Will he also state where 'Gloucestershire' may be found. I have a collection of over 100 Surprise Major methods, but cannot identify this one amongst them.—Yours truly,

C. T. COLES.

LORD PHILLIMORE.

The late Lord Phillimore was laid to rest in the churchyard at Shiplake, Oxon, on Monday, March 18th. He was in his 84th year, and by his death the Exercise has lost a friend, for at the foundation of the Church Councils it was he who saved the ringers from coming under the authority of that body, instead of remaining, as they had always been, under the incumbent. Some twenty years ago Lord Phillimore was the means of re-establishing the Shiplake band after they had been on the 'retired list' for some eight months. His kindly handshake and encouraging words formed bulwarks in the hearts of those who ring the bells at Shiplake.

For the services on Sunday, March 17th, the bells were half-muffled, and after the funeral a well-struck 546 of Grandsire Triples was brought round.

His name as the master of ecclesiastical law will live for generations in the Established Church.

5,056 BOB MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

23456 W. B. M. H.

45236	—	—	—
35264	—	—	3
62345	—	—	2
53246	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
43265	—	—	3
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	3
34256	—	—	2
32546	—	—	2
36245	—	—	2
32456	—	—	S

Repeated.

6th the extent home.

Rung on handbells at King Alfred's College, Winchester, on March 20th, 1929.

WALSALL'S NEW PEAL OF TWELVE.

The fine new peal of twelve bells at Walsall will be dedicated at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday by the Bishop of Lichfield, in order that they may be rung on Easter Day. 'Ringers' Day' will be on April 13th, when the quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford is to be held there, and an invitation is extended to all ringers who care to attend.

A clean sweep has been made of everything in the tower above the clock room. In addition to a ring of Taylor's best, a cast-iron frame on steel girders has been installed. A new floor for the bell chamber has also been put in, and glass has been substituted for the old louvers.

5,664 BOB MAJOR.

BY ARTHUR CRAVEN.

2345678 W. 5th's. Out. In. H.

*35264	—	—	
63254	—	—	
56234	—	—	
2375468	—	—	—
72354	—	—	—
37254	—	—	—
*53274	—	—	
5362478	—	—	2
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*32546	—	—	
43526	—	—	
124536	—	—	
5372648	—	—	—
75326	—	—	—
37526	—	—	—
*52376	—	—	
5243678	—	—	2

Twice repeated.

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THE F. G. NEWMAN FUND.

The following subscriptions to the fund for Mr. Frederick G. Newman are acknowledged:—

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DEATH OF MRS. HELMORE.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, has sustained a severe blow by the sudden death of his wife, which took place on Friday morning last.

Mr. and Mrs. Helmore celebrated their golden wedding in July, 1927. The deepest sympathy of the Exercise will go out to the bereaved veteran secretary of the Kent County Association.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Wednesday, March 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: K. C. Taylor 1, R. Pickering 2, F. Brotherton 3, J. W. Taylor (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. T. Piper 5, H. Boswell 6, H. Knight 7, J. Shaw 8. First quarter-peal of Triples on an inside bell for ringer of 6th, and first on eight for tenor. Ringers of treble, 2nd, and 4th are of the local band, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th from St. Peter's (Wolverhampton), and tenor from Bushbury.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On March 29th, 1762, a peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung in 6 hrs. 53 mins. at Fulham by the College Youths.

The London Youths, another of the old Metropolitan societies which have disappeared, rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Lambeth on March 31st, 1778.

One of the earliest long peals of Treble Bob was rung on April 1st, 1727, at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich.

Thirty years ago next Wednesday a peal of 15,072 Double Norwich Major, then the record length, was rung at Erith. Five years later, on April 4th, 1904, was rung an 11,008 Double Norwich at South Wigston, Leicester, as 'a trial peal for a record length,' which the same band afterwards rang on the same bells. Five of the company still survive.

Handbells will be at the disposal of visitors to Leicester for the annual meeting of the M.C.A. on Easter Monday. The smokeroom of the Earl Grey, opposite St. John-the-Divine, will be the rendezvous.

Among those who have rung a hundred peals in their own tower are Mr. Walter Charman, of Warnham, Sussex, whose total is about 130, with the 'circle' completed eight times; and Mr. W. C. Rumsey, of Debenham, Suffolk, with a total of about 120. Mr. Rumsey has rung at least eleven peals on each bell, and conducted peals of Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich from all of them.

Mr. Edgar Pemberton, of Ipswich, has rung 117 peals on the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, where he started ringing in 1878, and Mr. Edwin Barnett, senior, has not only rung 181 peals on his own church bells at Crayford, Kent, but also 141 at the neighbouring Parish Church of Erith.

Mr. Poppy rather wandered from the point in his comparison between Mr. James George and Mr. Robert Brundell. The latter, like the late Mr. I. G. Shade, is a marvel in one direction, but Mr. George's prowess is in a different sphere. No other man has ever rung a tenor of 50 cwt. to a peal, at the age of well over 75.

After a lapse of eighteen months, through the serious motoring accident which befell him early in September, 1927, Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, has been able to return to peal ringing, and on Saturday conducted a peal of Double Norwich Major at Warnham, Sussex.

We are asked to state, for the information of many inquirers, that letters for Mrs. Sykes, the widow of the late Mr. J. E. Sykes, should be addressed c/o Mr. G. Kirby, London Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

KING'S GIFT TO BELLS FUND.

The bells of Dersingham, near King's Lynn, Norfolk, have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have also recast the 2nd. They are to be rededicated on April 15th by the Archdeacon of Lynn (see notice columns).

The money for the restoration has all been subscribed, the contributions including £50 from H.M. the King.

KING ALFRED'S COLLEGE GUILD.

HANDBELL PEAL BY STUDENTS.

As a recruiting ground for ringers, efforts were made to interest in the art, students at King Alfred's College, Winchester, and, thanks largely to the efforts of Mr. Nolan Golden, some good work has been done.

Practice in change ringing was begun in November last, and King Alfred's College Guild was formed in January. Under the instruction of Mr. Golden, excellent progress has been made on handbells, and on Wednesday week a peal of Bob Major was rung by six of the members. It is believed to be the first peal rung at a training College. The ringers were Eric H. Ruffell, of Netherton, Wilts; James W. Collins, of Hastings, Sussex; Jesse Reyman, of Fairford, Glos.; Robert C. Day, of Compton Abbas, Dorset; Nolan Golden, of Northrepps, Norfolk; and Reginald M. Mallett, of Geldeston, Norfolk. Mr. J. Gaylor, who umpired the peal, is from Watford, Herts, and kindly gave up his afternoon to the task. He checked the calling and courses from manuscript.

RINGERS.

In the belfry, and at night,
Ghostly in the candle-light,
See the ringers circle-wise,
See the ropes that fall and rise.
List! above the clash of bells
The leader some new sequence tells,
In closing hand and opening fist,
The hand of an Evangelist.
For to those who never come
To Church, the Church had else been dumb;
As calls the Mussulman to prayer,
From minaret, those ringers there,
Their message reaches every ear.
Few may listen, all must hear;
Let the Ringers know that they
One and all are Preachers Lay.

Lutton.

S. CLAUDE TICKELL.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As with your leading article last week, so with Mr. Guise's letter in this week's issue, there is much with which I heartily agree. At the same time, there are one or two points in it that call for a word or two in reply. He says that the expense incurred by the associations in sending members to Council is a reason why they should have a recognised status. But what more 'status' could they possibly have than they have already got? With the exception of the fifteen hon. members, the Council is wholly made up of the associations. It is the associations in Council.

As regards the word 'representative,' I am thankful to say that my copy of Johnson's Dictionary does not give 'delegate' as a synonym for it, nor do I remember any word in the Rules of Council other than 'members.' But I may be wrong, as I only speak from memory.

I am sorry that I fail to see the point in what Mr. Guise says as to voting against item 8b on the Council's agenda. It seems to me to be a most desirable and laudable attempt to get ringing properly represented in the Councils of the Church, and I do not see how it is going to cost the associations anything at all.

No one laments more than I do the absence of reference to the Central Council in reports and rules of associations, but whose fault is it? Certainly not that of the Council.

The Council, I take it, referred the 'item' mentioned by Mr. Guise to the associations to give those who had not debated it an opportunity to do so, and in the case of those who had debated it to give them further opportunity, so as to be certain of getting a well-matured opinion from them.

The associations do not give the Council 'power to enforce,' because they have not got that power to give, and if they gave it the Council could not use it.

Of course, if the Council is not worth the money that it costs, it will soon die a natural death—or, rather, it would have died years ago.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

DELEGATE v. REPRESENTATIVE.

Sir,—Is Mr. Guise correct when he writes that in the English Dictionary (there are many, he does not say which) 'this word "representative" means "delegate"?' As a printer, I have been using a Standard Dictionary for the past 36 years, and this is what it says about both words:—

Delegate—v.t. (delegating, delegated). To send as a representative; to depute; to commit to another's care. n. a representative; a deputy.

Representative—a. Fitted or serving to represent; conducted by the agency of delegates; typical. n. One who or that which represents; a person elected to represent a constituency.

So you see, Sir, that both words as nouns are one and the same thing, 'representative.' In addition, I may add that in all the reports of associations I have by me are set out the names of the representatives upon the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

The Central Council has been in existence for 38 years, and I say, calmly and deliberately, that it has justified its existence, and I prophesy that, whatever happens at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, it will continue to carry on its good work.

That it has no power to enforce its decisions has not prevented its decisions from being enforced, or, at any rate, respected. How often do we see peals of Grandsire Major published nowadays? or Plain Bob Triples or Caters? or seven-bell peals without a covering tenor? The Central Council say they are to be discontinued, and they undoubtedly are.—Yours, etc.,

W. A. CAVE.

TOO MUCH FUSS.

Sir,—I think the majority of ringers will agree that to us the words 'Representative' and 'Delegate' mean exactly the same thing, and it was a surprise to me, after making inquiries, to learn there is a difference in the meaning. If Mr. Guise will look in the new Oxford Dictionary he can study it for himself. The president of the Central Council was entirely within his rights when he made the statement Mr. Guise refers to, and while those words 'elect representatives' stand, a member has a perfect right to give his own personal view and vote. Whether it is wise or not is another question. My own personal view of the matter is that there has been a lot too much fuss made over the matter. The Central Council, we have been told several times, stand only in an advisory position. The rules they make can only be kept by the goodwill of the Exercise, and they have no means of enforcing them. I do not think the majority of the Exercise would welcome any body which tried to fine them over peal ringing, which, after all, is only a pleasure. I do not wish Mr. Guise to think I am against penalties. My own society has fines, and I believe in them for service ringing—but that is a duty, although it may be a pleasant one. It is, however, an entirely different thing to peal ringing.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

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CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS 200 YEARS AGO.

DR. CHARLES MASON'S ASSISTANCE TO HOLT.

The paragraph last week giving the record of the peal of Grandsire Caters at New College, Oxford, in 1734, in which the occupation of the ringers was given, is a reminder that in the list of members of the Society of Cambridge Youths, 'Ringers to the Town and University of Cambridge,' is given the occupation of the individuals, beginning with the members elected in 1724 as follows:—

William Anderson, Esquire.
Robert Barker, Whitesmith.
Thomas Cornwall, Sawyer.
Hewes Carter, Watchmaker.
John Deeks, Gentleman.
George Gilbert, Puke maker.
Francis Hunt, Joiner.
Henry Mulline, Gentleman.
John Savell, Baker.
John Tuck, Bricklayer.
John White, Verger of Trinity College.
Joseph West, Innkeeper.

In the following year Charles Mason, D.D., 'Fellow of Trinity College and Woodwardian Professor,' was elected a member. Dr. Mason was keenly interested in ringing, and in the library of Downing College, Cambridge, are three manuscript books on change ringing which once formed his notebooks. In one of these books are the figures of Garthorn's peal of Grandsire—the first ever rung.

Many years later Dr. Mason used his good offices in an endeavour to assist John Holt in obtaining subscribers to the broad-sheet of his peals. Dr. Mason solicited the support of the Norwich ringers, and received the following significant reply:—

Norwich, August 27th, 1753.

'Reverend Sir,—I desire you'll excuse my not Subscribing to a Work which I have some Reason to fear will not answer to Expectation. I must Confess Our Company Seem Intirely to slight it, though I must Own it is not a Generous Way of Treating Mr. Holt's performance, but I believe they are Induc'd to this by that Ingenious Ringer, Mr. Anable's not Encouraging of it, had he Approved of it, his Influence on the Colledge Youths I presume would have been sufficient to have sent it to the Press without any Further Subscriptions.

'Revd. Sir, Give me leave to Observe to you that 'tis almost twenty years Since I sent to the Revd. Mr. Windhall a Whole peal of Ten with two Inferior Changes Only, Fully Explaining by an Infallible rule how to make any proper peal on all Numbers that go with a Quick Hunt.

For Self and Co., I am, Sir,

'With due respect,

'Your most humble Serrant,

'JOHN WEBSTER.'

Dr. Mason was a subscriber to the broad-sheet for two copies and the Cambridge Company for four.

Among other interesting elections to the Society of Cambridge Youths may be mentioned the following:—

- 1728. Thomas Prichard, Brewer of Trinity College.
- 1726. John Robinson, Member of the Corporation.
- 1747. Richard York, Attorney-at-Law.
- 1767. William Incarsole, Gentleman (totally blind, but an excellent Ringer).
- 1768. Richard Widnell, Cook of King's College.
- 1773. John Bowtell, Bookseller and Binder, a great Benefactor to Addenbrooke's Hospital.
- 1787. Thomas Steers, Gentleman, an ingenious Mathematician.

YEOVIL PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

At Yeovil Parochial Church Council meeting, Mr. J. Goodchild, steward of the Ringers' Guild, read an extract from the conductor's report calling attention to the state of the bells, and especially to the great increase in the vibration of the frame, due to their uneven running, caused by gudgeons and bearings being worn out of truth. Not only did this vibration make the bells difficult to ring, but it involved constant watch and attention, and might have a bad effect on the structure of the tower. It was nearly 40 years since the bells were last relunged, and during that time, with the exception of the tenor and ninth bells, they did not appear to have received any attention from bell hangers. In his (the conductor's) opinion, the time had now come when the question of calling in expert advice should be considered.

The Council decided to seek the advice of a firm of bell founders. Yeovil has a ring of ten bells with tenor of 42 cwt.

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THANKSGIVING DAY.

Dear Sir,—The Standing Committee of the Central Council have had under consideration the question of organised ringing should there be a 'Thanksgiving Day' for the recovery of the King, and it has been decided to recommend the secretaries of the affiliated Guilds to bear the matter in mind should the occasion arise without much previous warning.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG, Hon. Secretary.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY—THE DEVELOPMENT OF RINGING—JOSEPH SYKES.

I am interested in a mild sort of way in this controversy about the Central Council and the associations, because I rather think that it was some remarks of mine that started the present discussion. We were considering last year the agenda of the coming Central Council meeting, and I said something like this: 'In the long run you must leave the decision to your members. They will hear all the arguments for and against. They are men whom you have elected because you can trust their judgment. The best you can find (I was not one of them). They are your representatives, not your delegates.' The president of the Central Council was present, and he repeated the phrase at the Council's meeting. (It may have been a coincidence.) What I was thinking was that members of the Central Council are in a similar position to Members of Parliament, not to delegates to a Trades Union Congress. But the whole matter is easily squared by a little common sense.

If the associations are going to debate and settle the items of the Central Council agenda before its meeting, I don't see why they need send a representative; a postcard would do as well.

On the other hand, the man who represented an association would be a fool who did not pay attention to the wishes of his constituency. And it is all to the good of the Council and the Exercise that the associations and any other person should take an interest in its agenda and express opinions on its resolutions. So I can fully agree with Mr. Whittington's letter so far. But I think that if anyone is going to vote on that gentleman's proposed resolution it may be as well for him to know what he is voting for.

Don't imagine that you are voting for the old idea of truth in peal ringing and the old standard for peal compositions; you are doing nothing of the sort. You are voting for a new standard, which, I think, is quite out of harmony with the traditions and usage of the Exercise. And don't think you are voting in defence of Mr. Banks' arrangement of Cambridge, because you are not. I believe that the intention is to keep the old standards as far as possible and at the same time let in the other by, so to speak, the back door. That sort of thing won't do. You want to face the facts of the case fairly.

Now, if history teaches us one thing it teaches us that though ringing has preserved a remarkable unity since the beginning, it is always developing, or, rather, I should say that whenever ringing has prospered it has developed in some way or other. The great principles remain unchanged, but new applications of them are found. It proves the life of present-day ringing that not a few of them have been in our day. And everyone has met with opposition, active or passive. They used to say, in my young time, 'What is the good of talking about a lot of new methods; nobody will ring them? What we have got are good enough for us.' But we do ring new methods nowadays. When the Little methods were introduced, people did not like them: they were a new idea. I confess that I myself was old-fashioned enough to look with suspicion on them. But the Little Methods have now a secure place in the repertoire of ringers, and have proved their usefulness.

And so I would advise that the development represented by Mr. Banks' arrangement of Cambridge should be left alone for the present. Let us see what good it will do, if any, and don't try and restrict it by well-meaning, but utterly illogical, definition.

Soliciting is another development. Ten or fifteen years ago the publication of Mr. Pitman's composition, with ten Surprise methods to one peal, would perhaps have been looked on as an interesting curiosity. Certainly not as anything within the range of practical politics, and almost certainly as a thing not allowed by the then standard of peal ringing. And now I wonder how long it will be before a band rings it or something like it? One thing I can say, it will be worth doing. There is that about spliced ringing which makes any peal in any one method seem quite tame. Of course, I mean spliced ringing where you change the method at nearly every lead, not half-and-half peals. One man said the other day that it was a relief to get into London Surprise because it gave you a 'breather.'

Well, the moral of all this is that the Exercise and the Council should not be in any hurry to pass rules. Really the rules we want in ringing are very few. It is not like a sport where there is competition between two parties, and you must have rules to hold the balance between them. The rules of ringing are not restrictive, they are not framed primarily to say that ringers must not do things. They are the result of the experience of the Exercise as to the best way to do things; they are really good advice, not orders. And so, if there is any good reason, anyone may break them. Of course, it is not often that there is good reason. But just remember that the old rules forbade spliced peals, yet when they were introduced bands rang them with the entire approval of the Exercise.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS AMALGAMATED.

The annual general meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Reigate on Saturday week. It was a most successful gathering, 65 members being present. The following towers were represented, viz.: Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Buckland, Burslow, Charlwood, Chelsea, London, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Crawley (Sussex), Dorking, Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Godstone, Guildford Cathedral, Henfield (Sussex), Horley, Leatherhead, Merstham, Mitcham (St. Peter's and Christ Church), Newdigate, Redhill, Reigate, Shoreham (Sussex), and St. Paul's Cathedral. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a service was held in the Parish Church at 5 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Canon F. C. Davies, who gave a short but interesting address. Tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting.

Canon Davies was elected to the chair, supported by Mr. D. K. C. Birt (chairman of the committee), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary), Mr. C. F. Johnston, Miss Nora Johnston, Mr. M. A. Northover, etc. An apology was read from Mr. C. Dean, who was under the doctor with 'flu.'

The treasurer's statement of accounts was passed. The committee's report for the year 1928 was presented. It stated that since the last annual meeting the association had lost its Master, Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., at the age of 74 years, and referred to his work for the association, of which he was Master for 15 years. Other members who had passed away included Mr. E. Hull, of Leatherhead, Mr. L. Attwater, of Wandsworth, Mr. W. States, of Croydon, Mr. T. Miles, of Epsom, and Mr. L. C. Ferridge, of Benlilton. Thirty-one peals had been rung for the association during 1928, which included their first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. The rules passed at Leatherhead had been revised for the meeting's consideration, as they overlapped and needed clarifying. Progress had been made in the districts. Only at three affiliated towers was ringing impossible owing to the bad condition of the bells. Although the Guildford Guild was now in operation, practically no effect had been made upon the membership to the association of those towers in the central district which were in the Guildford Diocese.—The report was adopted.

One hon. member, one ringing member, and three compounding members were elected. Beddington was chosen as the place for the next annual general meeting.

It was decided that the Central and Western Districts become as one under the title of 'North-Western' District. No alteration was made to the Southern District.

The rules as revised by the committee were unanimously passed by the members, and will be put into force at once.

The following officers were elected en bloc: President, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwark; Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt; treasurer, Mr. Chas. Dean; hon. secretary, Mr. Chas. H. Kippin; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby; auditor, Mr. F. W. Housden; representative upon the Central Council (vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Drewett), Mr. C. H. Kippin.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Dean and Mr. Kippin for their services during the year, and also to those who had helped in making the meeting a success, especially to Mr. Northover, who made all arrangements connected with the tea.

This concluded the business meeting, which only lasted 40 minutes.

During the afternoon and evening most of the standard methods were rung, including a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal. Reigate bells are a good peal of ten, and were rehung and retuned eighteen months ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FIRST 720's

At Rock Ferry, Cheshire, on Thursday, March 21st, 720 of Norwich Surprise: J. Gorst 1, T. Birch 2, H. Rogers 3, G. R. Edwards 4, T. Rogers 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6.—Also on Thursday, March 7th, 720 of Ipswich Surprise: G. R. Edwards 1, H. Rogers 2, T. Birch 3, W. Dean 4, T. Rogers 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the methods by all the band, and on the bells, both methods being rung for the first time by a resident band of the Wirral Branch.

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I must express my regrets at the sad news of the death of Mr. Joseph Sykes. He was a man whom I was continually meeting during the course of many years in all sorts of unexpected spots. He used to write to me from many foreign places. The last time I ran across him was in Paris, where he was quite at home—just as if he had lived there all his life, for he had a wonderful gift of acquiring the language of the country he happened to be in. With his help I saw a good deal of Parisian life, which would have been impossible to a casual visitor. He was a good ringer, especially a good tenor ringer, with a most interesting store of ringing tales. Hence to his ashes.

REV. H. LAW JAMES' INCONSISTENCY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Law James' reply to my last letter. He certainly puts forward a very interesting point, namely, that since the 'leads' of even-bell methods are (in general) joined together when the treble leads, and those of odd-bell treble-dominated methods (in general) as the treble leaves the lead, it is natural to conclude that in the former case rounds is the first row of the method, and in the latter case it is the last.

He also raises the question of round blocks. I am only stating a well recognised fact when I say that there are few arts in which more words and phrases are in everyday use, but which have to admit ambiguity when viewed through really critical eyes, than that of campanology. Now this term 'round block' is one of these, although in this case the ambiguity is not very obvious at first sight. I submit that we use this term 'round block' to mean two different things; there are the round blocks of which Mr. Law James gives as examples the three leads of Bob Minimus; these (he says) begin and end respectively 1234 and 1324, 1342 and 1432, 1423 and 1243, and are joined together by making 2nd's place when the treble leads to give the 24 changes on four bells. There is also the meaning which we have in mind when we say that 'a peal must be a round block,' this being another way of saying 'a peal must start from, and end with, rounds.' These two types of round block might well be distinguished as 'open' and 'closed.' A round block beginning 12345678 and ending 12436587 would be an 'open' one; a 'closed' one would have to satisfy the further condition of actually coming back to 12345678 (the row we started from). The difference between these two types is admittedly slight, but it is an essential one.

Mr. Law James gives an answer to my first question, which was, 'On what authority did he make certain statements?' His answer, as I understand it, is that the statements were based on what are (in his opinion) 'natural laws, which cannot be altered,' and which he proceeds to set forth.

He totally ignores my second question, which was, 'How did he reconcile his persistent remarks to the effect that "rounds is the first row of a peal and not the last" with the Central Council's condition that "a peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds"?' I think he will forgive me for assuming it as agreed that these two phrases are, in fact, irreconcilable.

I should like to say here, as one of the junior members of the Exercise to whom he refers in his letter, that we of the younger generation do realise what a very deep debt of gratitude we owe to Mr. Law James and his brother for their large share in the great increase of campanological knowledge which has taken place in the last 50 years; and we do respect and value their opinions highly. It is, therefore, in no spirit of unfriendliness or disrespect that I take up my pen on the opposite side to his in this discussion.

If there is one ideal which the Exercise should set itself above all others it is that of consistency. We can hardly hope never to be inconsistent, but I do urge that it is the common duty of each one of us to do our best to rid our extremely complicated art of as much as possible that is inconsistent.

Now Mr. Law James has surely placed himself in a position of extreme inconsistency. He is on the Standing Committee of the Central Council, and he is also president of one, and a member of many associations which are affiliated to it; and yet he tolerates rules which are entirely irreconcilable with what he considers 'natural laws which cannot be altered.' Surely the only consistent thing to do is to propose that the rules in question be altered. The rules of the Central Council are not unalterable; it is for its members to bring them into line with what they consider to be 'natural laws which cannot be altered.' But while we are affiliated to the Central Council it is surely no less than our duty to stick to what are at the moment its rules and to refrain from making statements which are in direct opposition to them.

The real trouble is that some of us are going about the job the wrong way: we are starting from the wrong end. Let us take the example of Mr. Banks James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor. I think we are all agreed that the arrangement is a very clever one, and reflects great credit on the composer: but this in itself does not make it a true peal. A great many of us go further than this, and feel that it does supply a great need in that it makes it possible to ring 5,040 Cambridge Minor with no 65's at back stroke, without ringing the same 720 seven times. So far so good; but this is where certain people have left the rails of consistency altogether: they have proceeded to take the existing rule and twist it about until they have deceived themselves and others into believing that it means something which no one reading it in an unbiased and logical way could possibly imagine that it was ever intended to mean. Surely the reasonable line of action is to propose a rule (free from ambiguity) which conforms with their view of what should be regarded as a peal, and then let the Central Council decide for or against it.

In any case the existing rule has not proved quite satisfactory, in view of the conspicuous inability of the Exercise as a whole to agree as to its exact meaning: it is therefore to be hoped, and I think, assumed, that something will be done about it at the next Central

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MERIVALE MEDLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Further investigation shows that Merivale Medley is a twenty part six-score of Original Doubles, with five reversals in each half.

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21345 S

23154

32145 } bob

31254

Repeat four times, omitting the single, gives

12435

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24135

42315

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34215 } bob

(a) 32451

23415 } bob

24351

Repeat four times, omitting bob x.

12543

Repeat the whole.

This is the six-score of Original Doubles.

Now lay a whole pull behind at (a) in each of the last five parts instead of the whole pull at lead, and you get Merivale Medley.

H. L. JAMES.

N.B.—The letter which appeared last week gives a correct account of the Q sets of M.M., but, unfortunately omitted the five reversals explained above. These five reversals are interesting, because they show the connection with Carter's Doubles and Stedman Doubles thus:—

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Stedman. 32415

23451

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Carter's.

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45231

Carter's Doubles consist of a slow six of Stedman, half a quick six, and then the second half of another quick six.

H. L. J.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in 40 mins.: F. Palmer 1, A. Bigley 2, J. King 3, J. R. Main 4, H. Chambers 5, J. T. Ward 6, A. Y. Tyler 7, W. Perkins (conductor) 8.

HALESOWEN.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 52 mins. by members of the local band: A. Harris 1, W. Coley 2, T. Greenball 3, W. Brown 4, V. White 5, J. Cox 6, H. Bird 7, A. Hackett (conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbott's, on Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): H. G. Miles (conductor) 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, A. Cutmore 3, C. F. Winney 4, A. Waddington 5, E. E. Welham 6, P. L. Miles 7, W. E. Judd 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, January 27th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: S. E. Daynes 1, Miss J. Colegate 2, A. J. Ford 3, F. W. Thornton 4, W. Merritt 5, W. H. Daynes 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, J. Harding 8.

WANDSWORTH.—On Sunday, January 20th, at Holy Trinity, West Hill, for morning service, a 'cut' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,092 changes) in 41 mins.: John Lee 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. Kent 3, W. W. Bailey 4, F. Hawthorne 5, W. H. Ball 6, G. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8. Treble man from Streatham, 2nd, 3rd and 7th from Hounslow, 5th from Thames Ditton, remainder from Putney.

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Council meeting. But do let us, as an Exercise, go about it the right way this time, i.e., let us first decide on our policy and then frame the rule, not pass a rule first and then spend the next twelve months fighting about what it means.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

21, Peel Street, Partick, Glasgow.

NOTICES.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL.—The honorary secretary will be glad to receive the names of any ringers who fell in the Great War, and whose names do not appear in the Council's 'Roll of Honour,' other than those already notified. The Writer is waiting to add such names before the Chelmsford meeting.—E. Alexr. Young, 55, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 30th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those who inform Mr A Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

NORFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 1st. The rings of bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be available. Divine service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Archdeacon of Norwich. Luncheon will be served at William Grix, Limited, Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at South Anston on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells open early. Tea provided to all those who advise Mr. C. Fowler, Princess Villas, South Anston. This is imperative. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—R. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar of Aldenham. Tea at 6 p.m., followed by annual business meeting, at the Ver Residential Hotel, Holywell Hill, adjoining the river bridge. Notification of attendance will be appreciated, for the sake of the caterer and others. — G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 1st. Committee at St. Mary's Vestry 11.15 a.m. Service 12 noon. Address by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. P. N. Waggett). Lunch, followed by the business meeting, at the Dorothy Café, at 1 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary-the-Great (12), St. Andrew-the-Great (8), Old Chesterton (6) and St. Mary and the English Martyrs (8) (after 3 p.m.). —Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashted on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at Ashted Peace Memorial Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting following. —D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 1st. Committee meeting in All Saints' Vestry at 11.15. Service in All Saints' Church at 12. Address by the Rev. H. de V. Watson, Rector of Harrietsham. Dinner in the Corn Exchange at 1 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing; Maidstone (All Saints) (10), Leeds (10), Harrietsham (8), West Malling (8), Linton (8), Barming (6), Boxley (6), East Farleigh (6), Bearsted (6), St. Michael's, Maidstone (6). —Fred M. Mitchell, Assistant Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells (10) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. W. White, 84, Church Street, Whitby, not later than first post Tuesday, March 26th. Members are urged to attend.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Leicester. Bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8) (except between 10-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.), All Saints' (5) available during the day. Committee meet 3.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Convivial 8 to 10 p.m. All at Victoria Commercial Hotel, London Road. (N.B.—1928 reports now ready, price 6d., post free 7½d.).—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 1st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service, with address, in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 12.30 to 2 and after service; All Saints' (10), St. Helen's (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 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. — J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Easter Monday, April 1st. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Barnabas' (8) will be available from 10.30 a.m. Hot luncheon will be at the Plume of Feathers Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the annual business meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Ringing all day (except 2-3) at St. Mary le Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), Rushmere (6). Committee meeting, 12 noon Service, St.-Mary-le-Tower, 2 p.m. Meeting in Oak Lane Rooms at 2.30. Unveiling of Catchpole-Motts Memorial at 4 p.m. Tea, 4.30, at Lyons, 1s. each.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Masham on Easter Monday, April 1st. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at Ousbey's Café, members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton, Devon, on Easter Monday. Bells (6) from 2.30. Short service at 4.30, Parish Church. An address by the Rev. L. Stallard. Tea 5.15, Gould's Restaurant. Meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 2nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 4th and 23rd; St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 18th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The April meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Houghton Conquest on April 6th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, April 6th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Nominations for C.C. representatives for the session commencing 1930 should reach me between now and July.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh, nr. Betchworth, on Saturday, April 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Plough Inn at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. All those requiring tea to let me know not later than Wednesday, April 3rd.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at St. Elli's Church, Llanelly, Gilwern, Abergavenny. Ringing at 2 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4 p.m. at Church Room. Tea will be kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Davies.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold an eight bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton (near) Huddersfield, on Saturday, April 6th. Draw to take place 2.45 p.m. All who require tea, 1s. 6d. each, must send word not later than April 1st to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Nettleham (6), Saturday, April 6th. Tower open 2 p.m. Bus leaves Unity Square 3 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. Bus leaves Nettleham 7.15 p.m., 8.10 p.m. and 9.35 p.m. Notifications to tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Members requiring tea please notify Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. It is necessary, owing to limited catering arrangements, at this meeting that ringers requiring tea should notify me not later than April 4th, so that a reasonable estimate may be given.—J. T. Titt, 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held on April 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. at Hoddlesden and Darwen. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 6th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. Hudson Shaw (Rector). Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15 p.m., at a charge of 1s. As accommodation is limited, provision will only be made for those members who advise either of the undersigned by Tuesday, April 2nd. Tea can also be obtained in the neighbourhood. The business meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Ringing arrangements are as follows:—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 2 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Giles', Cripplegate, from 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Magnus', Thames Street, from 7 to 8.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4., Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street (near Abbey Gateway), at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, April 6th. 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.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual nomination meeting will be held at Armley (Christ Church) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All towers are requested to send a representative.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropthorne on Saturday, April 6th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. E. H. Longland. Tea provided for those who send me their names not later than the Tuesday previous. Bells (6) available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, April 6th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. for all who notify Mr. W. Fradley, 102, Charles St., Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, before April 4th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Lydford on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 3rd.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — There will be a dedication service at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Reading, on Tuesday, April 9th, at 5.30 p.m. The eight bells, which have been rehung, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw. Ringing will take place after the service until 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Frittenden on Saturday, April 13th, by kind permission of Rev. H. M. Leathley. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. A good meeting is hoped for. All ringers welcome. A card by 11th would oblige. —A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Nominations of officers must be sent in to me not later than April 1st.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (new ring of 12) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided in the Brotherhood Institute at 5.30. All ringers will be welcome. It is important that names should be sent in by Tuesday, April 9th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE BELLS OF DERSINGHAM CHURCH will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Lynn on Saturday, April 13th, at 3 p.m.—All ringers are invited. Tea provided.—R. L. B. Oliver, Vicarage, Dersingham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Heanor on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. S. Stirland, Fair View, Heanor, by April 10th.—F. W. Bailey, 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham, Local Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 9th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Felkirk. Bells ready early. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly apply for tea before April 10th, to C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Prospect House, Royston, Barnsley.

LADIES' GUILD. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting at Duffield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, April 13th. Notices for tea must be sent to Miss E. Foulk, 1, King Street, Duffield, by Thursday, April 11th. Will all members please make an effort to attend? Important business for discussion. New rule for Guild, etc. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Hilda F. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise. Those

desiring tea please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, before Tuesday, April 9th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells from 3 to 8.30. Service. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names or numbers for tea will be appreciated by the hon. sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, April 16th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, January 20th, at the Church of All Saints, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins.: H. M. Page 1, J. W. Driver 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, A. H. Cutmore 6, A. Waddington 7, A. Harding 8, H. Folkard 9, G. Block 10.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, January 13th, for morning service, 952 changes of Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Meadows 1, A. Hume 2, A. Saltmarsh 3, R. C. Clark 4, C. Gentry 5, W. Lincoln 6, L. J. Clark (conductor) 7, G. Cooper 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Canon H. A. Lake, Sub-Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Miss K. Meadows 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Hume 3, R. C. Clark 4, A. Saltmarsh 5, W. Lincoln 6, L. J. Clark (conductor) 7, A. Head 8, J. Wood 9, G. Cooper 10. Rung as a farewell to Dr. Guy Warman, Bishop of Chelmsford, on the occasion of his last sermon in the Cathedral before leaving Chelmsford to take

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on Sunday, January 13th, after meeting short, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. G. Miles 1, P. L. Miles 2, A. Cutmore 3, A. Waddington 4, G. F. Winney (conductor) 5, W. E. Judd 6, G. C. Rice 7, Capt. G. Warner 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church, on March 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., for Confirmation service, at which the Bishop of Exeter officiated: J. Hosgood 1, E. Shepherd (conductor) 2, W. Howe 3, T. J. Stokes 4, C. Routley 5, E. W. Biffin 6, A. H. Goad 7, W. H. J. Bailey 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Monday, January 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: H. Boswell 1, J. W. Taylor 2, T. E. Taylor 3, H. C. Taylor 4, H. T. Piper 5, T. Brotherton 6, R. Pickering (conductor) 7, A. Collins (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung on the 21st birthday of H. T. Piper.

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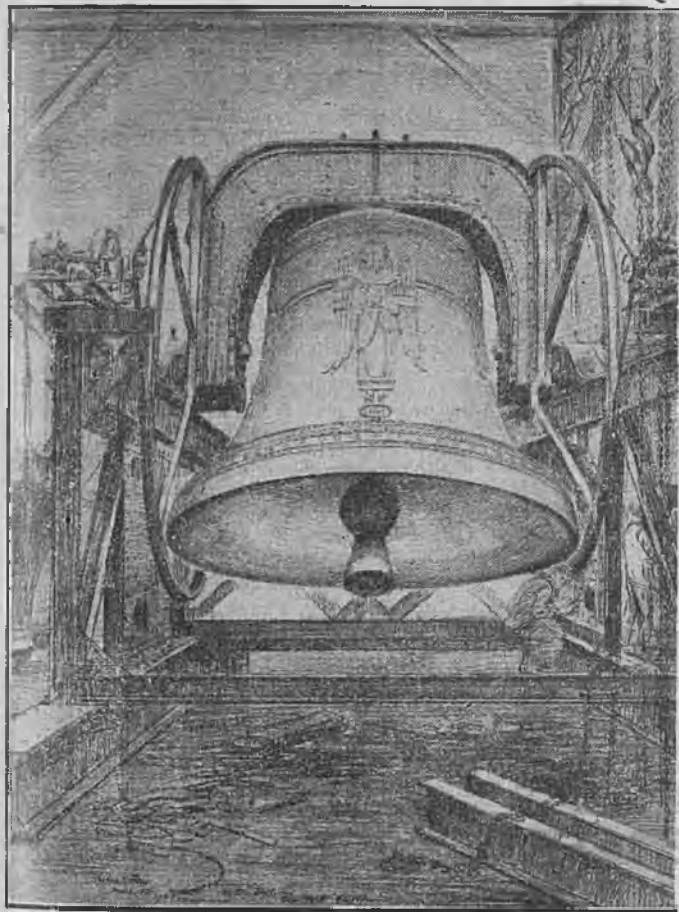
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One of the directions in which this progress has shown itself most markedly is in that of method 'splicing.' First applied to Minor methods, in which it reached its acme of application in the peals rung by the Norbury (Cheshire) band, it was eventually adapted to methods on higher numbers. In Surprise ringing there was first the peal at Whitley Bay, where Cambridge and Superlative were spliced, and afterwards came that remarkable composition of the Rev. H. Law James (first rung at Warnham), in which London and Bristol were added to the other two, and which laid the foundation for those further wonderful peals in five and six methods which have been accomplished at Willesden. A ten method composition has now come on the scene, and so the expansion goes on. No one can foresee the limit of development on these lines, for it opens up new avenues for the ingenuity of both composers and ringers. Only on Monday, 'splicing' in its practical development was taken a step further when at Chelmsford a peal was rung in which Superlative Surprise Maximus and Cambridge Surprise Maximus were coupled.

There has, of course, been a good deal done by way of joining up methods in approximately half peals. This is 'splicing' in its simplest form, but in interest cannot be compared to those forms in which methods are changed in every course or at almost every lead. Probably the time will come when spliced peals will be as common as are peals to-day in single Surprise methods. Composers might well devote their attention to obtaining peals in which some of the plain methods to be found in the Central Council's Major Method 'Collection' are spliced on the same lines as the Surprise methods are now mixed in one composition. Mr. Pitman has done it in

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regard to some of the Plain Triple methods, by changing the method when the hunt bell is changed and the splicing of selected plain Major methods ought not to prove an insoluble problem. There is no question — as Mr. Trollope pointed out incidentally in his 'Notes by the Way' last week — that once an enterprising band has taken up 'spliced' peal ringing, a peal in any one method is a tame affair, and with the continued expansion of knowledge these multi-method peals will doubtless grow in numbers.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPICED SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE
MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 34½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 10
ALBERT W. COLES ... 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the first peal in 'spliced' methods rung on twelve bells. It consisted of 2,880 changes of Superlative and 2,400 of Cambridge, both methods being rung in each course, the change from Superlative to Cambridge being at the 'Wrong' lead, and from Cambridge to Superlative at the course end. Mrs. Fletcher and J. S. Goldsmith were elected members of the association before starting.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
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On Saturday, March 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	JOHN KENTISH ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT
Arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Miss E. E. Chapman and Mr. Reuben Sanders, who were married in the afternoon at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, S.W. After the peal, at the invitation of the bridegroom, the health of the newly-married couple was drunk, the band wishing them the best of health and happiness for the future. Quickest peal on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6079 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... Treble	HENRY J. TUCKER ... 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 2	ALBERT H. WARD ... 7
ALFRED KING ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 8
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 9
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LYTHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

JAMES MARSH Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON 5
*LAWRENCE GREEN 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
JOHN BROWN 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
CHARLES SHARPLES 4	HARRY C. INGRAM Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Non-Conducted.

Umpires: EDWARD J. BEER and HARRY HOVERD.

First 'silent' peal of Double Norwich by all and by the association.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES W. STEPHENSON Treble	RENNIE HARTLEY 5
JAMES SMITH, SEN. 2	*JAMES SMITH, JUN. 6
WALTER STEPHENSON 3	FRED BENTLEY 7
WILLIAM MCCLEAVE 4	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 25, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
RONALD H. BULLEN 2	*CECIL W. PIPE 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method, and proposed a member of the association previous to starting. The ringers of the treble and tenor have now rung each of these bells to a peal.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*SAM GREENHALGH Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	TITUS EARLOW 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a first birthday compliment to Alma, daughter of Mr. H. Greenhalgh, and granddaughter of Mr. S. Greenhalgh.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*RAYMOND FORSHAW Treble	*HARRY A. SMITH 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JAMES E. BURLS 6
ARTHUR STEDMAN 3	THOMAS METCALF 7
*WILLIAM PITCHALL 4	WILLIAM S. FORSHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

First peal in the method.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD ROCK Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
CHARLES W. BRETT 2	CHARLES FRANKLIN 6
EDWIN G. BURSDEM 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	HARRY CASTLE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BURSDEM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Helmore.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	JAMES DURRANT 4
*ALFRED B. KING 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS 5
THOMAS C. WARD 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by G. W. ABLITT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Ablitt. First peal on the bells since they were overhauled by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The 'go' of the bells is excellent.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, Canterbury, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, New Doubles, Chase, Grandsire, and six six-scores of Antelope.

FREDERICK REYNOLDS ... Treble	BASIL BUTLER 3
RICHARD ABRAMS 2	FRANK FOX 4
THOMAS BUTLER Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to R. Abrams. First peal in ten methods by all the ringers, who are all of the local band.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ELI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS 4
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	GEORGE POPNELL 5
G. ROBERT JONES 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal, and elected a member of the association before commencing Treble and 3rd ringers hail from Abergavenny, 2nd and 4th local, 5th and tenor from Beddewty, Monmouthshire.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 16 spliced 240's and ten 120's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERIC R. WEBB Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
GEORGE J. R. PRICE 2	JAMES RANDLE 5
BARNEY W. CADMAN 3	*CHARLES WEBB Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

SELKIRK, YORKSHIRE. BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following methods: Nelson's Victory, Bolton Abbey, Royston Delight, Walsh's Delight, Selkirk Delight, Barnesley Delight, Kirkby Delight.

F. PRIESTLEY Treble	H. CHANT 4
A. COLE 2	D. SMITH 5
M. PERRY 3	J. T. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, 14 120's and 13 spliced 240's (Pitman's) of Grandsire.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REGINALD MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM EVANS 4
GEORGE W. BARKER 2	GEORGE J. R. PRICE 5
WILLIAM RICHARDS 3	JAMES P. HYETT Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung on, and in honour of, Easter Day, also to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor's youngest daughter, and her engagement to the ringer of the 5th. The conductor has now called a peal of Doubles from each of the eight bells in the tower.

DEDICATION OF TWO PEAL BOARDS.

On Saturday, at St. Paul's Church, Hounslow, Middlesex, the Vicar unveiled two peal boards commemorating peals recently rung on the bells for the London County Association, one of Grandsire Triples and the other of Bob Major. These boards have been given to the church by one of the local ringers, and are of neat design and good workmanship. The Vicar mentioned the methods by which people were called to worship in different countries, saying that drums were used in Africa, gongs in China, while in England we had bells. He traced the use of bells from the time of the introduction of the curfew to the present-day art of change ringing, and declared that all who were engaged in ringing for church services, and at times of rejoicing or sorrow, were performing a useful work. It was very gratifying that several of the Sunday service ringers took part in each of these peals.

Mr. Churchwarden J. F. Adcock also spoke in appreciation of the service ringers, who gave their time voluntarily and travelled considerable distances Sunday after Sunday to assist. He thought the captain (Mr. Tricker) must have more than a lion's share of that excellent virtue, patience.

Mr. A. E. Rogers, late churchwarden, said that it was a pleasant surprise to him that the conductor of the peal of Grandsire Triples (Mr. H. Nance) was an old schoolfellow of his.

Immediately the boards were unveiled, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. Hawthorne, Goddard, Herbert and Tricker followed by a tune, 'Jenny Jones,' by Messrs. Goddard, Tricker and Ellingham.

Some good practice was obtained on the tower bells in three methods, and a new conductor of Bob Major was discovered.

Ringing friends attended from Harlington, Staines, Putney, Battersea, and Greenwich, and all voted it the most pleasant Saturday had at Hounslow.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S THANKS.

Rev. F. J. O. Helmore desires to thank all brother ringers for their sympathy with him in his bereavement.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the North-Western District was held at Ashted on Easter Monday, about 40 members and friends attending during the afternoon and evening. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods. At five o'clock the company adjourned to Ashted Peace Memorial Hall, where 32 sat down to a very enjoyable tea.

The business meeting followed, Mr. A. W. Clark, District Master, being in the chair. A letter was read from the secretary of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild re proposed joint meeting at Guildford on August Bank Holiday, stating that August Bank Holiday would not be convenient to the members of his district, but they would be pleased to meet the Surrey Association one Saturday later in the year.—It was then proposed, if possible, to hold the meeting on October 5th.

It was also proposed to alter the date of the joint meeting at Ewell with the Leatherhead District from May 4th to May 18th. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. G. Cook for making arrangements, and to those who waited at tea.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nine o'clock. Methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Ely Diocesan Association held their annual meeting again at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The attendance of members at the lunch and business meeting was smaller than usual, but ringers from other places were spending the day in Cambridge, and ringing took place at Great St. Mary's, St. Andrew the Great, the Church of St. Mary and the English Martyrs, and also at Old Chesterton.

The committee met in the vestry of St. Mary's in the morning, and the service in that church at noon was, in the absence through illness of the Vicar, Dr. P. N. Waggett, S.S.J.E., conducted by the secretary (Rev. R. Copeman). The address, pointing out the way in which the Exercise evokes the response of the whole of our nature—body, soul and spirit—was given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rector of Watlington, who has recently come into the diocese, and at short notice undertook Dr. Waggett's place.

Lunch followed at the Dorothy Cafe. Letters had been received from the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, F. W. Fulford and J. B. Marshall, expressing their regret that they were unable to be present.

The General Secretary presented his report, in which he expressed the sense of the great loss which the association had sustained by the death of the Rev. H. B. Woolley, who had acted as district secretary for the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon for many years, and taken great interest in ringing, and was always ready to welcome ringers when a meeting was held at Long Stanton.

On the motion of Mr. T. R. Dennis, the members stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of their respect for his memory.

There were 32 peals rung during the year, including one of Bob Royal on handbells.

The Treasurer produced his balance sheet, which showed a sum of £19 15s. 5d. in hand, which had justified the printing of a report for 1927-8, instead of for 1927, as had been planned.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: General secretary, Rev. R. Copeman; treasurer, Mr. T. R. Dennis; auditor, Mr. A. E. Austin; district secretary for Archdeaconry of Wisbech, Mr. H. W. Giddings, for Archdeaconry of Ely Mr. F. Warrington, for Archdeaconry of Huntingdon Miss C. Fields, and for Marshland Mr. W. G. Cross.

On the motion of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was elected as representative of the association on the Central Council.

The question of forming a new district was postponed, and a slight alteration was made in the rules to permit the district branches to appoint a Ringing Master for district meetings.

The much-debated subject of the constitution of peals of Minor and Doubles was discussed, but no resolution was put to the meeting.

Reference was made to the illness of Mr. H. J. Hazell, following upon the death of his parents, and a grant was made to him. It was also resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to an old ringer, Mr. York Green, who is in failing health.

The usual vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to the preacher for his address brought the meeting to a close, and the members adjourned to the various towers, where touches were rung during the afternoon and evening.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On Good Friday, at the Church of All Saints, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, half-muffled, in 48 mins.: W. Penton 1, R. Blake 2, R. Davis 3, W. Bagley 6, G. Bull 5, J. Rance (conductor) 6. Longest touch by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—Three different 720's of Bob Minor on Good Friday for morning service, with the bells half-muffled. On Easter Sunday, one for morning service and one for evening service by the following band: Reg Wright (first 720) 1, A. Thomas 2, W. Stubbs 3, H. G. Smith 4, J. Bayley 5, A. Crawley (conductor) 6.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wood asks this week how I reconcile my statement that rounds is the first row of a peal with the statement that a peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds? I do not attempt to reconcile them; they are absolutely contradictory.

Change ringing is a science; the rules of the Central Council dealing with the scientific side of the matter are just like scientific theories.

Now, a scientific theory is like the clothes line on which the washing is hung out to dry, but if someone proceeds to hang a four-stone weight upon it the whole thing comes down.

In 1907 we published the Collection of Minor methods, and we drew a line under 123456, gave the figures of the lead, and drew another line after the whole peal of the treble. We were simply following tradition; and there was really no excuse for us; we ought to have known better, for on page 3 in his work on 'Duffield,' published nine years before by Sir Arthur Heywood, he tells us quite correctly that Duffield is pricked by the six heads.

When we published the Selection of Major methods in 1926, we corrected the mistake, and you will find the lines drawn in the right place.

Now turn to Minor forty years ago. Six-bell ringers gloried in 11 360's in different methods; then came the definition of a peal of Minor given in the last edition of 'Rules and Decisions.' That was our clothes line, and we were all proud of it. My brother produced his peal of Cambridge Minor; that was a four-stone weight, and the motion carried at Hereford last year was the erection of a new clothes line.

I then produced the London Minor, and, while I still think that the line holds, a great many people think otherwise.

What is to be done? I repeat, change ringing is a science. Now scientific theories are tested by experiment, and so the proper thing to do is to wait until we have proved by experiment that the line is actually broken, and when that is proved to be very careful before we attempt to erect another.

H. LAW JAMES.

LONDON SURPRISE MINOR.

Sir,—Mr. James must be getting very short of copy to prove to your readers that his peal of London and his brother's peal of Cambridge are true. First we get examples of Singles and Doubles, and then, finally, Triples. Yes, sir, you may mix the 72 courses to get the extent of 5,040, just as you may mix the six courses of London to get the extent of 720, but you may not mix the three 720's to get 2,160. Mr. James would never tolerate mixing three 5,040 of Triples to get 15,120, which is just the same thing as mixing three 720's to get 2,160. They are both the extent in each method, and must remain as such.

What we six-bell ringers—or the majority of us—are out for is a clear definition of what a peal of Minor shall be, and this is the definition we want: A peal of Minor shall commence from rounds and end with rounds; it must consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, each 720 to be true in itself. If we get this definition all will be well, otherwise I am afraid all the ground will have to be gone over again.

Here are three 720's of London Minor. Nos. 1 and 2 have two 5-6's at hand, No. 3 has four 5-6's at hand: 43 changes part each 5-6 in Nos. 1 and 2, and 67 changes part each 5-6 in No. 3.

No. 1.				No. 2.			
123456	I.	4th.	O. W. H.	123456	I.	4th.	O. W. H.
3425	—	—	—	2453	—	—	—
4235	—	—	—	3542	—	2	—
4523	—	—	—	2534	—	—	—
3542	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—
2453	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—
2345	—	2	—	2345	—	—	—

No. 3.
123456 I. 4th. O. W. H.

4352	—	—	—
2453	—	—	—
2534	—	—	—
4235	—	—	—
3425	—	—	—
2345	—	—	—

There are two variations to each 720 without disturbing the 5-6's.

They are the best that can be produced from the London method and, in my opinion, are far in advance of Mr. James'. The 720's are true in themselves, and there are only eight 5-6's at hand in 2,160 changes. There is nothing here to offend the musical ear.—Yours truly,

C. SEVERN.

TWO TWELVE-BELL METHODS.

Now that there is a wider interest in twelve-bell methods, both in their theory and practice, the following by the Rev. E. Bankes James will, we think, appeal to twelve-bell ringers:—

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243680579te1
42630875t91e

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462358017t9e
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243658017t8e
23456810t7e8

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426801t357e9
4628103t5e79
648201t3e597

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8604t2e19375
8064t2t1e9735
0846t2e17953

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57t1e3924t6180

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E. BANKES JAMES.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the above Guild was held at Hythe on Saturday, March 23rd. About 30 members from various towers attended, including Mr. George Slingsby, of Aldington, the Kent veteran, aged 91, who is as sprightly as ever. He took part in a touch of Grandsire, and gave his opinion of the new ring.

The bells were started at 2.45, and kept going till 5.15, when tea was served at the Paddock Tea Rooms. After tea the Master (Mr. W. Everett) presided at the business meeting, when votes of condolence were passed to Mr. Fright, the local captain, on the loss of his son, and also on the deaths of Alderman Finn (Lydd) and Alderman Deacon (Rye), hon. members, and Mr. C. Head (Wye).

Egerton and Pluckley were chosen for the next meeting. One new member was elected, and a return was then made to the tower for further ringing. The going of the bells was perfect, and the restoration is a credit to the firm who carried out the work.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Tuesday, March 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Lear 1, F. Vickers 2, J. Marks 3, F. Stonton 4, S. Smith 5, H. Lear (conductor) 6. First 720 Cambridge by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and first 720 Cambridge on the bells.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Cave can have it either way. I do not mind. I have only tried to prove that 'Representative' is 'Delegate.' Mr. Cave states that it is the other way about, or, in plain words, the same thing. He does not say if the word 'representative' should be hanged and drawn as the word delegate was at Hereford. With reference to association reports, will Mr. Cave keep to the point? I stated that I fail to find in any of the rules given reference to the Central Council. It is a bad policy to rush replies, wasting space and creating an unfair position to your other correspondents.

However, the rest of Mr. Cave's letter glorifies a society created to cater for a very few select scientific change ringers, and Mr. Cave's fellow-ringers, who are only Sunday service church bellringers, are left to the good and able associations to do for them what they did before the Central Council was thought of. There is too much stress laid on the scientific side of church bellringing, and it is in this light that I believe the Central Council has lost its popularity among the less learned ringers.

Upon the Central Council agenda is an item which has already been passed by them once, viz., 'Advisory committee consultant.' My experience is that these advisory committees are conservative, and will only accept the advice of those they seek. (I could explain this fully if necessary.) Furthermore, does the Central Council follow up all its recommendations and see that they are not forgotten? Here, above, is one instance that they do not know they have already passed a resolution down for this year's agenda. To be quite honest, I really do wish the Council (in an improved form) to carry on, but I should like to see a more democratic policy.

I am very grateful to Rev. C. D. P. Davies for his kind and constructive reply. Unfortunately, Mr. Davies missed a point when I referred to 8B upon the agenda. He mistook me for 9B. It is 8B that I definitely referred to. Another point is this 'matured opinion' from the associates. What happened to the 'matured opinions'? When a representative said he was against these 'matured opinions' the president told him he was there to vote as a member of the Council and not in the way his association had instructed him.

Mr. Pulling's letter is also very helpful. Through these letters it is quite clear that, although different ringers possess different 'dictionaries,' there is a gross misunderstanding as to the status an association holds upon the Council. I do not agree that the Council are associations in Council, but, rather, a Council formed solely to reserve their own personal opinions, and opinions of associations are 'pious opinions.' Can the hon. secretary say that his material for the agenda comes spontaneously from the members of the Council or from the associations, and which does he think he would prefer?—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Member of the Central Council.

P.S.—For Rev. Davies' information in the new 'Rules and Decisions of the Central Council' it states at the first meeting of the Council there were present '74 delegates.'

MR CRAVEN'S 5,664 BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to 5,664 Bob Major, sent by me for publication in your columns, I am extremely sorry to point out that the figures as given are not true. The W lead in the last course of each part repeats with the W lead in the fifth course, one being bobbed and the other a plain lead. My error has arisen with the wish to produce the peal all in-course. The mistake is too foolish for excuse, therefore let me solicit your pardon.

By calling Single W instead of Bob in the last course of each part puts everything true and allows the peal to be rung as a six-part. The 468's will be in-course changes, and the 648 out of course. I append corrected figures, and with sincere apologies for such a careless mistake.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

5,664 BOB MAJOR.

Containing 12 courses each of 468, 648, 478 and 678.

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35264	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—
2375468	—	—	—
72354	—	—	—
37254	—	—	—
25374	—	—	—
52634	S	—	2

Five times repeated.

By calling single home in the third course of any one part, the peal is reduced to 5,072. 4th and 6th only in 6th's place, eight courses alternately throughout.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Ratby and Groby on Saturday, March 23rd. Groby was first visited, the bells being raised about 3.30 p.m. and kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor. About 4.45 p.m. the bells were lowered, and a move made to Ratby, where an excellent tea was partaken of in the Church Rooms by 25 members and friends.

Ratby belfry was then visited, and the six bells were kept going till a little after 8 p.m. to Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure.

The business meeting was held in the Church Room, presided over by the local vice-president.

Husbands Bosworth was chosen as the place for the next mid-quarterly meeting, and Melton Mowbray for the June quarterly meeting.

The proceedings closed with a very hearty and unanimous vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ladies who so kindly catered for such an excellent tea, and the towerkeepers of Ratby and Groby for having their bells in such good ringing condition.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. LILLEY.

The death has occurred at Wells, Norfolk, of Mr. J. H. Lilley, A.R.C.O., brother of Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Shrewsbury.

Mr. J. H. Lilley was an old ringer, although he had never rung a peal. He was organist and choirmaster of Wells-on-Sea for nine years, and held previous appointments at Petworth, Downham Market and Spalding. He was keenly interested in Freemasonry, being a member of the 'Hundred of Elloe' Lodge, Spalding, and while at Wells joined the 'Earl of Leicester' Lodge, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1927-28. He had also been secretary of the Wells and District Cottage Hospital since 1922. Besides his love of music, Mr. Lilley spent much time in sketching and painting. After the choral funeral at St. Nicholas' Church a 360 Bob Minor was rung with 6-8 covers, the bells being half-muffled: E. Hendry 1, B. Brown 2, F. Stone 3, V. Runtig 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, C. Shillaker 6, P. Adcock 7, S. Tuck 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

UXBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Sunday evening, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: E. G. Swift 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, P. E. Jones 3, R. Warnett 4, J. H. Lucas 5, E. Hancox 6, C. Nicholl (first in the method) 7, F. Corke (conductor) 8.

BADGEWORTH, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday evening, March 24th, for service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being three and a half six-scores each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Grandsire, all called differently. The ringers were: A. Newman 1, W. Oakey (conductor) 2, C. Lawrence 3, G. Kilminster 4, A. Williams 5, C. Staite 6. This is the first quarter-peal in three methods on the bells, by a local band. This is a young band, which was started by Mr. W. Yeend, secretary of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association about three years ago.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, March 24th, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, for evening service, in 39 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. J. Rivett 1, A. F. Petrie 2, W. A. Martin 3, P. C. Charles Elliott 4, P. S. Richard Steers 5, P. C. Charles Davies 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

ARKSEY.—For evensong, on Palm Sunday, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Garner 1, G. Clark 2, G. Jackson 3, E. Cooper (conductor) 4, H. Arrand 5, J. McCluskey 6, T. Revill 7, H. Walker 8.

SIBSEY, Lincs.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Palm Sunday, 720 Bob Major for morning service: Mrs. H. Harper 1, S. Lovell 2, H. Johnson 3, F. Dewey 4, F. Leggott 5, W. Wilkinson 6, H. Harper 7, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 8.

NEWHEY, LANCs.—On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 47 mins.: John Fetton 1, H. Harner 2, W. Staff 3, J. H. C. Massey 4, S. Dunn 5, G. Staff (conductor) 6, J. Lees 7, A. Sidebottom 8. The above are all service ringers at Milnrow Parish Church, except the 7th, who hails from Balderstone (Rochdale). The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and ringers for granting them the privilege, owing to their own bells being out for rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HURSLEY.—On Sunday, March 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 47 mins., 4-6-8 covering: G. Richards 1, W. Jones 2, E. Wild 3, A. Coward 4, R. Hunt 5, P. Peacock 6, H. Wilkinson (conductor) 7, H. Jefferies 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Wilkinson, who was shortly leaving the village.

AMBLESIDE.—On March 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, in 53 mins.: P. C. W. Robinson 1, J. Sewell 2, W. Nevinson 3, H. Hardy 4, W. Middleton 5, F. Hindle 6, T. B. Newton (conductor) 7, W. Fisher 8. Treble ringer hails from Manchester, 6th from Blackburn, rest from Ambleside.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Mayfield on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing commenced at about 2.30 p.m., continuing until 4.30, when the members attended the service, which was conducted by the Rev. N. A. King, who gave a most hearty welcome to the members of the association. The address which followed was listened to with great interest.

An excellent tea was provided at the Royal Oak Hotel, to which 25 sat down. The Rev. N. A. King presided, and also occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed.

Prior to reading the minutes, the Hon. Secretary called attention to the great loss the association had sustained through the recent death of the Bishop of Lewes. No doubt, he said, all those present remembered him best as the Vicar of Eastbourne, the Rev. Canon W. C. Stratfield. He had actually taken the chair at the last meeting held by the division at Eastbourne, which took place on January 12th. The late Bishop had been a kind friend to the ringers of Eastbourne, and to the Sussex County Association generally.

The whole company then stood in silence as a token of respect.

At the election of officers which followed, Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. A. R. Miles, W. Franks, and W. Booth were re-elected to serve on the committee.

The following members were also elected: Messrs. Menser and Moon, of Mayfield, and Mr. W. R. Norris, of Heene.

Mr. W. D. Smith moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also accorded a vote of thanks to the Rev. N. A. King for his address at the services, and for presiding at the tea and meeting. He also thanked the organist for his services, and said how pleased the members were at the welcome accorded them that day. There was one point, however, which he would like to bring before the Vicar, and that was the abnormal amount of noise in the belfry caused by the bells, which made it very uncomfortable to ring, and he thought that something should be done to remedy this defect.

The Chairman, in responding, thanked the company, and with regard to Mr. Smith's remarks about the noisy belfry, said he would come up in the tower and see for himself. He also promised that the matter should have further consideration.—This terminated the meeting.

The ringers then returned to the church, where good practice was had in methods from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

THE LATE MR. J. E. SYKES.

On Tuesday, March 26th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Marsden, Yorks, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob in 55 mins., with bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, who was a resident of Marsden and a good friend to the ringers of the above tower: L. T. Byram 1, J. Whitehead 2, N. Scawthorn 3, S. Whitehead 4, H. Shaw 5, C. Hoyle 6, A. Carter 7, H. Hoyle (conductor) 8.

FUNERAL AT COPENHAGEN.

The interment of the late Mr. J. E. Sykes took place at Copenhagen, the chaplain to the British Legation officiating. The only relative present was the deceased's younger brother, Major Frederick L. Sykes, but among others who attended were two representatives of Messrs. W. C. Holmes and Co., of Huddersfield, by whom Mr. Sykes had been employed for many years; the managers of various gas works in Denmark, where he had carried out work, members of Copenhagen Masonic Lodges, foremen and employes from the Eastern and Valby gasworks in Copenhagen, and several Danish personal and business friends of deceased. There were a great many floral tributes.

DEATH OF AN ESSEX PIONEER.

Another old pioneer of ringing in Essex passed away on March 22nd in the person of Mr. Edward Claydon, who died after several weeks of trying illness, at the age of 73 years. He had taken a great interest in change ringing at St. Mary's, Stebbing, and had been leader of that company for over fifty years. He also took an active part in other church affairs, and his death will be keenly felt by many. Thus there passes another veteran, highly respected by all who knew him.

He had been a member of the Essex Association since 1881.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 27th, and was attended by many of his ringing friends, including Mr. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, and ringers from London, Dunmow and Felstead. Two 720's were rung, with the bells half-muffled, 720 of Kent: J. T. Barker 1, F. Harrington 2, A. Smith 3, H. P. Emery 4, A. Perry 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6; and 720 of Bob Minor: H. C. Young, sen., 1, G. Emery 2, G. Schleuter 3, F. Harrington 4, W. Smith 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6.

IN MEMORY OF MARSHAL FOCH.

At Great Bardfield Church, on Tuesday, March 26th, in memory of Marshal Foch, with bells fully muffled, except tenor half-muffled, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 50 mins.: 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.

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Among those who have rung a hundred peals in their own tower are Mr. John Flint, who has scored 135 at the Parish Church, Bolsover, Derbyshire, and Mr. H. Warnett, who has completed the century at St. Mary's Church, Lewisham.

Many have been the expressions of regret at the fate of Mr. J. E. Sykes. Mr. J. J. Lamb writes pointing out that he took part in Mr. Sykes' first peal, which was at Woolwich, on November 13th, 1802. He is the third member of that band to meet a tragic end, the other two being Messrs. E. Pye and I. G. Shade.

On April 5th, 1808, a peal of 10,097 Grandsire Caters was rung at Shrewsbury in 6 hrs. 50 mins.

April 7th and 8th is the anniversary of the famous 40,320 Bob Major at Leeds, Kent (in 1761), which was completed in 27 hours by fourteen men, who relieved each other at intervals. The ringers were James Barham, Thomas Barham, Abraham Barham, William Tilley, William Davis, William Attwood, Thomas Lacy, John Crisp, Richard Masters, James Hampton, Edward Cook, Stephen Bayley and John Barah.

George Gross, sen., conducted the first peal ever rung 'in that intricate method,' Court Bob Royal, at Shoreditch, on April 7th, 1801.

A 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major was rung at Knebworth on April 8th, 1912, and 13,440 Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on the same day ten years later.

One of the several long peals at Appleton was rung on April 11th, 1888, when the Oxford Guild scored a 13,265 Grandsire Caters.

At the present moment extensive repairs are taking place to the carillon at Leek. The local watchmaker, who has charge of the clock, had been showing a friend the wonders of the clock, carillon and bells, and had descended as low as the belfry. The friend gazed round in bewildered wonderment until his eyes rested on the rope mats on the belfry floor, when he exclaimed, 'Well, I never knew they knelt down to ring the bells before.'

WELL-KNOWN RINGERS MARRIED.

A wedding of much interest to a large circle of ringers was solemnised on Saturday at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, when Mr. Reuben Sanders was married to Miss Elsie Chapman. Mr. Sanders has for many years been one of the leading exponents of the art of ringing in London, and his bride has proved herself one of the ablest among the lady ringers in the country.

A number of ringers attended the ceremony, and the bells were rung in honour of the event.

Among the wedding presents have been a dinner service from Mr. Saunders' friends in the Middlesex County Association, and a tea service from the ringers at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

MINSTER ABBEY CHURCH, SHEPPEY.

ANCIENT RING OF FIVE RESTORED.

On Saturday last, March 23rd, the re-dedication of the bells of this ancient abbey church took place by the Very Rev. the Dean of Canterbury. After the usual form of service, the Dean proceeded to the base of the tower for the actual ceremony, and a few rounds were rung.

The Dean gave an inspiring address on the history of the bells and their uses, and the customs of ringing and ringers.

Several ringers from various towers in the Rochester district rang six-scores of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, with the assistance of Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

The bells, five in number, are dated alike, 1663, the weight of the tenor being between 11 and 12 cwt. The treble, 2nd and 3rd have in small letters, 'William Hatch made me 1663' and the 4th and tenor, 'William Hatch made me,' in capital letters. The treble, owing to a crack, was recast in 1883. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have had the bells at their foundry, and the 3rd bell being cracked, has been recast. The four other bells have been retuned, the bell frame strengthened, and new self-aligning ball bearings fitted. New headstocks, wheels, ash stays, sliders, and new pulleys, gudes, ropes, etc., have also been fitted. The 'go' and tone of the bells have been greatly improved, and reflect great credit on the firm. Only one regret remains, and that is that a treble was not added to make them into a peal of six.

The cost of the work has been entirely defrayed by a member of the congregation, Mr. S. T. Hipwell, an ex-sergt.-major, R.E.

The visiting ringers wish to thank Mr. A. A. Hughes for his kind hospitality.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Cookham practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was attended by ringers from a wide area, and a noticeable point was that youth predominated. A considerable amount of 'spade work' was done, although 'Cambridge' was not forgotten.

The next practice is a joint one with the Middlesex County Association at Hillingdon, to be quickly followed by the annual meeting and jubilee celebrations.

During the summer months it is hoped to accept some invitations to visit outlying towers, which can only be reached comfortably in fine weather.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT'S GIFT.

The Hertfordshire County Association gathered at St. Albans on Monday for their annual meeting, and during the day made full use of the bells at the Abbey and other churches in the city. In the afternoon, a service was held in the Abbey, an address being given by the Rev. R. Gibbs, Vicar of Aldenham, and afterwards the ringers assembled at the Ver House for tea, followed by the annual meeting.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel, president of the association, who is also hon. secretary, presided, supported by the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson) and the Vicar of Aldenham.

The President, in his welcome to the members, who numbered about a hundred and twenty, sprang a surprise on the company. 'I want to present to the association this evening, a silver badge,' he said. 'Last year you kept a secret from me wonderfully well; this year I had a secret, and I kept it in my own home. The badge is given to mark my year as president and as a token of my appreciation of the esteem you bestowed upon me last year. I ask you to accept this silver badge for the use of another president.'

A storm of applause broke out as Mr. Cartmel passed the badge around. The silver badge, which takes the shape of a bell, has the inscription: 'To the Hertfordshire County Association of Change Ringers, presented by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Easter, 1929.'

The President read a message from the Bishop of St. Albans congratulating the association and regretting his inability to be present. Excellent progress in change ringing had taken place during the year, the President added. The association's numbers had been well maintained, and they were in a sound financial position.

Mr. Cartmel commenced the 44th annual report with an expression of gratitude for the handsome manner in which the members recognised his 25 years' service as their secretary, and also in conferring upon him the additional honour of president. The year's work as regards peal ringing had been very successful, giving cause for much satisfaction. A perusal of the list of peals reveals a variety of methods. The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at North Mimms, and a peal of Surfleet Surprise Minor at Wendens Ambro, were the first in the methods for the association. Five peals of Cambridge Surprise have also been rung, the peal of St. Michael's, St. Albans being the first rung in the city. It was also unique in that the band represented the four towers of St. Albans. Thirty-four peals were rung in 23 towers, with 19 different conductors, Mr. R. Howard topping the list with seven peals. Nine rang their first peal, and approximately 63 have rung their first peal in a new method, which is real progress.

The committee met at St. Albans on February 9th, and it was interesting to record that every district secretary was present, besides representatives from other important centres. The secretary submitted proofs of a service paper for district meetings, which was agreed to, subject to the approval of the Bishop of the diocese. A draft certificate of membership was subjected to much criticism, and approved, after various suggestions had been incorporated. The question of what constitutes a peal of Minor or Doubles was discussed, and in view of the correspondence which had been carried on for some time in 'The Ringing World,' and also to give the representatives of the association on the Central Council the opportunity of knowing the opinion of members, it was decided to make the question an agenda item. The committee agreed to the proposition brought forward by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith at the last Central Council meeting, where it was carried without dissent.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD'S ALOOFNESS.

Death, continued the report, had removed many of their zealous honorary and ringing members, among whom were Canon Nairne, the Rev. J. P. Haythornthwaite, Rev. A. G. Langdon, Rev. H. R. Foster, Mr. E. N. Wix and Mr. E. S. Cox. Among the rank and file they remembered Mr. W. Bennett, of Aldenham, who for 37 years was verges, Mr. Arthur Hull, of St. Albans, who was for 53 years attached to St. Peter's belfry, and Mr. George Paice, of the Edmonton band. After referring to the joint meeting with the Middlesex Association, held at North Mimms in the summer, and the meeting of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations at Waltham Abbey, the report recorded that the bells at Great Gaddesden had been augmented to a peal of six, and Bishop's Stortford had been rehung. The latter tower once held an important position in the association, and listed a band in the first annual report; but they had left the association severely alone for many years. The greatest acquisition to the county would be the addition of two trebles at Hatfield, making a peal of ten, in memory of the three sons of the Bishop of Exeter who fell in the war. This should spur the Hatfield members to great achievements, and give a lift to the prestige and records of the association. Another event of great interest has been the centenary celebrations of John Briant, the famous Hertfordshire bellfounder and clock maker, which was celebrated at Hertford on Wednesday, February 27th, the anniversary of his death. Briant came to Hertford when 30 years of age, and set up his bell foundry in Parliament Row. The departure from the county of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, a most loyal supporter of the association for many years and of ringing generally, was much regretted. Mr. T. J. Hull, who acted for several years as librarian, had sent in his resignation.

Unforeseen circumstances prevented their representatives attending the Central Council meeting last year, consequently their resolution as to the necessity of appointing a committee to enquire as to the best method of meeting urgent necessitous cases of sickness amongst ringers, and of affording help to their dependants, fell through. The resolution was, however, upon the agenda this year, and the secretary of the Central Council had promised to second it. 'The Central Council,' added the report, 'is a most useful body, having done much good work in the past, and I am sure that it is to the advantage of the whole ringing community if persistently backed up by them. It has been criticised, which is a sign of usefulness. Genuine criticism never does harm, because if it is given and received in the spirit of Christian fellowship it imparts very often new life. I commend one suggestion recently put forward by Mr. Alex. Young, the secretary to the Council, that on the occasion of the thanksgiving service for the King's remarkable recovery from sickness, ringers should mark the event with a joyous peal.'

Thanks were again tendered to the district secretaries for their splendid labours of another year. Their work was of the utmost importance for the success and progress of the association, and the attendances at the meetings showed that that opinion was shared by the members also. These meetings were becoming more popular in other associations, as well as theirs. In conclusion, they remembered with gratitude the services rendered by the various steeple-keepers who are responsible for the 'go' of the bells, the clergy for arranging services at district meetings, and for use of the bells at the annual and district meetings and for peals; and those who have generously provided teas; the sympathetic co-operation and support given by the honorary and ringing members, and all others who had contributed in many ways in forwarding the cause of the association. Let them in return show that they valued and appreciated the many kindly acts of their supporters by regular attendance at their respective churches for service ringing and practice, and doing all they could to further the best interests of the association during the coming year.

'STRONG ARMS AND STRONG HEADS.'

Moving the adoption of the report, the Dean said it was always a great pleasure to him when ringers visited the mother church. There were two things which he respected enormously when he got among ringers, and those things were strong arms and strong heads. 'I do think,' he said, 'that ringers, apart from the splendid work that they do—and it is very real work for God and His Church—in ringing on occasions of sorrow and national rejoicing, are helping to supply something that has been lacking in the church by their centres of fellowship. It does bring together real bands of brotherhood. By these bands linked together into an association you are bringing together men of every type from the villages and country. It is that which is wanted enormously in the life of the church today. It is the belfry which is pulling together people who form invaluable centres of fellowship. We are very much apt to sit in church listening to sermons—and we are not always doing that—and not having anything to say to the person alongside whom we have sat for years and years. That is not Christianity. Christianity means more of fellowship and brotherhood. It is to the people who sit alongside us—our neighbours—that we owe our duty.'

The Dean formally moved the adoption of the report, and congratulated the association on its 'very capable officers' in Mr. Cartmel and Mr. Debenham.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. P. Debenham, reported a balance in hand of £25 9s. 9d., and a reserve fund balance of £24 8s. 4d.

Mr. W. H. Golding, of Hemel Hempstead, on his election as president for the ensuing year, was presented with the silver badge of office. Other officers elected were: Treasurer, Mr. E. P. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; representatives on the Central Council, Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. F. W. Elliot; hon. librarian, Mr. Gilbert Debenham; hon. auditor, Mr. W. Mercer; district secretaries, Messrs. D. C. Mears (Northern), W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), W. Nash (St. Albans), C. H. Horton (Watford), and W. Ayre (Western).

The following were elected hon. ringing members: Rev. B. E. F. Mitchell, St. Albans; Rev. G. I. Fiennes, St. Albans; Mr. Gilbert Debenham, St. Albans; Mr. Charles J. Jackson, Pinner; Mr. Harold Burton, Luton; Mr. W. Price, Benington; Mr. A. Wing, Benington; Mr. E. P. Hawkins, Great Munden; and Mr. E. Barnes, Great Munden.

Thanks to the Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson) and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, and St. Michael's Churches for the use of the bells, were accorded on the proposition of Mr. Debenham. Mr. Cartmel was also heartily thanked for his gift to the association.

DEATH OF MRS. K. JAGGER.

On March 18th, there passed peacefully away at Sholmal Street, Burton-on-Trent, Mrs. K. Jagger. The deceased lady, who was in her 93rd year, was the mother of that well-known ringer, Mr. John Jagger, of Oldbury. As a last token of respect, the bells of St. Paul's Church were rung half-muffled at both services on Palm Sunday.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The peals rung by the Midland Counties Association during 1928 numbered 155 (including three on handbells).

Peal ringing in 1928, says the annual report presented to the members at the annual meeting on Monday, was not a record, but was the second highest since the association's formation, 1927 being first with 183. It could therefore be looked upon as a successful year, and the peal ringers have kept up the old traditions. Several noteworthy performances are recorded, among which may be mentioned the numerous peals of Stedman Triples, due chiefly to the energetic 'mid-weekers' under the leadership of Maurice Swinfield, who has set up a new record of conducting 55 peals of this method all differently, thus adding many new compositions to the M.C.A. records, and following worthily in the footsteps of the Burton men of the past. A peal by five brothers—the Payne family, of Syston—is also recorded. New methods accomplished include York Surprise Royal, at the first attempt, by the Leicester Brauch, and still new Royal methods from them is looked forward to in the near future. Mixed bands under the general hon. secretary's conductors scored the first peal of Major in six methods; also a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative. Several peals in the higher methods have been rung by the Bolsover and District bands; and also peals by Nottingham St. Peter's and St. Mary's. Other districts have also contributed their quota, nor must mention be omitted of the five and six bell towers. These are valuable adjuncts to the association's welfare, and the beginnings of peals of bells of higher numbers. Only three handbell peals were recorded, and it was suggested that more of this side of the art and science would be welcome, and those who participated in it would find plenty of scope for renewed interest. First peals by individuals numbered 28: first in new methods, 115. This latter shows remarkably how interest is still maintained.

During the year members had been lost through death, and some from lack of interest and consequent lapse of subscriptions. A host of new members had, however, been made, both honorary and ringing, and a number of out-county life members. Taking all things into consideration, 1928 may be classed as a very successful year. The membership is: Patrons and hon. members, 233; ringing members, 969; total, 1,202.

Last year the general hon. secretary made an urgent appeal to all members to be sportsmanlike and pay up subscriptions promptly, and once again would ask the same. The work of the association demands a vast amount of detail work by the various local secretaries, and an appeal is made to all to co-operate to make things go successfully—first, by not waiting to be asked to pay up, or leaving it till on the verge of running out; secondly, by giving local secretaries every encouragement by assisting when fixing up meetings for the benefit of fellow-members, and not grumbling if he fails to please all and sundry.

It was regretted that there was an adverse income this year, as compared with 1927. Honorary and ringing subscriptions had decreased by £11 14s. One district, Hinckley, however, was to be congratulated on an increase in ringing members, which was very encouraging. The general fund showed an income from all sources of £114 1s. 6d., and an expenditure of £116 15s. 11d.—a loss on the year's working of £2 14s. 5d. The sum of £18 was transferred from the general fund to the Bell Repair Fund. Grants from the latter totalled £14 9s., leaving a balance of £7 5s. 8d. Four towers have been supported in connection with bell restoration. National Savings Certificates are now worth £100, and there is also £150 invested in War Loan Stock. With the bank balance of £73 14s. 3d., the association is therefore worth £324.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Monday, March 18th, at Christ Church, Ealing, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins., with the clappers half-muffled in memory of Mr. William Stagg, a member of the local band, who passed away on Thursday, March 14th, aged 68 years: L. H. Wilson 1, J. A. D. Webb 2, E. C. S. Turner 3, H. Reeves 4, W. G. Wilson (conductor) 5, J. A. Trollope 6, J. H. Burton 7, E. Coombes 8. Rung with 7, 4, 8 covering.

At Croft, Leicestershire, on Sunday, March 17th, 720 changes of Grandsire Doubles in 20 mins.: W. Lomas 1, F. E. Wilson 2, T. Atkins (conductor) 3, E. Watson 4, F. Baileys 5, A. Warwick 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Wilson, mother of the ringer of 2nd.

At Bedwellty, Mon, on Sunday, March 17th, at the Parish Church, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 7-6-8 covering: Idris Rowlands 1, George Popnell (conductor) 2, Glyn Williams 3, Stewart Williams 4, Thomas Werret 5, Ronald Griffiths 6, Timothy Popnell 7, Frank Morgan 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of 'Woodbine Willie.'

At the Parish Church, East Grinstead, Sussex, on Wednesday evening, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Trebles (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, for the Bishop of Chichester: S. Cherson 1, H. D. White 2, G. Tizzard 3, J. Ladd 4, G. Lambert 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, G. Diplock 8.

SPLICING, AN ANCIENT PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of March 15th appears an article with the above title over the name of John Perry, in which he gives the composition of Crown Bob. I was greatly interested in this, as it gave the methods which were spliced together and rung under this name.

It may interest him and others to know that Crown Bob was rung at Leek when the tower contained only six bells. Unfortunately nothing but the name survives, together with the information that it would produce 360 changes only. The ringers could not have known of the Single, as they never rang more than the eighteen-score.

I was always of the opinion the methods used were contained in the record of a performance given on a tablet in the bellry as follows:—

On Wednesday, November 12th, 1845, the five following peals were rung without intermission in 2 hrs. 25 mins.: Violet, College Treble, Oxford Treble, College Pleasure and Grandsire Bob, each peal containing 720 changes: S. Sheldon 1, J. Winterbottom 2, C. Ball 3, U. Davenport 4, I. Fogg 5, J. Barlow 6.

The old six bells were placed in the tower in 1721, but we have no knowledge when Crown Bob was first practised or how the ringers became possessed of it. As I had never heard the title mentioned elsewhere I was inclined to think it was of local origin until this article appeared.

The record on the tombstone of Uriah Davenport in the Parish Churchyard reads as follows: 'Uriah Davenport, of this town, died February 13th, 1860, in the 91st year of his age.' He was a ringer upwards of 70 years at the Parish Church, Leek.

Surely this must be approaching, if not, a record. During the latter part of his life Davenport's mind became enfeebled, and he was given to roaming; but this caused no anxiety to his family, as he was always to be found at the end of his rambles in what they termed the Bell-us (Bell House).—Yours, etc., E. A. RIDGWAY.

Leek.

THE TEN-METHOD COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. T. Coles, I wish to point out that he is quite correct in assuming that where the Bristol leads can be rung they must be rung as home leads, between two bobs home.

For instance, Bristol must not be rung for one lead ended plain, followed by Cambridge 'Middle' lead and London 'Wrong' lead, as in that case the handstrokes of the treble leads will repeat.

I am sending a copy of the lead of 'Gloucestershire,' which I obtained from a well-known conductor recently, as I cannot say where the figures are published.

In conclusion, I sincerely congratulate the ringers who have taken part in ringing Mr. James' spliced Major peals, and wish them every success.—Yours truly,

A. J. PITMAN.

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ST. HUGH DOUBLE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

BY ARTHUR CRAVEN.

The method given below is the result of my endeavour to make 'Cambridge' into a really perfect method. I shall leave it to the Exercise to judge whether or not I have succeeded.

The alterations from Cambridge Maximus are really very slight, although the effect is great.

The difference is wrought when the treble is in 3-4 and 5-6; 7-8 and 9-10. The 1-2 adjoining places are cut out when treble is in 3-4, and an odd place made in 10th's when the treble is in 5-6. The dodging block with treble in 3-4 is identical with Cambridge Major, where the legitimate places are 5th's and 8th's. The dodging block when treble is in 5-6 is exactly identical with the 5-6 block in Cambridge Royal, with one pair of bells dodging in 11-12. These operations produce the correct quarter section change necessary to produce a double method, i.e.,:—

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I dedicate this method of St. Hugh of Lincoln, in remembrance of my connections with the place and the happy days I spent there. Also in memory of those who worked amongst us, but who have passed along.

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4th's place Bob.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—For evening service, on Sunday, March 24th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Jarrad 1, A. Walker 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Day 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

EASTER RINGING.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Gillings (conductor) 1, G. Cain (first on an inside bell) 2, D. Luck 3, J. Wells 4, H. Fellows 5, T. Cann 6.

KNIGHTON, RADG.—On Easter Day, at St. Edward's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: E. W. Watkins 1, R. H. Jones 2, J. P. Evans 3, G. C. Abley 4, F. Evans (conductor) 4, R. Wellings 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 minutes: W. T. Gough 1, A. E. Jones 2, R. H. Jones 3, E. W. Watkins 4, T. F. Preece 5, J. F. Evans 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, G. C. Abley 8.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 45 mins.: J. C. Taylor 1, Miss Doris Turner (first quarter-peal) 2, W. H. Taylor 3, A. Basford 4, J. Garth 5, F. Curdwell 6, H. Wilson 7, F. Watkinson (conductor) 8.

EASTBOURNE.—On Easter Day, at Christ Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 2, A. Gower 3, E. Gower 4, A. C. Pankhurst 5, G. W. Stokes 6, A. A. Hughes 7, B. Hobbs 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Triples in 40 mins.: W. H. Austin 1, W. J. Dove 2, A. Slade 3, W. R. Parker 4, F. Hopper 5, W. Sturgess 6, E. Sibley (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. First quarter in the method 'inside' by 3rd ringer. First quarter in the method as conductor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, T. Booth 2, F. Morgan 3, G. King 4, E. Mills 5, W. Hoad (conductor) 6, T. Hoad 7, A. Hoad (first quarter and first attempt) 8. After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, G. King 2, W. Hoad (conductor) 3, F. Morgan 4, T. Hoad 5, T. Booth 6, E. Mills 7, A. Hoad 8.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH RICHARDSON.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Richardson, which took place at 244, Oxford Road, Reading, on March 14th, at the age of 60 years, after a very short illness. The deceased took up ringing at his native home of Beenham, Berks, when quite a youth. Later, his trade took him to many parts of England, where he managed to score a good number of peals in various methods.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Lancashire Association, and other societies.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL.—The honorary secretary will be glad to receive the names of any ringers who fell in the Great War, and whose names do not appear in the Council's 'Roll of Honour,' other than those already notified. The Writer is waiting to add such names before the Chelmsford meeting.—E. Alexr. Young, 55, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on April 23rd; St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 18th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot, on the 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The April meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Houghton Conquest on April 6th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, April 6th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Nominations for C.C. representatives for the session commencing 1930 should reach me between now and July.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh, nr. Betchworth, on Saturday, April 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at the Plough Inn at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at St. Elli's Church, Llanelly, Gylwern, Abergavenny. Ringing at 2 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4 p.m. at Church Room. Tea will be kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Davies.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold an eight bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton (near) Huddersfield, on Saturday, April 6th. Draw to take place 2.45 p.m.—J. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Nettleham (6), Saturday, April 6th. Tower open 2 p.m. Bus leaves Unity Square 3 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. Bus leaves Nettleham 7.15 p.m., 8.10 p.m. and 9.35 p.m. Notifications to tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Members requiring tea please notify Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, April 6th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—J. T. Titt, 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held on April 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. at Hoddlesden and Darwen. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, April 6th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. W. Hudson Shaw (Rector). Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15 p.m., at a charge of 1s. The business meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Ringing arrangements are as follows: St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 2 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Giles', Cripplegate, from 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Magnus', Thames Street, from 7 to 8.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4., Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street (near Abbey Gateway), at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, April 6th. 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.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual nomination meeting will be held at Armley (Christ Church) on Saturday, April 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All towers are requested to send a representative.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Crothorne on Saturday, April 6th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. E. H. Longland. Bells (6) available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Lydford on Saturday, April 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welford on Saturday, April 6th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, 7th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 8th (quarterly meeting), at 6.30 p.m., and the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 16th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec., 14, Great Bland Street, London, S.E.1.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—There will be a dedication service at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Reading, on Tuesday, April 9th, at 5.30 p.m. The eight bells, which have been rehung, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw. Ringing will

take place after the service until 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Frittenden on Saturday, April 13th, by kind permission of Rev. H. M. Leathley. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. A good meeting is hoped for. All ringers welcome. A card by 11th would oblige.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 13th. Ringing from 2.30, at Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas (10). Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday next.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (new ring of 12) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided in the Brotherhood Institute at 5.30. All ringers will be welcome. It is important that names should be sent in by Tuesday, April 9th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE BELLS OF DERSINGHAM CHURCH will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Lynn on Saturday, April 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers are invited. Tea provided.—R. L. B. Oliver, Vicarage, Dersingham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Heanor on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. S. Stirland, Fair View, Heanor, by April 10th.—F. W. Bailey, 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham, Local Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, April 9th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise. Those desiring tea please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, before Tuesday, April 9th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the above guild will be held at Lockerley on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available: Lockerley 6, East Tytherley 8. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 9th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Felkirk. Bells ready early. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly apply for tea before April 10th, to C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Prospect House, Royston, Barnsley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Duffield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, April 13th. Notices for tea must be sent to Miss E. Foulk, 1, King Street, Duffield, by Thursday, April 11th. Will all members please make an effort to attend? Important business for discussion. New rule for Guild, etc. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Hilda F. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Dunmow Branch are holding their annual ringing festival on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service in the church 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Room at 5, followed by a short musical programme. All ringers heartily invited to attend.—H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Midgham on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. Horace Warner Baker, Woolhampton, Reading, Berks, not later than Thursday, April 11th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting and combined practice will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—South-West District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cornwood on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Village Inn 5 p.m.—E. W. Marsh, 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bleadon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, with tea and business to follow.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilcompton on Saturday, April 13th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 9th.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, nr. Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting to follow. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 13th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5, address by the Vicar. Tea afterwards at the Brown Bear. All ringing friends are heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wilmslow on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify Mr. H. Barker, Manchester Road, Wilmslow, by April 9th.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6), new in 1926, will be ready at 2 p.m. Good attendance desired, and visitors from kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Good bus and tram service ex Newark and Retford. All those requiring tea should notify Mr. J. H. Smith, 18, Station Street, Tuxford, Newark, not later than April 10th. Please note this is important.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells from 3 to 8.30. Service. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names or numbers for tea will be appreciated by the hon. sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports, etc., to hand. Subscriptions due.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, April 16th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Room. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, by Thursday, the 18th instant. Heartily welcome to all.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. New rules and diagrams (6d. each) and emblems (3d. each) now available. Will tower secretaries please let me know the number of members requiring emblems?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenfirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, April 20th (not 27th, as arranged). Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector of Gravesend (Rev. Elliott Mitchell). Tea, by kind invitation, will be provided only for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 17th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify? All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, April 20th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the All Saints' Church House at 1s. 6d. per head, and those requiring same please notify Mr. W. Pearson, 53, Northgate, Pontefract, by Wednesday, April 17th. For detailed particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. Chair to be taken by the Vicar. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—In conjunction with the Liverpool Diocesan Guild the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, May 11th. The Bishop of Liverpool has provisionally promised to attend.—W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson and C. I. Davies, Hon. Secs.

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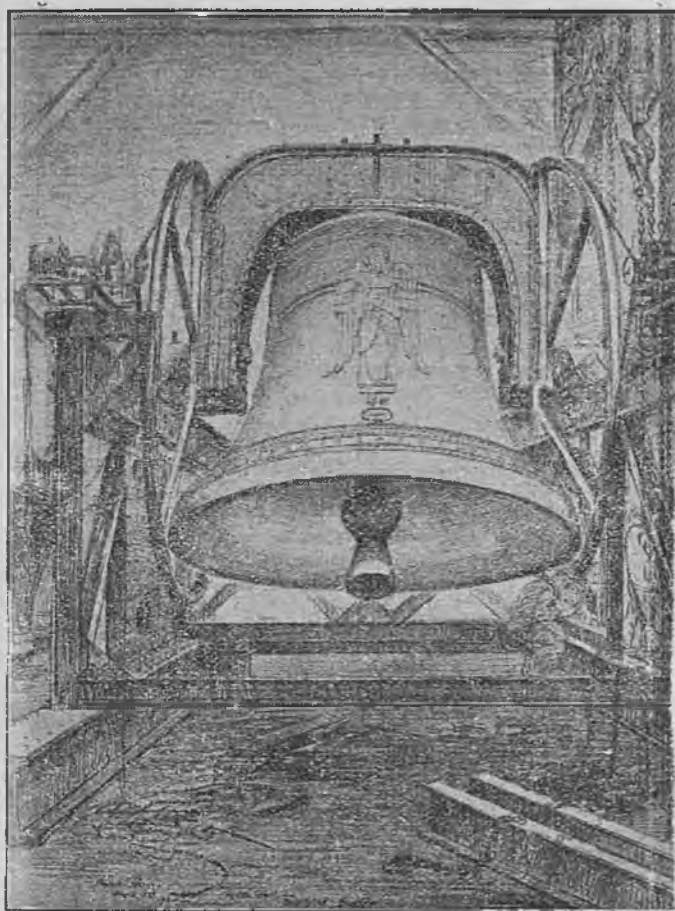
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Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal on the recast peal of twelve. Mr. Thomas Miller rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, 49 years ago, i.e., in April, 1880.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE BASFORD Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
*JOHN R. MAIN 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
*GEORGE WARREN 3	*FREDERICK J. TIE 8
*HARRY WARREN 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 9
†CYRIL D. NICHOLS 5	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'inside.' First peal of Treble Ten as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

ON THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN OLDHAM Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*HARRY L. SMITH 7
THOMAS H. VALLANCE 3	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 8
COLIN HARRISON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9
PERCY HARRISON 5	RALPH HUBBARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the ten bells since the augmentation by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the trebles being the gift of the conductor. This composition has the sixth, its extent behind the ninth in the tittums, and 23 courses behind the eighth in the inverted home position.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	THOMAS WITTS 6
FRANK COLE 2	FRANK PONTING 7
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	FRANK WAITE 8
GEORGE GODDING 4	JOHN BALLINGER 9
GEORGE ORCHARD 5	HAROLD BIRT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MIDDLETON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	CHARLES OLLIER 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	TOM JONES 7
JAMES H. EASTON 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

ROWLAND BARROW Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
C. HENRY WEBB 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
HARRY MORGAN 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	*SIDNEY HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. H. Morgan, of Gainsborough, and rung also as a wedding peal for the cousin of the conductor, Mr. James Milner, to Miss Agnes Wilkes.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM PEACOCK Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 6
MISS EVELYN STERL 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
ARTHUR MARKWELL 4	†HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal on eight bells. † 100th peal. Arranged for F. Bennett, who was on a visit to Woburn.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5006 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5
*ALFRED BASFORD 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
*MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY 7
*FREDERICK CARDWELL 4	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN THORPE.
* First peal in any Surprise method. Also first Surprise peal on the bells.

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BIRLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
HARRY BAKER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. This composition contains all combinations of 4-5 in 5-6 and the 6th 24 times home.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 27 cwt. in D.
*JOSEPH LOVETT Treble	*ALFRED PARNELL 5
HARRY PAGE 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
HERBERT DAVIS 3	THOMAS PAGE 7
FREDERICK LASBURY 4	*SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PAGE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second. Also a compliment to Herbert Davies, this being the anniversary of his wedding, and a wedding peal for the son of William Page.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
*REV. F. A. OSWELL 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Triples with a bob bell. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local band for having everything ready.

SALFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKES' SIX-PART, No. 1.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
JOSEPH HALL Treble	SAMUEL HOLY 5
*JOSEPH SLATER 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
THOMAS JONES 3	WILFRID J. MOSS 7
ALBERT LEES 4	RICHARD LONGDEN Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moss, also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. and H. Lees, service ringers at the above church. * First peal on eight bells.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Thursday, March 14th, for evening service. 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss G. Burchall 1, H. M. Cafferata 2, Miss K. Burchall 3, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, L. Pierrepont (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of 2nd and 5th.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
GWYN I. LEWIS Treble		*CHARLES H. PERRY 5	
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 2		FREDERICK E. STONE 6	
WALTER J. NORTON 3		ALBERT J. PITMAN 7	
*ERNEST STITCH 4		†ALBERT E. PITMAN Tenor	

Transposed and Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

* 75th peal. † Proposed a member before the peal.

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

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.	
DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
*GEORGE POPNELL 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise. W. Williams was elected a member of the association before starting.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	*GEORGE POPNELL 5
*FRANK LAWRENCE 2	*WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
*DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	*CYRIL TANSSELL 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells. This and the preceding peal were arranged for Messrs. Popnell and Williams, of Bedwelly, Mon.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
HERBERT KNIGHT Treble		ALBERT G. HUNT 5	
GEORGE WARNER 2		J. WILLIAM PERRY 6	
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3		JOHN PERRY 7	
ABRAHAM E. WINTERTON 4		THOMAS PERRY Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung for the Easter Festival, also immediately after the wedding of Mr. G. W. H. Webb, of Bishop's Wood, and Miss L. M. Archer, of Brewod. Mr. H. Knight belongs to St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and Mr. C. Wallater to Willenhall, the rest are local ringers. The band desire to thank the parents of the bride for their very kind hospitality after the peal.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	JACK CARMAN 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
ALBERT STOWELL 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, NO. 10.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
MAURICE SWINFELD Treble		JOSEPH BAILEY 5	
SAMUEL PINDER 2		EPHRAIM W. RANDE 6	
CHARLES DRAPER 3		JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7	
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4		WALLACE BURTON Tenor	

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
BASIL RIDGWELL 2	*ALBERT WIFFEN 6
ARTHUR SMITH 3	†JOSEPH WOOD 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	WALTER HAMMOND Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

*PETER CROOK, JUN. Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN R. TAYLOR 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

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

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble	EDWARD HOWES 5
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 2	GEORGE POYNITZ 6
JOHN ALDIS, JUN. 3	F. NOLAN GOLDEN 7
RICHARD BALDRY 4	JAMES F. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAS. F. DUFFIELD.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, TUEBROOK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
JOHN BREESE 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOHN LEE Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
JOHN BRAMS 2	*RONALD H. DOVE 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	WILLIAM C. NEWBERRY 7
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Major inside.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob.

BENJAMIN WALBANK Treble	WILFRED RILEY 3
BERNARD BAILY 2	ARTHUR SMITHSON 4

FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

GROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS SNELL Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
FRANK D. RICHARDS 2	ERIC C. WADMAN 5
EDWARD G. L. COWARD 3	RONALD G. BECK Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

The 50th Somerset tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

THOMAS SNELL Treble	EDWARD G. L. COWARD 4
RONALD G. BECK 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
ERIC C. WADMAN 3	EDWARD J. ROWE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Mr. E. J. Rowe was elected a life member before starting.

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Kent, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR CRYER Treble	HORACE MORLEY 4
ROBERT B. SMITH 2	FRANK HATFIELD 5
FRED TERRY 3	WM. A. HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

2nd from Howden, treble and 4th from Selby, and 3rd 5th and tenor from Hemingbrough.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
FRANK KIRK 2	GEORGE BASFORD 5
JOHN R. MAIN 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

RATBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES A. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	*THOMAS E. GARDNER ... 4
*STERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5
JAMES H. SPENCER 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

* First peal.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising Old, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire, forty-two six-scores, each ending with rounds.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4

A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court and six 720's of Plain Bob.

*JOHN P. BEZSON Treble	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	EDWARD FOSTER 5
MISS C. BURCHNALL 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT ... Tenor

Conducted by L. PIERREPONT.

* First peal of Minor. The Misses Burchnall were elected members of the M.C.A. previous to starting.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent, and two of 720's of Oxford.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	WILLIAM A. WOODS 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
THOMAS C. WARD 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Pryke.

TIBSHELE, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR SMITHSON Treble	ERNEST T. MALLENDER ... 4
BERNARD BAILEY 2	FRED CLARKE 5
FRED W. KNOWLES 3	ERNEST A. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the 83rd birthday of Mr. J. W. Scott, who has been a bellringer and towerkeeper at this church for forty-two years, and who still takes his place in the belfry.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal of Major on handbells by G. Green. Rung to celebrate the 51st birthday of the conductor.

THE PEAL AT WINCHESTER TRAINING COLLEGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the peal at Winchester Training College, I congratulate Mr. Golden in having roused so much interest in the College, but it was not the first to be rung in a training college, as a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung in the Music Room of St. Mark's, Chelsea, on May 16th, 1920, but only one of the band was a resident. It is to be hoped the interest may be maintained. Wishing them the best of luck, yours etc,

W. AYRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. A RECORD OF PROGRESS.

The 32nd annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held in the City, and proved a great success. The attendance during the afternoon and evening reached nearly ninety, and the three towers open for ringing were at times filled to the limit of their capacity for comfort. The service, held at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, at 4.30, was very well attended. The lesson, taken from 1 Cor. xiv., was read by Mr. F. A. Milne, president of the association, and the special ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' was sung. The address was given by the Rev. A. Lombardini, well-known for his mid-day inspiring sermons to city workers. After welcoming the members of the association, he chose for his text a passage from 1 Kings vii., 'In the clay ground,' and drew an analogy between the choice by King Solomon of a place for moulding vessels of metal to adorn the temple, and God's choice of a way of moulding our lives. The organist at the service was Mr. Leonard H. Warner, well known to B.B.C. listeners, whose rendering of the various hymns and other music was much appreciated.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall. The Rev. A. Lombardini, Mr. T. Walker and Mr. L. H. Warner joined the members of the association at the meal, although the former was unable to stay for more than a few minutes. After tea, a well-struck course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by G. R. Pye, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, G. H. Cross, J. Thomas, G. W. Fletcher and W. Pye.

The President took the chair at the subsequent business meeting. He was supported by Messrs. W. Pickworth and C. S. Bird (vice-presidents), Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secretaries) and other officers and members of committee.

INCREASING INTEREST OF YOUNGER GENERATION.

The report, which had already been distributed amongst the members, was taken as read and adopted. Extracts from a very satisfactory report are as follows:—

'The end of the war found us, like other associations, with our local bands sadly depleted, and in some cases almost broken up. In addition, quite a number of those members who returned from active service took no further part in the ringing of our bells. However, the efforts required from those responsible for keeping the association in an active state was forthcoming, and to-day it is true to say that our strength has never been so great, or our activities so wide. During the period under review our membership has increased by upwards of 100, notwithstanding that death has taken a heavy toll. There has been a considerable increase in the number of affiliated towers, and instruction has been given at different times to several of our hands. Much credit is due to those who have undertaken this work, as well as to those leaders of local societies who, by continuous exertion, have not allowed their bands to become depleted. During the last year or two a welcome sign has been the increasing interest shown in ringing by the younger generation, and at the last annual meeting this was especially noticed. The future of our association is with these young men. Let us therefore continue our efforts to interest them in our art and in our Guild.'

After referring to the satisfactory district meetings and the success of the joint meetings with other associations, the report went on: 'The peals rung during the year numbered 69, two of which were rung on handbells and the remainder on tower bells in 38 different towers. The conducting was shared by 16 of the members, whilst 163 took part in the peals. Ten members rang their first peals, and 81 their first peals in a new method. Quite a large number of members rang their first peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Cambridge Surprise Royal, and London and Bristol Surprise Major; and still more their initial peals of Stedman Caters and Triples. Miss E. E. Chapman rang her first peal of Surprise Maximus, whilst Miss F. E. Orr took part in the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung by the association. To them, and to Mr. W. G. Wilson, who conducted his first peal, we extend our congratulations. The association attained the honour of ringing the first peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus in London, (this being accomplished at Southwark Cathedral on January 14th. Peals of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major were rung by the association for the first time, the latter peal being rung without any of the band having previously practised the method! Two peals of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods were conducted from non-observation bells by Messrs. William and George R. Pye, these being performances of outstanding merit. Five Surprise Major methods were rung in one peal for the first time on December 18th at Willesden, whilst an excellent performance was accomplished on handbells at Ealing on December 20th. Three of the peals were rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of the late C. I. Edwards, R. E. Holloway, and G. Paice, at Heston, Acton and Edmonton, respectively. Although not appearing in our records, we must not omit to refer to Mr. James George's 1,000th peal, which was rung at Wolverhampton on October 6th. Mr. George has been a loyal member of this association for some 30 years, and whilst congratulating him on his achievement, we must express our pleasure that a considerable number of his peals have been rung for this society. The quarter-peal list denotes progress in certain towers, but at the same time other towers

which were at one time prominent in the list show a decline. Several 720's at six-bell towers are noted, and the Northaw band must be congratulated on having rung some 30 extents of Minor, including one of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership remains the same as last year. One honorary and 60 ringing members were elected, but there were a large number of lapses, whilst eight members were taken from us by death. In connection with the lapses of membership, most of which were caused by removals, members are reminded that the Central Council has formed a scheme for keeping in touch with ringers removing from one district to another. The scheme was outlined in 'The Ringing World' of June 1st, 1928. Local secretaries should advise their district secretary of any removals, giving the new address. At the same time, when local secretaries are advised of removals into their district they should take every step possible to obtain the services of the ringer concerned. During the year Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have rehung the peal of six at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, in new bearings, and the eight bells at St. Mary's, Staines, in new fittings with strengthened framework. The bells at St. Paul's Cathedral have been overhauled by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who also have in hand the rehanging of the bells at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have rehung the bells at St. John-the-Baptist's, Chipping Barnet, on ball bearings, and are undertaking the complete recasting of the peal of eight at St. James', Clerkenwell. The Isleworth Bell Fund now reaches a total of £134, and an appeal is made for further support, as a considerable sum is needed before the augmentation is put in hand. The Belfry Repairs Fund instituted in the S. and W. district early last year amounts to £2 4s. 6d. Sincere thanks are expressed to those of our members who have done great service by way of instructing at several of our towers. Without this important work very little progress would be shown.'

The balance sheet, showing a Central Fund balance of £29 3s. 8d., was adopted.

Four new members were elected, whilst the whole of the retiring officers were unanimously chosen to continue for another year.

A vacancy on the Central Council, arising through the lamented death of Mr. Robert Holloway, was filled by the election of Mr. Frank Corke, of Hillingdon.

THE COUNCIL AGENDA.

The Central Council agenda was next considered, and various views on the difference between a 'delegate' and a 'representative' were stated. It was generally agreed, however, that the representatives, when voting at the Council's meetings, should consider the views of their members as expressed at association meetings, or discussion at these meetings would be useless.

On this question, and on that of the peals of Minor and Doubles, contributions to the discussion were made by Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Parker, A. H. Pulling, G. L. Joyce, and C. T. Coles, but on the latter very vexed subject representatives were given an entirely free hand, it being considered a question for expert advice.

Representatives were 'authorised' to support the proposal to raise the affiliation fees, although some doubt as to the wisdom of the increase was expressed. The possibility of some associations reducing their number of representatives to the Council was considered as quite a likely result, with lessened interest in the Council's activities.

Support was given to the next two questions on the Council's agenda, but opposition was shown to the final item.

Acton was chosen as the venue for next year's annual meeting.

Members were reminded of the joint meeting of the S. and W. District and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which is to be held at Hillingdon on April 20th, and of the reopening of Clerkenwell bells on May 4th, whilst Mr. C. S. Bird made an appeal for donations towards a memorial which it has been decided to erect in the Acton belfry to the late Robert Holloway.

The President proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those to whom members were indebted for the success of the meeting, including the Rev. W. Hudson Shaw (Bishopsgate), Rev. F. W. Isaacs (Cripplegate), and Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (St. Magnus'), for the use of their bells, the Rev. A. Lombardini for his address, Mr. L. A. Warner (organist), Messrs. J. E. Davis, J. C. F. Bayley and W. Arnold, the towerkeepers and vergers at the various churches. —Mr. T. Walker, on behalf of the Rector of Bishopsgate, replied to the vote of thanks, and expressed his pleasure at being present.

During the afternoon and evening a great deal of ringing was done at St. Botolph's, St. Giles', Cripplegate, and at St. Magnus', Thames Street, and a large number of methods were rung, including most of the standard methods on eight bells, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Cambridge Royal, and Treble Bob Maximus.

THE F. G. NEWMAN FUND

Previously acknowledged, £7 9s.; Mr. H. Belcher, 2s.; Rev. Canon Helmore, 5s.; collection at Maidstone meeting on Easter Monday, per Mr. Groombridge, £4 4s.; grant from Kent County Benevolent Fund, £5; J. A. D., 5s.; Mr. W. J. Nevard, 2s. 6d.; Mr. C. T. Coles, 2s. 6d.; Mr. C. Slingsby, 5s.; total, £17 15s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

STEDMAN AND CARTER'S DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the publication of the Central Council's Collection of legitimate methods has been postponed, it may be an opportune time to suggest that Stedman's Doubles and its Reverse, and Carter's Doubles and its Reverse should be given in their correct form with Rounds as first row in the new publication, when issued, as follows:—

	Reverse Stedman's Doubles.	Stedman's Doubles.		Reverse Carter's Doubles.	Carter's Doubles.
Div. head	12345	12345	Div. head	12345	12345
	21354	21354		21354	21354
	23145	12534		12534	23145
	32415	15243		15243	32415
	23451	51234		51234	23451
	24315	15324		15324	24315
	42351	51342		51342	42351
	43215	15432		15432	43215
	34251	51423		51423	34251
	43521	54132		54132	43521
	45312	45312		45312	45312
Div. end	54321	54321	Div. end	54321	54321
2nd Div. head	53412	45231	2nd Div. head	53412	45231

It will be noticed that the only difference between Stedman's Doubles and Reverse Carter's Doubles is that the 1st place at the Division End in Stedman is converted into 5th's place in Reverse Carter's Doubles; and vice versa, the 5th's place of Reverse Stedman Doubles is converted into 1st place at the Division End of Carter's Doubles.

There is one other peculiarity worthy of notice, i.e., Carter's Doubles is the only one of the four methods that will extend perfectly, as a regular method, to Infinity.

Reverse Stedman Doubles will extend to Triples and Cinques, but the Caters of this method is only a three part touch as follows:—

1st Div. Head 123456789
2nd Div. Head 759381624
3rd Div. Head 684927153

123456789

Brighton.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

EASTER RINGING.

LEWISHAM.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Warnett 1, J. Dafters 2, H. James 3, W. Fox 4, H. Warnett (conductor) 5, H. Warnett, jun., 6, J. Bennett 7, H. Goodwin 8. G. Warnett hails from West Grinstead, Sussex. This was his first quarter of Grandsire.

DURHAM.—At the Cathedral, for the afternoon service on Easter Day, after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 960 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: E. E. Ferry (conductor) 1, J. R. Temple 2, W. H. Johnson 3, R. A. Johnson 4, E. L. Allerson 5, G. Metcalfe 6, C. F. Vasey 7, H. Oliver 8. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

HATFIELD.—On Easter Day, at St. Etheldreda's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. Shepherd 1, G. Austin 2, D. Ellingham 3, R. Richardson 4, J. Dunham 5, J. Kentish (conductor) 6, A. Lawrence 7, Sergt. Lawrence 8. For evensong, 1,100 Stedman Triples in 56 mins.: F. Cull 1, D. Ellingham 2, S. Cull 3, R. Richardson 4, L. Shepherd 5, J. Kentish 6, J. Dunham 7, G. Austin 8.—On Friday, March 15th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 53 mins.: F. Cull 1, G. Austin 2, A. Shepherd 3, R. Richardson 4, L. Shepherd 5, J. Dunham 6, Sergt. Lawrence 7, J. Kentish (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. T. Kentish.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Watson 1, W. Linter 2, W. Allen 3, E. Jacobs 4, B. H. Clark, Aldershot (first 720) 5, R. Linter (conductor) 6.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Cassell 1, E. Dare 2, S. Addicott 3, W. Pike 4, P. Jones 5, H. Broughton 6, A. Addicott (conductor) 7, G. Cooke 8.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—On Easter Sunday, March 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Davies 1, J. Gooding 2, F. Sharpe 3, L. Stirk 4, W. Fisher 5, T. Emm 6, J. Coles (conductor) 7, F. Stirk 8.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.—On Easter Sunday, for early morning service, 360 Bob Minor, for morning service 420 Grandsire, and for evening service 464 Bob Major, the ringers taking part being: Wm. Berry, John Hollows, James Jacques, John Smith, Harry Bastow, Tom A. Ogden, James H. Bastow, Thomas K. Driver.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbots Church, on Easter Day for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes): A. V. Selby 1, H. G. Miles (conductor) 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, J. A. Dart 4, C. F. Winney 5, E. E. Welham 6, P. L. Miles 7, W. E. Judd 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Dodleston, Cheshire, originally five in number, have just been rehung and retuned, and a treble added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The new bell was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on Easter Eve, and ringers will have an opportunity of hearing the ring at the Chester Guild meeting on Saturday, April 13th.

Mr. Albert Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, is among those who have rung a hundred peals in his 'Sunday service' tower. He has taken part in 114 peals in the famous church in the Bull Ring, Birmingham. Of these he has conducted 48, and has called a peal at least three times off each of the twelve bells.

Among those who have also rung a hundred peals in their own tower are two Lewes ringers. Mr. A. J. Turner has scored 140 peals on the bells at Southover, in the ancient county town of Sussex, and Mr. R. J. Dawe has rung 135 there.

Mr. Arthur Knights has rung 207 peals on Chesterfield bells, and his son, Ben, has rung 125. Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, completed the 'century' on the bells of St. Mary's Church, as long ago as October, 1906.

Guardsman J. Bragg, by communicating with Mr. R. J. Best, of 9, Cumberland Street, Finsbury, S.W.1, will be able to obtain the return of his wallet, which was found in Buckingham Palace Road. The finder, however, is unable to communicate direct as there was no address. The 'clue' to the owner is a receipt issued by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The bells of Birmingham Cathedral will be broadcast from 7.50 to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Mr. Fred M. Mitchell, who succeeds the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore as general secretary of the Kent County Association, has been for ten years secretary of the Rochester District. His address is 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

Twenty years ago to-day the then record peal of 15,027 Stedman Caters was rung in 12 hrs. 18 mins. at Loughborough Parish Church—the first time one set of men had rung 'round the clock.'

To-morrow is the anniversary of the Treble Ten record, made at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1914, when 14,000 of Kent was rung in 9 hrs. 24 mins. Next Wednesday is the anniversary of the Treble Bob Maximus record, at the same church, a peal of 12,240 having been rung in 8 hrs. 39 mins. on April 17th, 1911.

It is 160 years next Wednesday since the first peal of 'Norwich Court Bob Ten In' was rung. The peal was one of the famous performances of the Norwich ringers of that day, and was recorded by the 'Norwich Mercury,' which stated that 'from the harmony and regularity of its changes, it filled every lover of the art of ringing with the most pleasing wonder and astonishment.'

The incomparable peal,' continued the report, 'was invented in the year 1751 by Mr. Wm. Porter, one of the ringers belonging to St. Peter's company, and though from that time it has been annually practised, yet never was perfectly gone through with, without bells being out of course, till now, so that it may be affirmed that this is the first compleat 5,040 that ever was rung in the known world.'

THE BROADCAST OF ST. MARTIN'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to my appeal in 'The Ringing World' for opinions of the broadcast of the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, on March 17th, I have received a good number of letters from ringers in different parts of the country who listened to the Bob course of Stedman Cinques. The following had perfect reception and consider the microphone was placed in the best position, viz., on the north-east end of the church roof in proper relation to distance from the bell tower, where any noise from tram and motor traffic, which is generally very heavy in the vicinity of the church, especially the east end, is eliminated. These districts report that all the twelve bells came through clearly and distinctly in the rounds, changes and rounds, during the ten minutes' broadcast: Shrewsbury, Derby, Stanton-by-Dale, Lincoln, Boston, Monkseaton (Northumberland), Pudsey, Norwich, Thames Ditton, Barking and Fulham (London), Bath and Taunton.

The three following places—Banbury, Cheltenham, and Weymouth—write that the bells did not come through at all clearly, and one correspondent from Wilham, Essex, wants to know why we did not do some change ringing (a little leg-pulling, I fancy).

Allow me, sir, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all these friends for their expressions of opinion, which will be forwarded to the B.B.C. headquarters in Birmingham.

I also received many verbal congratulations at the Worcester meeting on Easter Monday on the perfect reception and good striking. Though one ringer from the Evesham district had a very bad reception of the bells, another ringer nearby had perfect reception, which makes one think some wireless sets are possibly overtuned.—Yours faithfully,

Birmingham.

ALBERT WALKER.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RESIGNATION OF HON. SECRETARY.

The annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, and, owing to its central position and the fair weather, attracted a large number of members. During the day about 200 put in an appearance. Various towers in the neighbourhood were opened to enable visitors to have a ring on their journey 'in' and 'out,' with the ten bells at All Saints', Maidstone, as the central attraction. These bells were going until noon, when the association service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Sopwith), the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley (Vicar of East Peckham) accompanying on the organ with his well-known ability. The special preacher for the service was the Rev. H. de V. Watson (Rector of Harrietsbam), who took for his text Colossians iii. 1, 'If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above.' Three hymns were sung, 'The strife is o'er,' the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' and 'To the name of our Salvation.' A collection at the close for the County Ophthalmic Hospital, Maidstone, realised £2 10s. 1d.

Dinner followed in the Corn Exchange, which was taxed to its capacity owing to the large assembly. The Deputy Mayor of Maidstone (Councillor F. C. Connor) presided, supported by the hon. secretary (Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) and Miss Helmore, Canon Sopwith, Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, Rev. H. de V. Watson, Messrs. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Jackson (London County), and officers of the association.

After dinner, the toast of 'The King' was duly honoured, on the proposition of the Chairman, who said he was sure they were all glad that His Majesty was making such an excellent recovery.

Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) proposed the toast of 'The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Clergy of the Diocese.' He expressed pleasure that Archbishop Lang had consented to become their president, and offered their thanks to Canon Sopwith (Maidstone), Rev. H. de V. Watson, and the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley.

The Rev. H. de V. Watson, in replying, said he was rather a link of the association, as his father-in-law, the Rev. Knatchbull Huggeson, was one of the founders and first secretary of the association.

The Rev. G. C. E. Ryley also replied, and proposed the toast of 'The Chairman,' and thanked him for his attendance.—The Deputy Mayor of Maidstone said he was pleased to come in his official capacity and to welcome the association to their county town. He was one much in favour of old customs, and he hoped the day would never come when the old custom of bellringing would cease.

In response to an appeal on behalf of Mr. T. Newman, who was one of the founders of the association, a collection round the table realised £4 4s., and at a committee meeting held earlier a sum of £5 was voted from the Benevolent Fund.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S 38 YEARS' SERVICE.

The hon. secretary's report and balance sheet having been adopted, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said he wished to thank them all for their kindness to him in his recent severe illness and his more recent sudden bereavement. Owing to the severe trial he had gone through and his advancing years (he was now 78) he said the time had come when he must resign his post as their hon. secretary, a position he had held for 38 years. He thanked all who had helped him during his illness—Mr. Mitchell, who had been his assistant, Mr. Sone for making the arrangements for the dinner that day, and to the other district secretaries for their ever-ready assistance. When he first took office, the number of members was about 400; to-day it was nearly 1,000; the number of non-resident members was 13, and now it was nearly 250. The time had now come when he must hand over the job to another.

Mr. W. Latter (Tonbridge District secretary) said he had known Canon Helmore during the whole period of his secretaryship, and it hardly seemed possible to associate his name without 'Kent County Association.' On behalf of them all he proposed their heartiest thanks to Canon Helmore for his valued services as their hon. secretary, and said how sorry they all were that force of circumstances had compelled him to resign.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Haigh (Rochester), and carried with loud applause.

After the names of Lord Davidson, of Lambeth, and the Dean of Rochester had been added to the list of vice-presidents, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore said it was left to him to propose his successor as their hon. secretary. During his illness his assistant had rendered good service, and he had pleasure in proposing the name of Mr. Frederick M. Mitchell (another 'Fred'), of Gravesend, as their hon. secretary. He would find plenty of work to do, but he was sure that Mr. Mitchell would do it to the best of his ability until a more suitable successor could be found.—This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman (Canterbury) and carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Mitchell, in accepting office, said he was having the honour thrust upon him, but he would do his best, and gave an account of the growth of the finances of the association during the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore's period of office. When he took office 38 years ago the balance in hand was about £90. Last year's report showed a balance of £70, in addition to which they had about £550 invested—

(Continued in next column.)

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note, from his letter of April 5th, that Mr. Severn speaks authoritatively for the majority of six-bell ringers, and in begging slightly to differ from him I am careful to avoid this. I am told that there are 40,000 ringers in the United Kingdom, and a very ridiculous estimate would place the number of Minor ringers at (say) 1,000. A majority would then mean 501 opinions personally canvassed, and this I have not done.

But the majority of the (comparatively) few with whom I have spoken have expressed the wish to see something like the following:—

A peal (meaning a 'five thousand'), or a touch (of less than this), shall commence and end with rounds.

In Major and upwards, it shall consist of at least 5,000 true changes, i.e., 4,999 different rows and two rows of rounds; one of the latter shall appear at the beginning, and one at the end.

In Triples, 5,040 true changes, i.e., 5,039 different rows, etc.

In Minor, it shall consist of at least seven blocks, each of 720 different rows, and one row, i.e., 5,040 true changes. Rounds shall be the first and the last rows of the peal. Each of the blocks shall be produced differently, with provision for one additional touch of less than 720.

In Doubles, similarly.

I agree with Mr. James that the 'commence from rounds' should be amended; we are too prone blindly to follow the mistakes of the past. We have an example of this (a trifling example, it is true) in Mr. Severn's letter. He shows three extents of London Surprise (upon which I congratulate him); he gives the figures before the bobs, when, actually, they follow the bobs. Why? Because it is customary, but that does not make it correct.

Let us get down to present-day need, and frame something which will help along rather than retard.

And a word about Mr. Guise's letters. From memory, I think he has suggested that his Guild should consider whether the expenditure in sending delegates-representatives-members (as you will to the Central Council), is worth while.

If so be that this Guild should decide that it is not worth while, it is to be hoped that none of its members will avail himself of the advantages to be obtained from the Central Council's Collection of Methods, Collections of Peals (and what not?), which are published from time to time with the aid of my money.

Let our criticism be constructive. The Central Council is a funny old body, but it is well worth while!—Yours faithfully,

St. John's, Leytonstone.

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

BRISTOL (?) SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A stock argument of days gone by with the Rev. E. H. James was that certain figures were an Oxford Extension of, say, 'London' Surprise or 'Bristol' Surprise, but in your last issue you have published a method which the reverend gentleman designates Bristol (?) Surprise Maximus, which, in so far as it can be called an extension of 'Bristol' Major at all, is most certainly an Oxford extension, and in face of the correct figures of 'Bristol' Royal and Maximus given by Mr. A. Craven in these columns on January 19th, 1923, I suggest that the Rev. E. B. James should find another name for his latest attempt at extending 'Bristol' Major.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

(Continued from previous column.)

a growth of £530. The Belfry Repair Fund was instituted a quarter of a century ago, and since that time £143 had been paid out to various towers in need, and there was still a balance of £191. Their Benevolent Fund was started in 1912, with the result that £85 had been paid to deserving members, and the balance to-day was £131. Surely that showed the work of their hon. secretary, and Mr. Mitchell said it was a record impossible for him to beat. It was left to him to carry on the tradition of the association, which he would do to the best of his ability.

Mr. Frederick White proposed that they show their appreciation and place the name of the Rev. Frederick J. O. Helmore on the list of vice-presidents.—Several having risen to second the proposition, Mr. Frederick Thornton, as another 'Fred,' claimed the privilege, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, which, as regards numbers, was a record for a great number of years, about 50 towers in Kent being represented, and it was most fitting it should be, considering that the association was parting with such a highly-respected and devoted servant after so many years' faithful service.

Ten towers were open for ringing during the day, and it is hoped that full advantage was taken of the opportunities offered through the kindness of the various incumbents, as it is not very encouraging to the clergy if the use of the bells is granted and no visitors come to ring. It is true that Maidstone has many attractions, even to its gaol—and it is hoped no one found their way there—but ample time was afforded the visitors in their ringing pursuits.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. PROCEDURE DISCUSSED.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Ipswich on Monday was marked by a good deal that was of interest. The business was transacted in St. Mary-le-Tower Church House in the afternoon, and was well attended. Archdeacon Farmiloe presided, and all the officers were re-elected.

It was pointed out that the number of honorary members was lamentably small, being only 24 in all. It was, therefore, resolved that 'district and other secretaries be urged to obtain as many hon. members as possible.'

In order to put the relation between the Guild and the Advisory Committee of the diocese on a regular footing, it was agreed to choose as one of the officers to be elected each year a consultant who would act as technical adviser to any tower, and of whose appointment the Advisory Committee should be officially notified. Mr. J. C. G. Haggar, of Sproughton, was thereupon elected as consultant. The chairman also instructed the secretary to supply the Advisory Committee with copies of the cards 'On the care of bells' and on 'The elements of change ringing,' as published by the Central Council, and circulated by the Guild.

There was then passed unanimously this resolution: 'The Guild urges its members to get as many ringers as possible elected on Parochial Church Councils, the Diocesan Conference, and the Church Assembly.'

There had been some discussion at a former meeting as to whether the district secretaries were to be expected to visit every tower to collect subscriptions, and the following note to the rules was agreed to: 'In each company there shall be chosen a secretary (or captain, or Ringing Master), who shall collect all subscriptions as soon after January 1st as possible, and send them to the district secretary.'

There was considerable and lively discussion on the subject of splicing of extents, about which there had been so much correspondence in 'The Ringing World.' The following resolution was ultimately carried: 'The splicing of methods is theoretically unsound. But if this departure from strict regularity is allowed, the splicing of extents in five or six-bell ringing should be allowed also.' There was one vote against, the reason given being that it would not be well for the Guild to appear to oppose so widely accepted a practice as splicing.

STANDING ORDERS WANTED FOR COUNCIL.

The Secretary reported that he had sent the resolutions which had been passed by the last annual meeting to the secretary of the Central Council for his information. To his surprise, when he entered the meeting at Hereford, he found that they were put down on the agenda as 'late resolutions,' to be considered at the end. Both, however, were dealt with in the course of previous discussions. Nevertheless, at the end of the meeting the chairman, instead of passing them over, went to some trouble to explain that for some obscure point of order these resolutions were wrong. Evidently there was much confusion as to the relation between the Central Council and its constituent bodies. In one case there was even a proposal to withdraw the representatives. He thought this quite useless, and suggested that the best way to meet the difficulty was to have some standing orders drawn up so that the associations would know what to do. It was absurd that, when a matter had been referred to the associations, they should be told that they had done wrong to pass a resolution on the subject.

In the course of the discussion, the Chairman (Archdeacon Farmiloe) said that it was much more dignified and useful for the members of the Central Council to be considered to be representatives rather than to be mere delegates, who had to vote as they were told.

In the end the secretary was asked to write to the secretary of the Council for an explanation.

A letter in 'The Ringing World' on the Sudbury District was read, and it was agreed that was a matter which concerned the secretary for West Suffolk, and that the matter be referred to him, assuring him of the support of the Guild in the matter. Arrangements for an instructor for Hadleigh were decided on, and the meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

THE CATCHPOLE-MOTTS MEMORIAL.

The Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower gave an address at a well-attended service, and afterwards Archdeacon Farmiloe unveiled, in the presence of all the members, a memorial in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower to the late Wm. L. Catchpole and James Motts. This took the form of a tablet in Portland stone, consisting of an inscribed panel, buttressed and pinnacled in Perpendicular style, supported on a moulded ashlar base; two bells with their headstocks are carved at the foot of the panel, on which the inscription is as follows:—

'Omnia opera laudant. To the Glory of God—and in memory of William L. Catchpole, who died 1918, and James Motts, who died 1923, aged respectively 59 and 63 years, composers and conductors of numerous peals, well versed and capable, always ready to give a helping hand to their less learned comrades in furthering the art of change ringing. Of genial and noble disposition were these two men. This tablet is erected to record the high esteem in which they are held by the whole ringing fraternity.'

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. THE CATHEDRAL PEAL.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held as usual on Easter Monday at Worcester, when the fine weather, coupled with the attraction of the new peal of twelve bells at the Cathedral, brought together a large number of members and visitors, who commenced to arrive at an early hour. Among the latter were Messrs. F. E. Dawe (London), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), J. Austin (Gloucester), and A. Walker (Birmingham).

The various city towers were open for ringing, but not too much use seemed to be made of them, the Cathedral seeming to be the 'Mecca' of everyone. The authorities had this year kindly granted extra facilities for the bells at the Cathedral, and shortly after 12.30 their glorious tones commenced to boom over the city. The first item of the day was the unveiling of a peal tablet in the belfry, recording the first peal to be rung on the new bells, viz., Stedman Cinques, on December 26th last. This was rung by the association, conducted by the Master (Mr. J. D. Johnson), who later expressed the gratification of the members to the Dean for making the long climb up to the ringing chamber to perform the ceremony.

As is usual on these occasions, the ringing was of a very moderate character, due to various reasons. Although there was an abundance of good twelve-bell men, it was exceedingly difficult to get them together owing to the congested state of the belfry and steps. As a consequence, some could not get in at all; some were wedged in and could not get out; some endeavoured to do their best on metal much above their calibre, the result being as stated. However, good humour prevailed, and everybody seemed happy.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House in the afternoon, the Dean (the Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D.) being in the chair.

At the outset, in welcoming the members, the Dean expressed the grateful thanks of the authorities to the members for their gift of a bell to the new peal, £100 having been raised. The 8th bell is suitably inscribed to this effect, and a bronze tablet has been fixed in the belfry. Associated with this he also wished to mention the name of Mr. A. E. Parsons. He was sure that he voiced the regret of those present that he could not be with them that day owing to indisposition. The speaker then invited London and Birmingham expert opinion on the bells, and asked Mr. F. E. Dawe, of London, and Mr. A. Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master, of St. Martin's Guild, to say a few words. Mr. Dawe said he was delighted to listen to such a magnificent peal, and if consent were given he would be pleased to bring a band of experts from London to show how they should be rung.

Mr. Walker congratulated the Dean and Chapter upon possessing such a noble peal, which he said was worthy of the edifice, and offered a suggestion regarding the louvres to prevent the sound beating down. He also incidentally remarked that they in Birmingham rather fancied themselves as twelve-bell ringers, and if any invitations were going they would like the opportunity. He would bring a band of ordinary ringers from Birmingham, who would do the bells justice. They had rung a peal on the bells of Exeter Cathedral, which were the heaviest in the world.

The Chairman humorously remarked that he would see what could be done for both, and that they (the Worcester people) would then decide who were the real experts.

The routine business was afterwards proceeded with. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. T. J. Salter moved, and Mr. W. Short seconded, that the association form a library for the circulation of ringing literature, and after some discussion this was agreed to, Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Lye, being appointed librarian. It was hoped that members would avail themselves of the opportunities of requiring knowledge.

A goodly number of new members were elected, and Worcester was again chosen for the annual meeting, this seeming now to have become an institution.—The arrangements for the annual peal were left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

Mr. J. D. Johnson having expressed a wish to retire, nominated Mr. R. G. Knowles to succeed him as Ringing Master, and this was carried.—Mr. H. C. Bird was added to the Central Committee, and all the other officers were re-elected. This concluded the business.

Service, which followed in the Cathedral with an address by Canon Blake, was well attended, the collection being given to the fund for the augmenting and overhauling of the ring of six at St. John's, which will shortly be put in hand.

After being photographed, the assembly adjourned to the Co-operative Cafe for tea, well over 100 sitting down. With the conclusion of this came the parting of the ways, some for home and others for more ringing, thus closing another successful and enjoyable meeting.

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The work was executed by an old ringing comrade, Mr. Charles Mee, of Sproughton, and designed by Mr. J. C. G. Haggar, also of Sproughton.

The Archdeacon said it gave him much pleasure to unveil this memorial to two old members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Ringers. He referred to the fact that Mr. James Motts was a valued member of the Guild, and commended his example to the present members.

Afterwards a good number sat down to tea at Lyons' Restaurant, and ringing was indulged in at the various towers during the day.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING DIOCESAN TITLES DECISION AGAIN DEFERRED.

By the customary routine the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Leicester, and, despite the threat of a dull and boisterous day, the weather was not too bad, and, as usual, a large number of ringing members and friends from all parts of the association's activities were present from an early hour. Quite a number of life members from surrounding Guilds such as the Warwick, Peterborough, Lincoln, and North Notts Association, were welcomed.

The bells of St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), St. Saviour's (8), Belgrave (8), and All Saints' (5) were available throughout the day, except for short intervals for weddings, which even 'All Fools' Day' could not deter! Good use was made of the opportunities provided, although, as is so often usual, the ringing was not of a high standard. Nevertheless, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The committee met at 3.15 p.m., and carried out rather a heavy programme of routine and other business, making various recommendations for the general meeting which followed tea. Among the latter was the proposal to grant £2 2s. to the fund now being negotiated by certain Corporation and other high officials of Derby to present Mr. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., the highly-esteemed president of the association, with an oil painting of himself. This painting is by Mr. E. Townsend, and is now on view at the Derby Art Gallery.

Despite the announcement made by the general hon. secretary regarding the sending of names of intention to be present at tea, some 30 or more failed to do this. Fortunately, however, the local committee were able to cope with these, and subsequently 140 sat down to a splendid repast.

The general meeting immediately followed tea, and in the absence of Mr. R. B. Chambers (president) the vice-president, Mr. Joseph Griffin, took the chair. He was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. Walter Wallace), the hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris), and the Revs. H. Hurst and F. W. Pratt, of St. Margaret's, Rev. H. V. Williams, of St. John's, and Rev. R. S. Wilkinson, of Retford.

The Hon. Secretary first explained that for some time past the health of their worthy president had been very critical, and the cause of much anxiety, but despite that he had, in conjunction with Mrs. Chambers, sent his regards and best wishes to all members, and hoped all would have an enjoyable day and successful meeting.—Mr. W. Willson proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Chambers, expressing from all present good wishes for a speedy return to health.—This was seconded by Mr. Charles Draper and carried unanimously.

The election of ten ringing and one life member was duly ratified. The report and balance sheet for 1928 were also received and passed on the proposition of Mr. W. E. White, seconded by Mr. C. Draper.

A NEW DISTRICT IN THE PEAK.

The recommendations of the committee for the next three quarterly meetings were duly confirmed, viz., June, Bakewell; September, Lutterworth; January, 1930, Bolsover.

The proposal to form a new branch of the M.C.A. in the Peak District of Derbyshire having been fully discussed at the last meeting, was—after the explanation given as to its territory and work by the proposed new local secretary, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, churchwarden of Dore—duly authorised, and its formation will take place as previously arranged.

The Chairman acquainted the members of the committee's deliberations and recommendations as to the payment of delegates' fees and expenses to the Central Council, the honorariums to the general and local hon. secretaries, steeplekeepers, etc., which were duly passed.

A discussion on the Central Council's agenda (motion 7) was debated at length, and after hearing the views of Mr. W. Willson the delegates were instructed to support same.

The officers of the association were re-elected 'en bloc' for 1929.—The Chairman announced that the testimonial fund to Mr. Wm. Willson would definitely be closed on April 30th, and it is hoped that all towers and individuals will note this, and send on to the hon. treasurer accordingly.

The question of the alteration—or addition to—the title of the association to include 'for the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell' caused quite a diversion, and a lengthy discussion ensued in which Messrs. H. W. Needham, J. Harris, W. E. White, J. Swinfield, Rev. R. Wilkinson and 'A flat' took part.

It was thought that the association's territory in the Lichfield Diocese was so small, comprising, as it did, Burton-on-Trent and district, that the association could not rightly add that diocese without the Bishop's sanction. Burton, to which the association had in the past been greatly indebted, not only as a peal-ringing centre, but from the worthy men who upheld the association's well-being, naturally did not wish to be omitted. Therefore, as in other parts of the M.C.A. activities, where they find other societies and Guilds doing much good work, the question was, ought the association to make it appear to be overlapping or encroaching on these other societies' territory?

As at last year's meeting, so diverse were the opinions expressed, it was ultimately proposed and carried, that the matter be deferred.

This concluded the business, and Mr. W. Wallace proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the various clergy for the use of bells, and especially for their presence at the meeting.—Both the Rev. H. Hurst, of St. Margaret's, and Rev. H. V. Williams, of St. John's, replied most appropriately, with witty remarks and a 'story' each.—The Rev. Wilkinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Joseph Griffin, for presiding in so efficient a way, especially during the debate on the association's title, remarking he would have made a good parliamentarian.—Mr. Griffin suitably replied, and, in passing, remarked on the fact that he was one of the very few original members left, he having had the pleasure of conducting No. 2 of the association's performances, viz., 5,040 Double Norwich Major on July 20th, 1882, at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent.

After further ringing on the various church bells, many of those participating assembled at the Victoria Hotel, where an impromptu concert was provided. A very happy evening was spent, and those contributing to the programme included Mr. Percy Harrison and family, with tunes on handbells, also other tunes by Messrs. H. J. Poole, E. Morris, C. H. Webb and P. Harrison. The new acquisition from the 'police,' a devotee to the art of ringing, Sergt. Turner, kept the company 'in tucks' by his funny stories, and the Rugby friends gave an excellent course of 'Rugby Triples Major!'—in other words, 'cagmag.' The titbit of the evening—F. H. Dexter remarking it was the best 'ringing' that day—was a touch of Stedman Triples on the piano by Maurice Swinfield, the bobs being called by H. J. Poole. Mr. J. Morris contributed his well-worn, but ever appreciated, 'Johnny,' and 'A flat' concluded the programme with his variation of the old 'grandfather's clock.'

NORFOLK GUILD.

THE RESULT OF THE REFERENDUM.

The annual meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Norwich on Easter Monday, when the rings of bells at St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Michael-at-Coslany (8), and All Saints' (5) were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. Divine service was conducted in St. Peter Mancroft's by Canon F. J. Meyrick (Vicar). The Rev. A. G. W. Paget (assistant Minor Canon of Norwich Cathedral) presided at the organ, and the address was given by the president (the Archdeacon of Norwich).

Luncheon was served at the Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, the Archdeacon of Norwich presiding, supported by the Rev. A. G. Blyth, the Rev. R. H. O. Banks, Mr. Philip E. Sewell, Messrs. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary), W. L. Duffield, W. C. Duffield (members of the committee), G. P. Burton (hon. auditor), and N. W. Cooke, W. J. Eldred, B. S. Thompson, W. B. Duncan (district secretaries), and 34 members.

The toast of 'The King' was proposed by the president and duly honoured.

The annual business then followed.

The report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1928, were adopted.

On the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, and seconded by Mr. P. E. Sewell, the Archdeacon of Norwich (Ven. G. M. MacDermott) was unanimously re-elected president. The vice-presidents were all re-elected, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was re-elected general secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. P. Burton, hon. auditor, Canon F. J. Meyrick, Rev. A. G. Blyth, Messrs. Denison Hayward, James F. Duffield, William C. Duffield, William L. Duffield and E. Nolan Golden were elected members of the committee.

The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) moved the ratification of one belfry election, the re-election of seven old members and the election of ten new members, and these were all duly elected.

It was resolved that the Whit Monday meeting on May 20th be held at Pulham Market, and the August Bank Holiday meeting on August 5th at North Elmham.

It was also resolved that formal notice be given at the next general meeting for the appointment of an adviser to the Guild on matters pertaining to church bells and belfries, who shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. This concluded the routine business, and the meeting then proceeded to the all-important matter relating to the recent circularisation of members to obtain their opinion as to a reorganisation of the Guild.

REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

The President announced that the Standing Committee at their meeting held in the morning had accepted the result of the referendum, and referred the matter to the general meeting for consideration. The President said that 325 circulars were sent to members resident in Norfolk. Of these, 205 were filled up, signed and returned, leaving 120 not returned. That, he thought, was a very satisfactory result. The replies to the questionnaire were as follows:—

- (1) Are you in favour of having three large districts instead of the present eleven small districts?—Yes 157, no 40, neutral 8.
- (2) Do you approve of these districts covering the areas of the Archdeacons of the diocese?—Yes 151, no 33, neutral 21.
- (3) And should the new districts be called—(a) The Norwich Archdeaconry? (b) The Norfolk Archdeaconry? (c) The King's Lynn Archdeaconry?—Yes 150, no 29, neutral 26.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 38 mins.: J. Colly 1, H. Belcher 2, A. E. Petrie 3, W. Martin 4, W. Jeffries (conductor) 5, R. Steers 6, E. B. Crowder 7, A. Bennington 8.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 31st, for evening service, at quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: A. Stevens 1, W. Shorter 2, W. C. Parker (conductor) 3, E. Goater 4, G. Beeby 5, A. Hiscock 6, W. E. Butler 7, F. W. Smith 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on March 24th, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: E. J. Allen 1, R. Walker 2, J. Floyd 3, W. Shepherd 4, H. Gates 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of treble and 2nd.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Palm Sunday, for matins, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original): M. Pink 1, H. Dowden (first quarter inside) 2, E. Squibb 3, A. R. Ward 4, H. Barton (conductor) 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, A. White 8.

THANET.—On Sunday, March 31st, at St. Peter's Church, after evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: G. Ovendon 1, L. Hilton 2, J. Hiscock 3, W. J. Fairbeard 4, J. Blythman (conductor) 5, J. Belsey 6, F. Hilton 7, G. Appleton 8.

HESTON BELLS REOPENED.

After being silent for about six weeks the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Heston, were formally opened for ringing again on Easter Saturday. An inspection of the bells some weeks previously had been made by Messrs. Moars and Stainbank, who augmented and rebung the peal in 1908. They reported the bells to be in a bad condition and overhauling necessary. They suggested rebanging the bells on ball bearings, repairing the chiming apparatus, and overhauling and painting the frame, at an estimated cost of £110.

The Church Council wisely decided to put the work in hand at once, and asked the Whitechapel firm to try and get the bells finished by Easter. This they undertook to do, and so quickly did they complete their task that the bells were finished with a fortnight to spare, but it was decided to delay the opening until Easter Saturday, when a company of the local ringers and members of the Middlesex Association met for this purpose. Ringing commenced about 4.15, and continued until 5.30, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob being brought round.

The party then adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, at which the Vicar (Rev. George Craggs, M.A.) presided, and expressed great pleasure in welcoming those present, and announced that some £70 of the sum required for the work had been subscribed.

After tea, thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his hospitality, and the company again returned to the tower for a further hour's ringing, when further touches in various methods were brought round in good style.

All present expressed approval at the way the work had been carried out, and the 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired. Among those present were Messrs. J. A. Trollope, W. H. Hollier, C. S. Bird, H. C. Chaudler, E. Gladman and C. S. Turner.

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(4) Do you consider a committee consisting of chairman, secretary, and three or more elected members can be got together for carrying out the work of your own new district as proposed?—Yes 151, no 28, neutral 26.

(5) Are you in favour of changing the title to—(a) The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers (the original title of the Guild?—Yes 166, no 24, neutral 15. Or (b) The present title of the Guild to remain, viz., The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich?—Yes 36, no 46, neutral 123.

After making comments on the areas of the three new districts being coterminous with the Archdeaconries now formed not to be suitable for the grouping of the existing districts, the President suggested that a small committee should be appointed to recommend suitable and convenient rearrangement for the grouping of the districts. In conclusion, the President pointed out that if the result of the referendum was accepted by the members involving alterations to rules, notice must be given at that meeting, and be brought forward at the next general meeting of the Guild.

A short debate then followed, in which several members took part. Mr. G. P. Burton strongly opposed any alteration to the present title of the Guild.

The following notice of amendment to a rule was given: 'That Rule 1, as regards the title of the Guild, be altered in accordance with the replies to the questions sent out, viz., to "The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers," and that a small committee be appointed to recommend the rearrangement of the districts either into Archdeaconries or more convenient districts.'

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon F. J. Meyrick for the use of the church and bells, and also to the Rev. A. Henderson, the Rev. D. A. Callum, and the Rev. P. J. Raybould for the use of their bells.

This concluded the meeting. The members then adjourned to the bellies for further ringing. They were joined by late-comers, making a total attendance of over 50 members for the day.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on April 23rd; St. Magnus' on the 25th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 18th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Frittenden on Saturday, April 13th, by kind permission of Rev. H. M. Leathley. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. A good meeting is hoped for. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 13th. Ringing from 2.30, at Cathedral (8) and S. Nicolas (10). Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Hall.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Walsall on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (new ring of 12) available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided in the Brotherhood Institute at 5.30. All ringers will be welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE BELLS OF DERSINGHAM CHURCH will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Lynn on Saturday, April 13th, at 3 p.m. All ringers are invited. Tea provided.—R. L. B. Oliver, Vicarage, Dersingham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The first quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Hearnor on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting afterwards.—F. W. Bailey, 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham, Local Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting and combined practice will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—South-West District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cornwood on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Village Inn 5 p.m.—E. W. Marsh, 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the above guild will be held at Lockerley on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available: Lockerley 6, East Tytherley 8. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. — W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Felkirk. Bells ready early. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Prospect House, Royston, Barnsley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Duffield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, April 13th. Will all members please make an effort to attend? Important business for discussion. New rule for Guild, etc. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Hilda F. Jacques, Northfield Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Dunmow Branch are holding their annual ringing festival on Saturday, April 13th. Bells available (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service in the church 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Room at 5, followed by a short musical programme. All ringers heartily invited to attend.—H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Doddleston on Saturday, April 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. I shall be glad to hear from those intending to be present.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Eccleston, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bleadon on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, with tea and business to follow.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chilcompton on Saturday, April 13th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. — R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, nr. Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting to follow. A good attendance requested. — James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 13th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5, address by the Vicar. Tea afterwards at the Brown Bear. All ringing friends are heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, April 13th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Midgham on Saturday, April 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting to be held at Wimborne, St. Giles', on Saturday, April 13th. Ringing from 2.45. Tea in Parish Hall 4.30. Service 5.30. Address by Rev. E. J. Janson Smith. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells from 3 to 8.30. Service. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names or numbers for tea will be appreciated by the hon. sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports, etc., to hand. Subscriptions due.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, April 16th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Room. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, by Thursday, the 18th instant. Hearty welcome to all.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. New rules and diagrams (6d. each) and emblems (3d. each) now available. Will tower secretaries please let me know the number of members requiring emblems?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, April 20th (not 27th, as arranged). Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector of Gravesend (Rev. Elliott Mitchell). Tea, by kind invitation, will be provided *only* for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 17th. — Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify? All ringers welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, April 20th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the All Saints' Church House at 1s. 6d. per head, and those requiring same please notify Mr. W. Pearson, 53, Northgate, Pontefract, by Wednesday, April 17th. For detailed particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. Chair to be taken by the Vicar. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Burton Bradstock (6 bells) on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Combe Florey on Saturday, April 20th. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Those requiring tea please notify me by April 16th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 17th.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Newhall, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea advise me by Thursday, the 18th inst.? Reports (6d.) can be obtained at this meeting. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Leach, Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, April 20th. 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 Houghton Regis on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Elveden, Suffolk, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) at the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew's Church will be available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. if a sufficient number notify Mr. W. J. Paul, Cross Roads, Elveden, Thetford, not later than Thursday, April 18th.—P. W. Fordham, King's Way, Mildenhall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barrow-on-Soar on Saturday, April 20th. The bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m. Reports now to hand.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 16th? — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Menlton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Owing to illness, we are unable to arrange a combined meeting at Biggleswade, as suggested for the Herts, Ely and Bedfordshire Associations.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 20th. The Parish Church bells (8) will be open for ringing from 2.30. Tea will be provided at 5, at a moderate charge, at the Corner House Café, next to the church. Business meeting will follow. Committee meeting at 4.15.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday April 20th. Tower will be announced next week.—Geo. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Creswell on Saturday, April 20th. All those requiring tea notify Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmlton Road, not later than April 17th.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at St. Mary, Walmer, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made for those members attending and who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 24th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting to follow. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on April 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at the Horse Shoes at 4.30. Meeting follows. — Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. Evensong in the North-West Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head; business meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) from 1.45 p.m. until service time, and at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2 to 3. The towers will also be open for ringing after the business meeting until 9 o'clock. All members requiring tea should send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than by Wednesday's post, April 24th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eye on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea at the Horse Shoes, 4.30, at 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, April 25th.—A. J. Berry, Hon. Dis. Sec., Thornham Magna, near Eye.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Parish Hall, Cyprus Road, about 1s. Important.—Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.). — A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Re-opening of St. James', Clerkenwell, bells on Saturday, May 4th. Association meeting, to which all ringers are cordially invited. Further particulars next week; please book date.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—In conjunction with the Liverpool Diocesan Guild the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, May 11th. The Bishop of Liverpool has provisionally promised to attend.—W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson and C. I. Davies, Hon. Secs.

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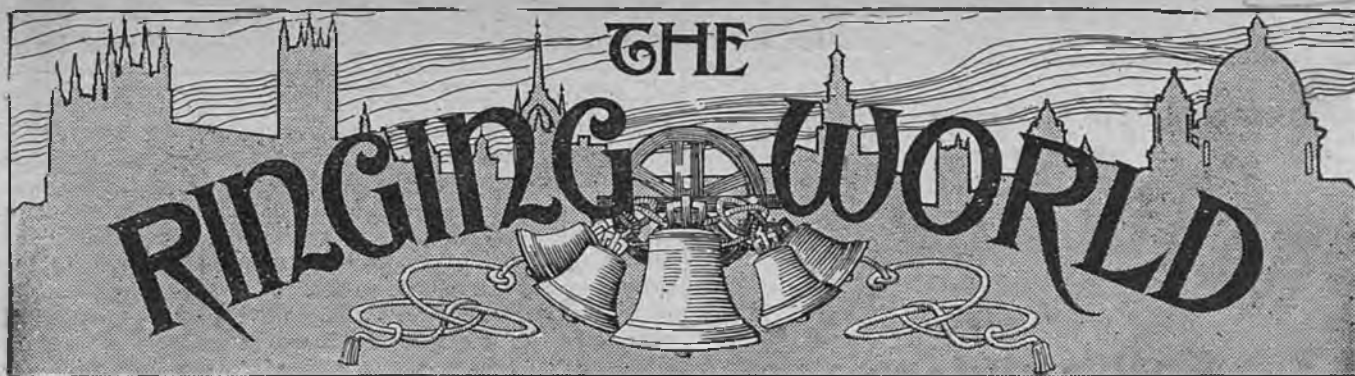
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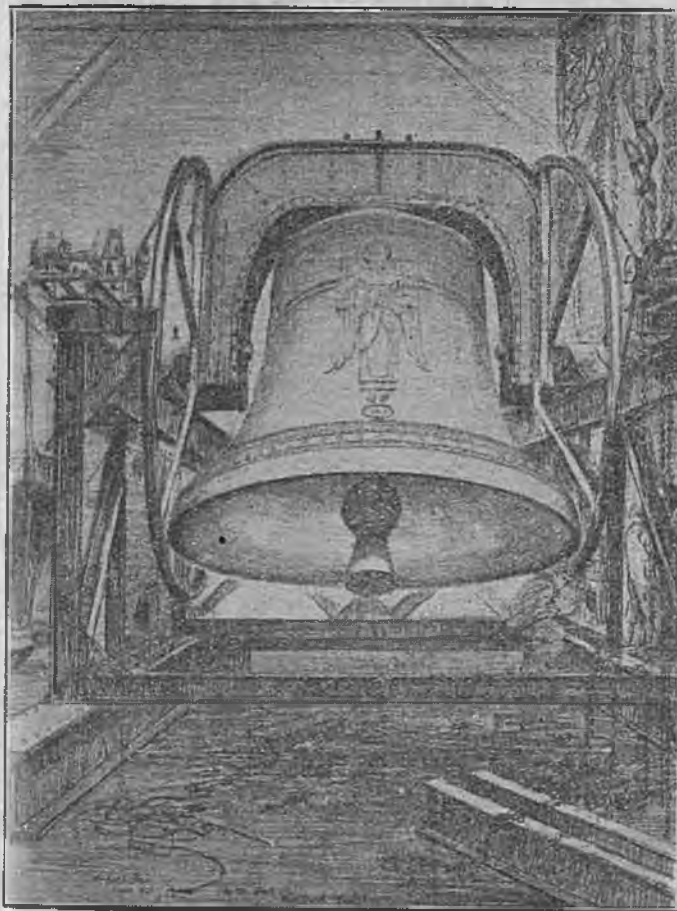
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It is strange, however, to find a parish anxious and ready to restore their bells and, with the money for the purpose already in the bank, having to hold their hand because of the obstruction of a Diocesan Advisory Committee. The little Bedfordshire parish of Tilsworth wants its bells rehung in a new iron frame; it has subscribed all the necessary funds; but because the Advisory Committee want a wood frame installed instead of a metal one the scheme has been held up for nearly two years. That is one of the drawbacks of Advisory Committees who have no member among them with any technical knowledge of bells and bell hanging. Even the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, the most conservative of all bodies where restorations are concerned, has come to the conclusion that a metal frame has advantages. Assuming other things to be equal, the only claim which oak has to preference is that it does not need painting, but, apart from taking up more room, there is great difficulty in obtaining really seasoned timber, and the frame is liable to shrink and warp, or be

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*THOMAS TOWNSEND 4	ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal inside. † First peal. The ringer of the treble belongs to Tipton, 5th to Old Hill, 7th to Dudley, the rest to the local company.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

PERCY ALMOND Treble	*EDWARD B. SMITH 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	GEORGE J. ANDREWS 6
*URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	CHARLES J. ANDREWS 7
MAURICE LING 4	GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN J. FRANCIS (Bressingham).

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal, and belong to the local band.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1929, 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 19 cwt. 11 lb.

*F. R. WIGGIN Treble	†F. T. HAYLE 5
†B. J. YEATES 2	R. J. WARRILOW 6
*A. E. GARRETT 3	W. H. JONES 7
*H. EVANS 4	*G. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. JONES.

* First peal. † First inside. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor. Ringers of 4th and tenor were elected members before starting.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK V. GANT Treble	†CHARLES S. TUTHILL 5
†WILLIAM J. WASEY 2	F. NOLAN GOLDEN 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
†EDWARD HOWES 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLEY Treble	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	ARNOLD HAIGH 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HILL.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of esteem for the late Archie Brearley, who died on March 27th, and was a ringer at the above church for 27 years.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*HARRY A. SMITH Treble	*SIDNEY HYDER 5
*FREDERICK LIMB 2	JAMES E. BURLS 6
*JAMES WILLIAMS 3	*ARTHUR STEDMAN 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	THOMAS METCALF Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	*JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	*PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

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RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD Treble	*SIDART SANDFORD 5
ERNEST DOBBIE 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
FREDERICK S. MACZY 3	EDWARD H. SPICE 7
SAMUEL TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the completion by F. Macey of 25 years with the Rainham band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

ARTHUR R. MILES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM COLLINSON 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 4	HERBERT MARKWELL Tenor

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

WANDSWORTH.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	THOMAS W. WELBOURNE 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	JAMES H. RUMLEY 6
ERNEST E. BISH 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN 7
WILLIAM LANGDON 4	WILLIAM G. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. W. CHAPMAN.

Rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the hon. secretary of the above society. First peal in the method as conductor.

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIE AARON Treble	JOSEPH WOODS 5
LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
THOMAS HOWARTH 3	*JAMES PARR 7
ARTHUR LORD 4	JOHN HIRST Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

AMOS CLARKE Treble	*ERNEST REEVE 5
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
HERBERT SKELT 3	WILLIAM MADGWICK 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

CLARENCE BLACKBURN Treble	SAM GIBSON 5
HARRY ROBINSON 2	*ARTHUR ADAMS 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
HARRY MARSDEN 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by E. CROWTHER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER J. BATTLE Treble	THOMAS ROGERS 5
LESTER L. GRAY 2	JOHN BREESE 6
JOHN COOKE 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 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 on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KIRSEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
HARRY C. BALLS 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES W. BIRD Treble	JOHN KING 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 2	*FREDERICK J. TITE 6
*HARRY WARREN 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in a Surprise method. Mr. C. W. Bird has now completed the circle in this tower.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOOTTON COURTENAY, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, February 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*W. COPP Treble	S. BAKER 4
R. COURT 2	W. CONIBERE 5
W. MIDDLETON 3	A. COURT Tenor

Conducted by W. CONIBERE.

* First peal.

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DROITWICH.

On Easter Monday, April 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

W. HARRISON Treble	W. RAXTER 4
J. NEALE 2	J. PRICE 5
E. G. HAWKINS 3	F. YATES Tenor

Conducted by J. PRICE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. Green.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores (twelve callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*E. ENTICKNAP Treble	V. NICHOLLS 4
S. KILNER 2	F. BROOKS 5
P. DUNCTON 3	†M. SOPP Tenor

Conducted by F. BROOKS.

* Re-elected a member before starting. † First peal. First peal on the bells.

BALTORESBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM RAWLES Treble	ALBERT WOOLLEY 4
JOSEPH RAWLES 2	V. JOHN FARTHING 5
HAROLD HOSKINS 3	GEORGE PHELPS Tenor

Conducted by V. J. FARTHING. d ~~ALB~~

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... Treble	THOMAS C. WALTERS ... 4
WILLIAM FRENCH 2	ALEXANDER COLEY ... 5
EDWARD WHITLOCK 3	THOMAS H. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD WHITLOCK.

Rung to celebrate the christening of the first son of the conductor. First peal of Stedman Doubles for the Branch by a local band.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

BRINLEY J. JONES Treble	WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 4
ALAC A. KACKHAM 2	GEORGE POPNELL 5
*DONALD CLIFT 3	SYDNEY T. KACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by G. POPNELL.

* First peal of Minor. D. Clift, who hails from Usk, Monmouthshire, was elected a member of the association before commencing. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of London, York, Norwich, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge.

E. E. WOODAGE Treble	JAMES BASSETT 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	JAMES WAGHORN 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

This was J. Waghorn's 50th peal, and his first in seven Surprise methods.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Easter Tuesday, April 2, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court, and two each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
JOSEPH O. LANDON 2	COTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
WILLIAM TILLEY 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the conductor, who has completed 30 years as churchwarden at the above church, also as a wedding peal for Miss G. Musson, sister of the ringer of the tenor, and Mr. F. Booth, who were married in the afternoon. First as conductor.

CLEWER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, seven different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS S. SMITH Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
EDWARD S. T. FARR 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

First Minor peal on the bells. Mr. Cross (the Rector's warden) congratulated the ringers at the close of the peal, and afterwards kindly provided them with refreshments.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES SOUTER Treble	ERNEST DURANT 4
CHARLES HONEYWOOD 2	WILLIAM STIFF 5
STANLEY MOSS 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER HONEYWOOD.

The ringer of the 4th comes from Thorp-le-Soken, the rest are the local company. Rung on the anniversary of the first peal on the bells, 25 years ago. This was conducted by George Moss, and the band, as far as it known, are all still alive.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty 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 6 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lb.

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
HARRY PARKER 3	ENGR. F. H. CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

Rung as a welcome home to Engineer F. H. Crawley, of the White Star Liner, 'Euripedes,' on his return from his first voyage to Australia.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Chapman, of Keyston, Hunts.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE FIRST YEAR'S WORK.

The first annual general meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Guildford on Saturday, and was attended by about 120 members, many of whom participated in the ringing during the afternoon, at the Cathedral and St. Nicolas' Churches. The Guild service took place in the Cathedral, where a full choir led the singing. Canon E. C. Kirwan (the Provost) officiated, and the lesson was read by the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge (Vicar of Leatherhead), who gave the address.

Speaking from the text, 'One star differeth from another star in glory' (1 Cor. xv. 41), the preacher reminded his hearers that no two things in nature were exactly alike. God never made two men alike; each soul was made to fulfil some particular part in the great harmony of the Universe, and to fulfil the glory of God. So it was with the various parts of the work for the honour and glory of God and his Church. The Church had discovered that among bellringers a great work was being done for God. It might be that it was only in comparatively recent years that the Church had recognised the work of the bellringers, but that was, he thought, very largely because the bellringers did not themselves previously recognise that they were doing a piece of work for God—they had looked upon it merely as a hobby, a craft, an art. But, thank God, during the past half-century ringers had increasingly recognised that they had a great part in the work of the Church, and without that part there would be something missing. Rightly, therefore, they had claimed to be looked upon as real, active fellow-workers for God. Such a thing as a diocesan service for bellringers would have been an unimaginable thing fifty or sixty years ago. Continuing, the preacher said that bellringers in one sense stood for the great advertising agency of the Church; they stood in the light of propaganda. Where there were bells, no one need be ignorant of the fact that there was a church, and that there were church services. The bells called men and women to do their duty to their God, which stood over and above their duty to their neighbour, and they entered into every phase of human life. Bellringers were, happily, coming into their own, from the part they played in the harmony, which came through the diversity, of the work which was being done for the glory of God.

Tea was served in Holy Trinity Hall, at which Mr. Walter Harrison, chairman of the committee, presided. He was supported by the Provost, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, Sir Arthur Martindale, Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), and Mr. C. A. Burdock (hon. auditor), while, later, the Archdeacon of Dorking (Canon R. Irwin) joined the party. Among those also present were Rev. Sir John Herschel (West Clandon), Rev. C. F. T. Willis (Dorking), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), Mr. J. Parker (Edmonton), W. Charman (Warnham), Miss H. F. Mills (Brixton), Miss Melville (Reigate), and members from Aldershot, Bagshot, Banstead, Chiddingfold, Cobham, Cranleigh, Dorking, Epsom, Farnham, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Leatherhead, Otlands Park, Ottershaw, Seale, Shere, Thames Ditton, Walton, West Clandon, Woking, Worplesdon, etc.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Provost for the service, to the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge for his address, and to the Cathedral organist (Mr. Sowerbutts).

In their first report the committee referred to the successful inauguration of the Guild and the launching of the four districts. In each district the Guild was fortunate in obtaining enthusiastic officers. The committee acknowledged with sincere thanks the services which these gentlemen had rendered. The programme drawn up provided for six meetings in each district during the year, and these meetings were duly held, with, in almost every case, conspicuous success. In a few instances the attendance was not up to expectation, but when the numbers present were comparatively few, individuals were able to enjoy greater practice, so that even these meetings had their compensations, and certainly could not be written down as failures. The combined practices have met with varying response. In the Leatherhead District, where 33 were held during the year, the scheme which has been carried out had had excellent results. Here the object was definitely to assist the local band at the tower where the practice was held, and some splendid spade work had been done. In the Guildford District the practice had been monthly, those held on Saturdays having been more successful than those in the mid-week. In this district it was proposed in future to hold the meetings on the practice night of the tower visited. In the Chertsey and Farnham Districts there was a rather regrettable lack of support for the combined practices, and it was hoped that the members would in future rally better to their officers and give a helping hand, even if it be at some little inconvenience.

During the year 22 peals were rung, and these included the Guild's first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Bob Minor and Surprise Minor, Grandshire Triples, Double Norwich Major, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, Grandshire Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Seventy-six ringers took part in the peals. Of these, ten rang their first peal, two their first peal with a bob bell, one his first in the method with a bob bell, 15 their first in the method, 10 their first

peal of Minor, five their first of Major, five their first on ten bells, and four their first of Royal. The conductors were Messrs. A. Harman, 8; J. S. Goldsmith, 3; W. T. Beeson, 2; A. H. Winch, 2; F. R. Tullett, H. Langdon, W. J. Robinson, Frank Bennett, C. H. Kippen, R. Hasted and Fred Bennett, 1 each.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE.

The membership of the Guild at the close of the year was 595, made up as follows: Life hon. members 19, hon. members 38, life ringing members 4, annual ringing members 393, compounding members 111. Financially, the Guild might congratulate itself on the first year's working, for after paying the initial expenses, which were rather considerable, there remained a balance in hand of £20 1s. 2d. on the general fund, while the balances in the four districts aggregate £11 0s. 10d. While the Guild could look back with satisfaction on the first year of its existence, there was still a considerable amount of work to be done. Apart from the fact that some few towers still remained outside the Guild, many of those which were affiliated were still below full strength in their bands. The first work of the Guild ought to be to help those companies to raise their numbers, so that the bells might be fully manned for the Sunday service ringing. This could only be done by the co-operation of all the clergy and ringers in the parishes concerned, not less than the officers and members of the Guild. There was still room for a greater measure of support by the members generally of those who were entrusted with carrying on the work of the Guild and who were doing their best to maintain its activities, create interest, and extend the art of change ringing. In the past year the Guild had done well; the future depended not alone on the officers but upon the members as a whole, and the committee hoped that the coming year would see the meetings and combined practices supported by still larger numbers.

The statement of accounts presented by the hon. treasurer showed receipts amounting to £71 17s. 4d., including £9 15s. from 39 towers which paid the affiliation fees, £24 3s. from life members, £7 18s. 6d. from unattached and compounding members, £21 15s. 9d. the quota from the districts, and £8 5s. 1d. from other sources. The expenditure, which totalled £51 16s. 2d., included £17 11s. 11d. incurred in connection with the preliminary organisation of the Guild. The balance at the close of the year on the general fund was thus £20 1s. 2d.

The report and statement of accounts were adopted.

The Hon. Secretary proposed the election of Mr. Walter Harrison as the first vice-president of the Guild, and in doing so referred to the interest which Mr. Harrison took in the old Winchester Guild, and the active and valued assistance he gave in the promotion of the new Guild, and since that time in carrying on its work.—Admiral T. P. Walker seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried amid applause, and the chairman acknowledged the compliment paid to him.

The retiring officers had been nominated by several towers, and as no other names had been received, the following were declared re-elected: Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock.

Canon Kirwan was elected a life member, Mr. James Parker a compounding member, and Mr. G. Pearce (Godalming) a ringing member.

Mr. B. H. Clark, hon. secretary of the Farnham District, presented to the Guild a handsomely bound peal book, sufficient to record 500 peals, and he was cordially thanked for his kindness, on the motion of the chairman.

Various alterations to the rules were considered, and on the recommendation of the Executive Committee it was resolved that in future the nomination of general officers should be made at the annual district meetings, and of the district officers at the district meeting immediately prior to the annual district meeting. It was also decided that all elections, if necessary, should be by ballot.

It was also decided that in future members attending a meeting of the Executive Committee should be entitled to receive their travelling expenses, and that power be given to the Executive Committee to make grants, if applied for, to towers which are endeavouring to add new bells to the existing ring, or are carrying out extensive repairs, any such grant not to exceed £3.

It was resolved to print a report for circulation among the resident members.

A discussion took place on the venue of the summer festival, which it was suggested should be held in conjunction with the jubilee festival of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Petersfield and Haslemere. Several speakers expressed the view that Haslemere should not be included on account of the distance which the two places are apart, and Mr. Hazelden regretted the fact that the jubilee festival was not to be held at Basingstoke, where the old Winchester Guild was founded.

The Master, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary were appointed as a sub-committee to act with the sub-committee of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild in making arrangements for the festival.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Guildford, the date to be settled by the committee.

The meeting then discussed the various motions on the agenda of the Central Council, and requested its representatives to vote for the

principle contained in the proposal that the Council should not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively before beginning the next 720 or 120.

The meeting was opposed to asking hon. members of the Council to pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum, but agreed to the proposal that in future associations should pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum.

In the other matters full discretion was left to the representatives to vote as they thought fit, after hearing the arguments.

It was left to the Executive Committee to decide what support should be given by the Guild to the Bristol United Guilds' proposal to enlarge the 'Ringers' Directory.'

The members agreed to a proposal to hold a joint meeting with the Royal Cumberland Youths at Epsom at some date to be arranged.

THE ARCHDEACON AND THE TOWERS.

The Chairman welcomed the Archdeacon of Dorking, who, in reply, said it was always a great pleasure to him to come among the ringers, and also to meet them at the churches he visited. There were some towers he knew of where the numbers were deficient, and he hoped that more ringers might be brought in. If he was allowed to apply for grants for bell restoration it would not be long before they received applications, because there were two towers where he had already ordered repairs to be carried out and the bells to be carefully inspected. He hoped the work would be taken in hand before long. He would tell these two parishes where there was a lot of money to back them up (laughter). Wherever he carried out an inspection he always asked, 'What about the tower?' That sometimes caused surprise, but he always said to the churchwardens, 'I am going up it.' He had had some perilous ascents (laughter). He had found some towers sadly neglected, and he intended to see that they were put in order (applause). With regard to the majority of towers, he must congratulate them upon the wonderful improvement made and the very great care taken of them (hear, hear). If there were any towers where it was necessary that improvements should be carried out, he would be only too glad if the Master or the hon. secretary would bring them to his notice, and he would bring the matters to the notice of the churchwardens at his visitations next month. The churchwardens were the people primarily responsible for seeing that the bells and towers were in order, and if he could help the Guild in that way he was at their disposal. Continuing, the Archdeacon said that although his engagements were very numerous he hoped it would always be possible for him to look in at the Guild's meetings, and

if he knew the dates a good time ahead he would endeavour to keep them free, because it kept him in touch with a body of men whose work for the church he greatly admired. He was sometimes glad he did not live immediately next to a tower (laughter), but it was always nice to hear the bells sounding from a distance, and the work of the ringers was a very essential bit of church work in the diocese. Long might they continue their good work. He hoped he might always be in touch with the bellringers in his own archdeaconry, and if at any time he could possibly attend their meetings he would be glad to do so. His desire was not to be some high, bloated dignitary, but to be their servant and brother, and one who was only too anxious to help them in any way he possibly could (applause).

Admiral Walker gave an invitation to the members to the opening of the new treble bells at Woking on May 11th, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith informed the meeting that the Guild was losing the services of Mr. F. G. Woodiss, hon. secretary of the Leatherhead District, who was leaving for the North of England. He proposed that the thanks of the Guild be given to Mr. Woodiss for his services to the Guild.—The Archdeacon of Dorking seconded the motion, which was warmly accorded.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the secretary for his services and to the chairman for presiding.

A 'TIRED' PEAL.

PROPOSED RESTORATION OF BELLS AT NORTON, STAFFS.

Owing to the very bad going of the above bells, ringing is at present confined to touches of about 240 changes. An expert from Messrs. Taylor and Co. has now been called in to examine the bells, and in his report he states that the metal is absolutely tired, and that the bells are all out of tune with each other, and that the bearings are worn. The matter has been brought before the Parochial Church Council, owing to an S.O.S. thrown out by the leader of the ringers, Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, and it was unanimously decided to issue an appeal to the parish for funds to rectify matters.

The bells have been in the tower since 1826. They have, therefore, done very good service, and it is sincerely hoped that the appeal will meet with a response which will warrant the church officials giving the order for a clear out.

To have all the six bells recast will require a sum of £340, which is rather a big undertaking for a village in these days, but there is every confidence that the natives will rise to the occasion, assisted by outlying districts, to whom Norton bells always appeal, as the tower stands on a hill, and the bells are heard from far and near.

In the meantime the ringers intend to 'carry on' as well as possible with their backs to the wall (figuratively speaking).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The commemoration dinner to the past officers of the Yorkshire Association will take place at the King's Head Hotel, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 21st, at 6 p.m.

Forty years ago next Monday Mr. W. T. Pates called the famous 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, which at that time was the longest peal rung on ten bells. Most, if not all, of the band have now gone from us, with the exception of the Cheltenham veteran. The peal was rung on Easter Monday, 1889, and occupied 9 hrs. 43 mins.

By a coincidence it was on the same day of the month in 1922 that the existing ten-bell record—and, in fact, the record length for any number of bells—was set up by the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

St. George's Day is the 60th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Epsom, Surrey, by four fathers and four sons. The last surviving member of that band—Mr. Thomas Miles—died only last June. He was 80 years of age at his death.

One of the earliest, if not the first, 'George' peals was rung on St. George's Day, 1857, at St. George's Church, Camberwell.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Goscombe, Somerset, on April 1st was Franklin D. Rickards, and Frank D. Richards, as published.

Ringers visiting Belfast on holiday or business will be made very welcome at any of the towers, if they will communicate with the hon. secretary, W. Pratt, Kinnegar, Holywood, Belfast.

Mr. Arthur W. Searle, a well-known Exeter ringer, and one of the representatives of Devon on the Central Council, has been appointed deputy editor of the 'Devon and Exeter Daily Gazette.'

With the opening of the new peal of 12 bells at Walsall, there are now three peals of 12 in the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Walsall is in quite a good position for 12-bell ringers, as West Bromwich is only five miles distant, Wolverhampton 6½, and St. Martin's, Birmingham, is 8½ miles.

A CARILLON FOR NEW ZEALAND.

On Wednesday of last week the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P., Dominion Secretary, and the Rt. Hon. Sir James Parr, K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for New Zealand, visited the Croydon Bell Foundry, where they inspected the first carillon for New Zealand. It consists of 49 bells, the smallest being 9lb. and the largest 5 tons, the total weight of the bells being 31½ tons. The carillon is to be erected at Wellington, and is a memorial to the men and women of New Zealand who gave their lives in the Great War.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are also carrying out the recasting of the bells of Derry Cathedral, and on Friday, in the presence of the Dean and members of the Honourable Irish Society, the new tenor of 31 cwt. was cast. To the new ring of ten will be added three semitone bells for tune playing, which will be hung dead.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The railway companies, having reduced the qualifying number to 100, have agreed to issue a ticket to Chelmsford at a fare and a half, available between May 18th and 22nd next, provided that not less than 100 adults use the tickets.

As the usual attendance at provincial meetings (including visitors) is generally about 100, if all those desirous of attending from near and far will avail themselves of the said tickets, it will be to the general advantage.

I shall be glad, therefore, if the hon. secretaries of the various Guilds and associations will let me know, at once, the number of tickets they will require, for themselves and their friends, as unless somewhere near the required number is guaranteed it will be useless for me to proceed with the printing of the necessary vouchers.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

WHOSE MONEY?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Is Mr. Joyce right when he refers to 'my money,' as I rather fancy the Gloucester and Bristol Association have assisted as much as any other association, and therefore we, too, could say, 'Our money'?

As a matter of fact the Central Council publications are issued at a 'profit,' and therefore, in the event of our ceasing affiliation, Mr. Joyce might recommend to the Council that we should have a refund, and then bar us from future benefits.

However, as hon. secretary of an association with 1,000 members, the fear is not how to stop members buying publications, but how to get them to do so? The librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, will bear me out in this.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

P.S.—Mr. Joyce's definition of the Central Council being 'a funny old body' is gratefully accepted.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S 'OBSTRUCTION'

CRITICISMS AT BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The action of the Diocesan Advisory Committee in holding up the restoration of the bells at Tilsworth, Beds, was the subject of some outspoken criticism at the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Leighton Buzzard on Easter Monday. The meeting followed lunch at the Plume of Feathers Hotel, when Canon W. W. C. Baker, president, occupied the chair. Explaining why Leighton had been chosen for the meeting, he said they had met at Bedford for the last 48 years, but a month ago it was reported to the committee that the bells of St. Paul's, Bedford, were not ringable, and they selected Leighton because the conditions for ringing appertained to those they were accustomed to at Bedford.

Mr. G. F. Green, who supported Canon Baker, proposed the latter's re-election as president, and said he had thought they were honouring Leighton by their visit, but, from Canon Baker's remarks, they were there simply because they could not go anywhere else, a fact which had minimised the pleasure he had previously felt at having them there (laughter).—Mr. J. Nicholls seconded the re-election of Canon Baker, who, in reply, said he did not do much ringing now, but his interest in the association was just as keen as ever it was.

Vice-presidents re-elected were Miss E. Steel, Bedford, Mr. A. A. King, Luton, Mr. Cyril Herbert, Woburn, and the Rev. A. Rust, Husbome Crawley.

In regard to the appointment of an auditor, Canon Baker said his brother-in-law, Mr. F. Tanqueray, who conducted the first 720 ever rung by the association, and showed his interest by being auditor, was very dangerously ill. Mr. Green suggested that they should re-appoint Mr. Tanqueray and send him a letter of sympathy in his illness. This was agreed to.

Mr. A. E. Sharman, Dunstable, was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Canon Baker and he were re-appointed representatives on the Central Council.

When the venue of the next annual meeting was under discussion, a question arose as to when the bells at Bedford would be ready. Miss Steel said they had only about £70 towards the cost, and wanted about £290. They ought to be able to raise this sum, but there should be alternative places in case the bells were not ready.

Mr. Green suggested that as Leighton had ten bells and Linsdale eight, Leighton be the alternative place to visit, but added that it would be a disgrace to Bedford if the bells were not ready.

Miss Steel seconded, but Mr. Cyril Herbert suggested some other centre more accessible to ringers from the other side of the county. Luton and Biggleswade were other centres.

Mr. C. W. Clarke, Bedford, suggested Woburn, where they were sure of a good ring. They were bad bells at Luton.

A vote resulted: Leighton 10, Biggleswade 6, Woburn 5.

TILSWORTH BELLS.

Mr. F. Vickers, Linslade, thought that if the churchpeople of Bedfordshire could get Canon Baker and Mr. Green on the Advisory Committee they would get the Bedford bells done this year. It appeared that the present Advisory Committee, instead of helping the cause of bellringing, were doing it a lot of harm.

Canon Baker said they could not interfere in the matter of the Advisory Committee, because this was appointed by the Diocesan Conference. The committee was quite ready to listen to the representations of Mr. Rust.

Mr. Sharman: Do they take any notice of him? He went and reported on the bells at Tilsworth, but they did not take any notice. To my idea they are an absolute washout. The people of Tilsworth had been messed about for two years, because they had had the money in the bank all that time to carry out the work. It was disheartening to the people who had raised the money.

The Rev. A. Rust said he was asked to look at the Tilsworth bells, and sent in his report. He said that the bells were in a deplorable condition, and that a clean sweep should be made, but he was just thanked for his letter and heard nothing more about it. Had he been asked his opinion he would have suggested an iron frame, but the Advisory Committee was keen on having wood frames. Architects, for some reason, always thought they should have wood frames. He had the same trouble at Husbome Crawley, and insisted on an iron frame. He was afraid they were going to have a battle over wood or iron frames.

Mr. Sharman: Yet the bell founders say they cannot guarantee a wood frame.

Mr. J. Nicholls: They cannot get seasoned oak nowadays.

Mr. Vickers said he advised the people of Tilsworth to get a new treble bell and make a peal of six. They raised £400, and the late Vicar, Mr. Green, gave them £50 for the new bell. This £450 had been lying in the bank since 12 months last June. They could not get on with the job because the Advisory Committee would not budge. The Church Council said they would have the job done as they wanted, or not spend the money.

Mr. Sharman said that at Totternhoe a band of young ringers raised money outside the parish for a new treble bell, but the Advisory Committee had tried to put obstacles in their way.

Canon Baker replied that nothing could be done without a faculty, and the Chancellor of the diocese would not issue one except on the

advice of the Advisory Committee. He did not know what they could do except protest.

Mr. Sharman said if there was an organ with two or three bad pipes, it was replaced by a new one, but they must not change a bell which was out of tune. What could they do if the bells were recast without applying for a faculty?

The Rev. A. Rust replied that they could be made to take them down again.

Mr. Green could not understand the Advisory Committee having the least objection to bells being rehung. Whether it was a wood or iron frame should rest with the bell hanger. If he said it was much wiser to have steel they should have it. He could not understand Tilsworth having £450 in hand and the bells not being rung. He would have thought that the villagers would have been up in arms ('They are'). For the Advisory Committee to keep people waiting like that was absurd.

Mr. C. Herbert said the reason given for not favouring bells in metal frames was that they spoiled the tone of the bells.

Canon Baker said he would raise the question at the next diocesan conference, and tell them of the indignation that had been expressed.

THE SIX-BELL PEAL CONTROVERSY.

Canon Baker asked for some expression of opinion on what he described as the very vexed question of five and six bell peals. He had been ringing for 50 years, and did not think they could do better than stick to the old way of having seven seven-twenties, which were complete in themselves.

After discussion, Canon Baker said he felt that the association did not wish for an alteration in the rules that would allow bits of seven-twenties being rung and pieced together to be called a peal.

A welcome to the members, on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens, was given by one of the Leighton churchwardens, Mr. W. Gill, who said it was nice to have a predominant vote in favour of Leighton Buzzard for the next meeting. Referring to the excellent way in which the art of bellringing was carried out, he said ringers had very little idea what it would mean to outsiders if they lost their bells. He did not know of another theme more appealing than bellringing, and could not imagine what a town or village would be like without it.

Canon Baker, in reply, expressed thanks to the Vicars of Leighton and Linslade for the use of the belfries.

New members elected were Mr. F. Bennett and Miss Sear, Totternhoe.

It was decided to hold the summer festival at Barton.

The ringing at All Saints' Church included touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, Little Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Caters, Plain Bob Major, Bob Royal, Cambridge Surprise Major, and Little Bob Royal. Touches in various methods were also rung at Linslade.

IRISH ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEET AT ARMAGH.

The second annual general meeting of the Northern Branch of the Irish Association was held at the Cathedral, Armagh, on Easter Monday, when about 70 members and friends travelled from Belfast. A short service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Dean (Very Rev. Forde Tichborne, M.A.), assisted by the Very Rev. W. Dowse, M.A., Dean of Connor, and the Rev. Canon C. C. Manning, M.C., M.A., Vicar of Holywood. The Rev. W. J. Parr, of Carrickfergus, presided at the organ.

The Dean of Armagh gave a most interesting review of the history of the city and the Cathedral.

The meeting was held in the Music Room of the Cathedral, where over forty members from Belfast, Carrickfergus, Holywood and Bangor attended.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Mr. W. Young, Carrickfergus; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Adamson, Belfast; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Pratt, Holywood. New officers elected were Rev. Canon Manning as chaplain, and the Rev. W. J. Pass as organist.

The secretary's report showed that the association was in a very healthy condition, and that an interest was being taken in change ringing by other towers in the North. The four quarterly meetings during the past year had been well attended, and formed the basis for introducing the art to the ringers of the towers visited. The membership is at present 46, but it is hoped that by next year this will be very much increased. The members cannot yet claim a peal, but the Holywood band obtained their first extent of Doubles last August and 720 of Plain Bob on March 8th of this year, during a visit of Mr. Morris J. Morris, and since then several short touches of Triples.

The Dean was the guest at luncheon, and afterwards conducted the party over the Cathedral and library of Armagh. The observatory was also visited.

A demonstration of carillon ringing was given at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in the city by the Cathedral organist, Mr. T. W. Holden.

A most successful meeting was held, and the thanks of the members are due to the Dean, who made the splendid arrangements.

PEALS ON FIVE AND SIX BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In each of your last three issues the Exercise has been urged not to be in too much of a hurry to come to any decision about this vexed question of peals on five and six bells. I quite agree with the wisdom of giving time and common sense of the Exercise every opportunity to play their part, but we must not let this wisdom blind us to the other side of the question. We must not 'drift.' Neither must we forget that the Central Council meeting is an annual affair, and that what it does not decide on one Whit Tuesday it does not get another chance to discuss till twelve months later.

I want now to discuss certain points with an eye on the present and future, i.e., not taking into consideration whether they satisfy the ambiguous rules of the past or not. And in so doing, may I express the hope that others of your readers will criticise my views and put forward their own, because I believe that this is a way in which we of the rank and file of the Exercise can be of very real service to those whom we elect to be members of the Central Council, and whom, after all, whether as delegates or representatives, we more or less expect to reproduce between them the general feeling of the Exercise.

Let us take first the real cause and crux of the whole argument—Mr. Bankes James' peal of Cambridge Minor. Now I am quite sure, both from my own experience and from perusing the many letters on the subject in this paper, that the majority of the Exercise would be sorry to see this ingenious composition banned; I am equally certain that, according to the interpretation of the present rule which is held by the majority of the Exercise, it does not satisfy the conditions for a true peal. It is this unsatisfactory state of affairs which must at all costs be put right at the earliest opportunity. How is this to be done? Well, it is not at all an easy problem, but do not let us shirk it on that account.

I assume it agreed (for the purpose of this argument) that we want to keep the Bankes James' peal, and therefore we must frame our conditions so that without any hint of ambiguity or being let in by the side-door it satisfies them.

Supposing first that the Council decides at Whitsun that it is premature to come to a complete decision on the matter of peals on five and six bells, and therefore leaves it over for another year for further investigation and discussion, may I urge that in this case they will put matters on a more satisfactory footing by passing a resolution worded somehow like this: 'That pending a decision as to what shall constitute a peal on five and six bells this Council will in the meantime accept the performance of Mr. Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor as a peal.' This would at least put things on a consistent basis until the whole matter is cleared up.

And now let us tackle the bigger problem. If we want to frame rules which admit the Bankes James' arrangement, there are three possibilities:—

(i.) A rule which admits not only this but certain other arrangements which have not yet proved their value by the 'acid test of experience,' and which I, personally, do not advocate letting in (at least, at present).

(ii.) A rule which lets the arrangement of Cambridge Minor in but keeps others out. This is well nigh impossible, and would certainly have to be done by back-door tactics, and must therefore be discarded.

(iii.) Letting it in boldly as an exception. This is rather drastic, but it seems the only consistent and logical way out of the difficulty.

To make it quite clear, my policy is to accept the Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor, and to refuse the others, which include Mr. Law James' London Minor and Mr. Morris' Grandshire Doubles. I am quite prepared to argue my full reasons for this with any of your readers but I must not trespass on your space to do it here. Suffice it to say that the chief argument is that the Cambridge Minor fulfils a need which the others do not, and that it has proved its worth by the 'acid test of experience,' which the others have not.

I will now proceed to set down as briefly as possible a series of suggested rules and conditions which I put forward as a possible way out of the difficulty:—

(i.) Add words to the present condition: 'On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds,' to make it quite clear that the word 'peal' includes 'extents' on six and five bells.

(ii.) Pass resolution 'that peals of Minor shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, each one satisfying the conditions for "extents" given above in (i.), i.e., each starting from and ending with rounds.'

(iii.) Splicing to be encouraged, but to be kept within the bounds of each 720, i.e., splice as many methods as you like into any 720, but keep the seven 720's themselves separate.

(iv.) Pass resolution 'That in view of the exceptional circumstances of Cambridge Minor, of which there is only one 720 with 5-6 the right way, the Central Council will accept as a peal seven or more 720's of this method, provided only that each contains no repetitions (the 720's may be divided at handstroke for this purpose), that they are joined by ordinary plain or bobbed changes,

and that the peal comes round at the end.'

(N.B.—The actual wording of this would require some thought, but I hope that I have made its aim and object plain enough.)

This rough outline lays no claim to perfection, but I think that it is a reasonable and practicable way out of the difficulty, and that it is consistent and satisfies the views of the majority of the Exercise. I have not mentioned Doubles, but my intention would be to keep them in line with Minor, i.e., at least 42 separate 120's, each starting from and ending with rounds. I do not consider that as yet any exceptions to this are necessary.

I have stated my policy boldly, if briefly. I will refrain from expanding and explaining it in further detail until I see what criticisms are levelled at it.—Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN H. WOOD.
Glasgow.

METHOD SPLICING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read in 'The Ringing World' that at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild the following resolution was passed: 'The splicing of methods is theoretically unsound. But if this departure from strict regularity is allowed, the splicing of extents in five or six-bell ringing should be allowed also.' It would be interesting to know the reason why method splicing is unsound in theory, but none is given in your report of the meeting.

Will the hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild please say if any reasons were advanced? Method splicing is being very widely practised on all numbers of bells, but it is apparent from the correspondence lately published in your paper that many ringers are against any form of change, or any widening of the scope of ringing. The resolution in question is but another instance of this, and surely the large number of ringers who practice method splicing are entitled to know any reasons against their doing so. For if spliced experts are ruled out at the next Central Council meeting, we may expect an attempt to get spliced methods ruled out also.—Yours faithfully,
C. T. COLES.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. JUDGE.

APPRECIATION OF SERVICES AT TACKLEY TOWER.

On Sunday evening, April 7th, an interesting function took place in the belfry of the Parish Church of Tackley, Oxon, when a presentation of a silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, was made to Mr. William Judge, on his leaving the village for Kirtlington.

Mr. Judge had been in Tackley for seven and a half years as village blacksmith, and during that period he had given to the struggling ringers all the help he could. He came just at the time when the movement was on foot for augmenting the ring of five bells to six.

The ringers wish to tender Mr. Judge their most sincere thanks for all he has done, and they hope he will visit them during the fine weather as often as convenient.

Mr. E. F. Honour, deputy foreman, made the presentation on behalf of the ringers, and in a few words he expressed the feelings of those whom he had helped so unstintingly and brought to such a degree of success in the art of ringing, so that none can have any fear in taking a bell in a six-bell tower.

The present was supplied by Mr. T. E. Russell, of Woking, and was much admired by many.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

In cold, but pleasant weather, a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Whitby on Easter Monday. By the courtesy of the Rector and churchwardens, the ring of ten at the Parish Church of St. Mary were available throughout the day, and some sixty members made good and continuous use of them in a variety of methods.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the Church Vestry in the afternoon, following which tea was served at Hood's Cafe on the Marine Parade, and the business meeting was held. To the great regret of the meeting, the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was unable to be present, owing to clerical duties demanding his presence at Leeds. Mr. J. Cotterell was voted to the chair, and letters of apology for non-attendance were announced from Messrs. A. Walker, G. Halksworth, G. Lewis, J. Broadley, F. Clark, and J. Lawson.

An invitation having been received from Huntingdon, near York, it was agreed to hold the September meeting there.

At this juncture, the Rector of Whitby, Rev. Canon C. A. Hone, extended a hearty welcome to the association, and gave a most interesting description of the architecture of the Parish Church, which combines beauty with quaintness in its varied style.

The very kind and hearty chat was greatly appreciated, and a vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens, and the local company of Whitby for their kind arrangements, on being moved and seconded by Messrs. A. C. Fearnley and J. W. Addison respectively, was carried with acclamation.

Mr. G. F. Alexander briefly responded.

In announcing the date of the Snowdon Dinner, to be held at Sheffield on September 21st, the General Secretary urged members to do all in their power to make that gathering a success.

Further ringing brought to a close a most pleasant and successful meeting.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

FELKIRK'S FINE OLD CHURCH.

A meeting was held at Felkirk on Saturday, April 13th, when members attended from Sandal, Royston, Wath, Hoylandswaine, Shelley, and the local company. The bells commenced ringing early in the afternoon, and members arriving late had the benefit of hearing the bells at their best. The tower, standing in open country, lends itself to sound and perspective. This Felkirk Church, which sounds rather Scottish, but is not, is ancient and honoured in its varied styles of architecture. On entering the church one is struck by the sight of bases, clustered circular columns, and capitals of a Norman archway in the west end of the nave, in a design so pure, refined and chaste that it is doubtful if even the Norman work in Norwich or Durham Cathedrals can surpass it. Around and on this work has been built the present Gothic structure in Early and Late styles. It consists of nave, north and south aisles, with clerestory, porch and noble tower. In the churchyard stands an old school built in the scholastic Tudor style, quiet and unpretentious, yet from its only door have passed boys and men who have lived to uphold the good name of Felkirk. To-day it is used for meetings and other gatherings, and as a room for clergy and choir, from which they walk in solemn procession across the churchyard.

The Vicar, Rev. H. R. H. Coney, M.A., was probably the most interested person at Saturday's meeting. His eagerness to serve and care for the members was kindness itself. Service, which consisted of special and appropriate prayers and two hymns, was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an address on the influence of bells and their great power for good.

Tea was enjoyed in the school, the Vicar presiding at the meal and at the subsequent business meeting.

The next meeting is to be held at Shelley. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, the ladies and the local company for all arrangements so well made, was proposed by Mr. W. Keyner, who rejoiced in the all-round acknowledgment which the ringers received from the clergy, churchwardens, Church Council and Mrs. Finch.—The Vicar acknowledged the vote, and said he hoped to see the association meet again at Felkirk.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the beautiful Church of All Saints, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday, April 6th. Ringing commenced on the glorious ring of eight (tenor 35 cwt.), cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1921, about 2.45 p.m., a new addition to the branch from Guildford, standing 6ft. 4in., raising the tenor, and continued in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich till 4.40 p.m., when the Guild service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. A. H. Mock), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, and Mr. J. N. L. Jefferies being the organist.

Tea followed in the Church Institute, to which 35 sat down, including the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alexander, R.D.).

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. He thanked the Vicar for his efforts as Rural Dean, to get a representative of the Guild on the Bishop's Advisory Board.

Mr. H. A. Gummer, of Devizes, was elected a member of the Guild. The Chairman brought forward the question of the powers of the representatives to the Central Council, and, after discussion, a vote of confidence in the representative of the branch, Mr. S. Hillier, was passed, the same to be noted in the minutes.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to the organist, and to those who prepared the tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the branch to Westbury, and explained what he had done towards getting a representative on the Advisory Board. He hoped that the Guild would persevere until there was someone put on the board.

This concluded the business.

Ringers were present from Westbury, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bratton, Buckhorn Weston, Chippenham, North Bradley, Swindon, Weston, Mere, Melksham, Warminster and Trowbridge. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening.

North Bradley and Bromham were suggested for the next two meetings.

In 'Highways and Byways of Wiltshire,' Edward Hutton, writing of Westbury, says: 'The church is a noble building, dedicated in honour of All Saints. It is a cruciform building, with fine central perpendicular tower, consisting of clerestoried nave of four bays, with aisles, and north chapel (this is the Penleigh or Becket Chapel, now the baptistry), and north and south transepts, chancel with north and south chapels, and two porches. . . . The south chancel chapel (now the Lady Chapel) is that of the Willoughbys. The north chancel chapel (now the vestry and organ chamber) is that of the Mandits. But whose is the recessed tomb in the south transept? Perhaps a Pavely lies there. The Caroline monument there, with effigies, is that of Sir James Ley, who became Earl of Marlborough, and of his wife.'

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting was held at Pontypridd on Saturday last. The bells, a sweet, light ring of eight by Taylor, were made good use of during the afternoon, various methods being rung by members who mustered well from both Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire. Among the visitors was Mr. W. Knight, of St. Stephen's, Bristol. The Vicar (Rev. Parry-Pryce) officiated at the service, assisted by his curate. Then followed tea, which had been generously provided in the adjoining Church Room. The subsequent business meeting was presided over by the Vicar.

At the outset, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) mentioned that since the last meeting four of the members had died, including the first Master of the association, Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, Mr. H. Morgan, of Newport, Mr. A. J. Harford, of Bedwas, and a life member, Mr. Joe Sykes, of Huddersfield. As a last tribute of respect, all stood in silence for a few moments.

Instructors' reports were received, and under the heading on the agenda of 'Augmentations and restorations,' the Hon. Secretary announced that it was proposed to instal a new peal of eight bells in the beautiful church tower at Ebbw Vale, Mon.—A grant of £5 was made to the fund.

A letter was read from Mr. E. Guise, hon. secretary of the Bristol United Guild with reference to the Ringers' Directory, as issued by the Bristol United Guilds. A discussion followed, and it was resolved that the letter be received.

No resolution was passed in regard to the Central Council's agenda for the Whitsun meeting.

New members were elected, including seven from Pontypridd.

It was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at Llantrisant. The next Monmouthshire meeting is to be held at Monmouth.

The usual vote of thanks concluded the business, and the bells were then rung until late in the evening, bringing to a close a very pleasant and successful gathering.

DEATH OF MR. R. TOMPSON, EALING.

Ealing ringers and Middlesex ringers generally have sustained a very real loss in the death of Mr. R. Tompson. Born at Chepstow in 1874, he started ringing at a very early age at St. Mary's Parish Church, Chepstow, where he was, for a great many years, foreman of the tower. While there he rang peals in many methods, including Surprise, in most parts of the West Country before coming to Ealing about five years ago, where he had endeared himself to all. He was a most capable conductor.

The ringers of Ealing highly appreciate the kindly remarks made by the Vicar of Ealing (the Rev. C. J. Sharpe) in the pulpit on Sunday evening, when he said how great a loss the Church had sustained by the death of Mr. Tompson, who was always at his post for service ringing to call the people to church. He had been 'called away,' and that on his silver wedding day, to a higher post. He was taken suddenly ill on April 3rd, and died on April 4th from an internal complaint for which he was too ill to be operated on. The sympathy of all would go out to his wife, son and daughter in their great loss.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire, with bells half-muffled, was rung at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Sunday morning, in 49 mins.: H. Folkard 1, J. E. Churchill 2, M. Stacey 3, H. Belcher (conductor) 4, H. J. Hunnisett 5, P. E. Clark 6, E. Harris 7, J. H. Hunnisett 8. And in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, also half-muffled, was rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, in 53 mins.: P. E. Clark 1, J. E. Walsom 2, J. E. Churchill 3, H. J. Hunnisett 4, A. Harding 5, M. Stacey 6, J. H. Hunnisett (conductor) 7, E. Harris 8.

DEATH OF MR. ARCHIE BREARLEY.

The Sheffield and District Society regret to announce the loss to the Exercise by the death of Mr. Archie Brearley, who died at his home, Wood Royd, Deepcar, on March 27th. Eldest son of the late Mr. David Brearley, he followed his father's business of builder and monumental sculptor, many examples of their skill being evident on every hand. He was a well-known ringer, and had taken part in nearly a hundred peals, and ringing contests.

His interment took place on Saturday, March 30th, at Bolsterstone Churchyard and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. The service in church which was conducted by the Rev. — Mason, Rector of Bolsterstone, was very impressive, the choir and organist being present. Among the hymns were 'Abide with me.' After the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Messrs. J. Thorpe, G. Lewis, B. Harrison and S. F. Palmer. Ringing also took place on the tower bells, which were deeply muffled, before and after the interment, but various circumstances prevented a peal being attempted. A touch of 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 52 mins. by: A. P. Knights 1, J. A. Helliwell 2, W. A. Wooler 3, J. Thorpe (conductor) 4, M. Wilson 5, R. Harrison 6, J. A. Brearley 7, S. F. Palmer 8. Other ringing was taken part in by members from Bradfield, Wortley, the Cathedral and St. Marie's, Sheffield, Ecclesfield and Conisborough.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on April 23rd; St. Magnus' on the 25th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 30th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells from 3 to 8.30. Service. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names or numbers for tea will be appreciated by the hon. sec., J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports, etc., to hand. Subscriptions due.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. each) 5.15.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Room. Hearty welcome to all.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. New rules and diagrams (6d. each) and emblems (3d. each) now available. Will tower secretaries please let me know the number of members requiring emblems?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, April 20th (*not* 27th, as arranged). Bells available at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rector of Gravesend (Rev. Elliott Mitchell). —Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify? All ringers welcome. — Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, April 20th. All Saints' bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the All Saints' Church House at 1s. 6d. per head. For detailed particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. Chair to be taken by the Vicar. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Burton Bradstock (6 bells) on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Combe Florey on Saturday, April 20th. Service 4.30. Tea and business after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, April 20th. 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 Houghton Regis on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 20th. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—A meeting will be held at Elveden, Suffolk, on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) at the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew's Church will be available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. W. Fordham, King's Way, Mildenhall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barrow-on-Soar on Saturday, April 20th. The bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m. Reports now to hand.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Owing to illness, we are unable to arrange a combined meeting at Biggleswade, as suggested for the Herts, Ely and Bedfordshire Associations.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 20th. The Parish Church bells (8) will be open for ringing from 2.30. Tea will be provided at 5, at a moderate charge, at the Corner House Café, next to the church. Business meeting will follow. Committee meeting at 4.15.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at Coleman's Hatch.—Geo. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The next meeting will be held at Creswell on Saturday, April 20th. All those requiring tea notify Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmlton Road—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Easthampstead (near Bracknell), Saturday, April 20th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting and combined practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, April 20th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

NEWMHAM PADDON, WARWICKSHIRE.—Dafodil Sunday, April 21st. Monk's Kirby bells (8) open to visitors, 5 to 6.30 p.m.—M. R. Peacock, Vicar.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at St. Mary, Walmer, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Arrangements for tea will be made for those members attending and who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 24th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Eye on April 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at the Horse Shoes at 4.30. Meeting follows.—Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. Evensong in the North-West Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head; business meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) from 1.45 p.m. until service time, and at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2 to 3. The towers will also be open for ringing after the business meeting until 9 o'clock. All members requiring tea should send their names to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than by Wednesday's post, April 24th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Parish Hall, Cyprus Road, about 1s. Important.—Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.). — A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, April 27th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, April 23rd?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, April 27th. The arrangements will be as usual. The address at the service will be given by the Rev. A. W. Laws, Vicar of Irchester. Tea will be provided (free) to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at West Lulworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (also Wool) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eye on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea at the Horse Shoes, 4.30, at 1s. each. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, April 25th.—A. J. Berry, Hon. Dis. Sec., Thornham Magna, near Eye.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester le Street on Saturday, April 27th, when we hope the members will turn up well. Bells will be available after 2 p.m. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Saturday, April 27th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Nearest station, Great Bentley (4 miles). All wishing to attend please notify by Tuesday, April 23rd.—R. W. Stannar, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, 1879-1929.—The branch annual meeting and jubilee celebration has been arranged at Boyne Hill on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available: Bray (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Boyne Hill (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m., with an address by Rt. Rev. E. Domett Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. High tea in the Parish Hall, Rutland Road, Maidenhead, at 5.30 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Admission by ticket. Rebate of 1s. allowed to branch members who have paid their subscriptions. Business meeting 6.30 p.m., to be followed by a concert. Names for tea, and remittance, must reach me not later than Monday, April 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. It is essential that all who require tea should notify me by first post Tuesday, April 23rd.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify H. Bradley, High Street, Norton, Doncaster, not later than first post Friday, April 26th. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisbrough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Abbott's Leigh on April 27th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. There will be no service. Tea 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to be present, advising G. Way, 12, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol?

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Husband's Bosworth on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (5) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 5.15 p.m., for those who advise me not later than Thursday, 25th. This is the first meeting to be held at this tower; it is hoped that members will do their best to support it. All ringers and friends welcome. — Alban Disney, Dis. Hon. Sec., 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch. — A district meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambridge, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) ready from 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Will those who want tea please let me know by April 24th? All ringers are welcome. A united gathering is hoped for.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Cambridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, 24th? All ringers welcome. — F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dilwyn on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea at 6, free, to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 24th. Business meeting to follow.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Pluckley and Egerton on April 27th. Towers open: Pluckley, 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Egerton, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Missings, Rochdale, Egerton, 5 p.m. Yellow car leaves Ashford for Pluckley 2.35. Pluckley to Egerton 4.50. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Garden, Tenterden.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Meeting in Parish Hall 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Kindly send number requiring tea before the 22nd to Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Belper on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Annual reports (6d.) can be obtained at this meeting. All ringers welcome. — George Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Newbury (8) will be rededicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, April 24th.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, May

4th. The bells, recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of Vicar and churchwardens, at 5, to those who accept by April 30th. *Please advise me.* Social evening at 8 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than April 30th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at St. Peter's Church, Burnley. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, May 4th. It is hoped a good number will attend. There being plenty of cafés and restaurants open, visitors will make own arrangements for tea. Fixture cards will be available for forthcoming two years.—R. Harrison, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Easton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 30th.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earl's Colne.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Bushey, Saturday, May 11th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—In conjunction with the Liverpool Diocesan Guild the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, May 11th. The Bishop of Liverpool has provisionally promised to attend.—W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson and C. I. Davies, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Bridport on Saturday, May 11th. Service at 12.30. Preacher: Right Rev. Bishop Joscelyn. Luncheon at Greyhound Hotel 1.15 p.m. Charge 1s. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers open: Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canonorum (8), Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Lodors, Netherbury, Symondsburry (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring lunch please send in their names to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset, by May 6th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham, Wilts, on Whit Monday, May 20th. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. Luncheon and tea being arranged. Notice of motion to delete part of Rule 1 is given. Any further alteration or deletion of rules must be given on or before April 22nd. Full details later.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, for sung Mass, on Sunday, April 14th, 720 Kingston Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: H. Ward 1, A. G. Wood 2, P. Massam 3, A. Wormald 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band. Also for evensong, 720 Spliced Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins.: H. Ward 1, A. G. Wood 2, P. Massam 3, A. Wormald 4, H. L. Jones 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—For morning service, on April 14th, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, W. S. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woodson 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Delight: W. Williams 1, W. S. Lawrence 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, S. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's, on Low Sunday, April 7th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: L. Hicks 1, G. Moon 2, C. Conway 3, R. Gilbert 4, A. Gardner 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6. First 720 on the bells without cover bells, and first by all except conductor. Rung to mark the close of the Easter octave, and on the eve the festival of the Annunciation of Our Lady.

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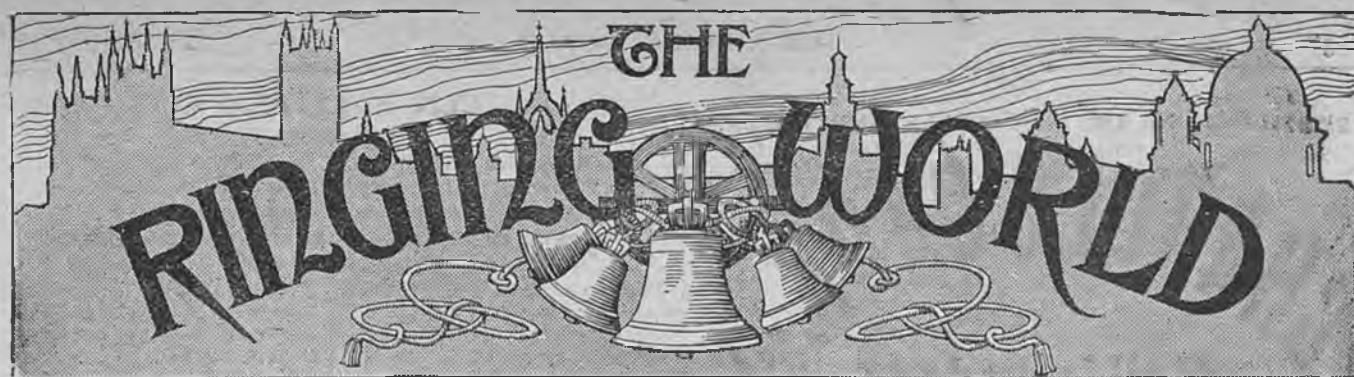
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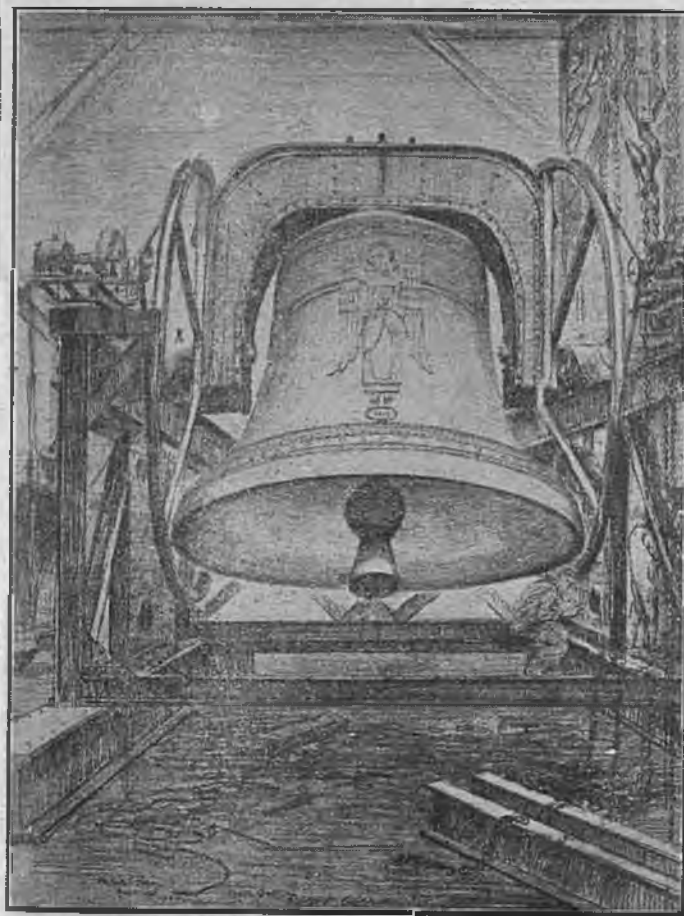
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THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S CHALLENGE

The report of the Methods Committee, which is to be presented to the Central Council at Chelmsford, is printed on another page and from this it will be seen that the committee hope to induce the Council to give countenance to peals of Minor and Doubles which, judging from the trend of opinion expressed both in these columns and elsewhere, are contrary to the desires of the mass of the Exercise. The report is a bit of special pleading for the admission, in an official publication, of compositions which ringers of wide experience have bluntly denounced as 'false,' and which, if admitted, will open the door to questionable practices in peal ringing and will moreover set one standard for peals on five and six bells and another for peals on higher numbers. It is difficult to reconcile some of the committee's arguments with some of their previous individual statements. One fact, however, emerges. The committee want the Council to admit as a peal of Minor any composition in which each of the 720 rows appears only seven times, no matter how often any row or any block of rows appears within the limits of any one 720. One is almost tempted to ask, 'What is behind this endeavour?' The report remarks that the contention that Mr. Bankes James' composition of Cambridge cannot be accepted on the ground that the 720's are true if rounds be counted as the first row, because 'it is contrary to the tradition and usage of the Exercise.' If that be so, how much more contrary to the tradition and usage of the Exercise is it to permit six-scores or 720's in which there are repetitions?

Before the Council adopts this report the Council must decide the principle of what is in future to be recognised as a true peal. The report would make it impossible for the Exercise to accept Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge as a peal if it is not prepared also to swallow Mr. Law James' London or Mr. Morris' Grandsire Doubles, and we imagine that there are a large number of ringers who, in those circumstances, will echo Mr. W. H. Barber's candidly expressed views and say, 'Scrap the lot.' There should be no juggling with truth, whether the peal be on six bells or any other number, and the plain question which the Council has got to decide, in answer to the challenge of the Methods Committee, is whether it will adhere to 'the tradition and usage of the Exercise' and insist upon the 'extent' of a method as the unit of truth, or whether it will be content to recognise anything, no matter what happens internally so long as in a peal of Minor each row appears only seven times (or in Doubles 42 times) and the ringing ends with rounds.

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Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

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FREDERICK G. LEAKER 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
JAMES BENNETT 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 8
ALBERT E. STOWELL 4	JOHN A. BORFORD 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Mr. Bennett was elected a life member before starting.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

ALBERT GORRINGE Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD 6
FRANK STONELEY 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
MISS C. THORP 3	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 8
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THOMAS JONES 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
JOSEPH SLATER 3	WILFRED J. MOSS 7
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Conducted by F. STONELEY.

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On Sunday, April 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALEC RUCK Treble	* CHARLES MARTIN 5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND 2	JOSEPH J. CADSON 6
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Tenor 10 cwt.

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CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	HARRY KILBY ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	†THOMAS LOCK ... 7
†EDWARD LANKESTER ... 4	GEORGE M. KILBY ... Tenor

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Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS STEPHENSON ... Treble	ROBERT WALKER ... 5
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 6
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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WALTER ARNOLD ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... 6
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THE NORFOLK GUILD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST BAILEY ... Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE ... 5
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THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	*HERBERT FOLCHER ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	WALTER BARRETT ... 6
GEORGE CURSON ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 6
SAMUEL JONES ... 3	*PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
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Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... 6
*HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
†CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

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On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

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On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
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At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

THOMAS ROGERS Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS 5
ERIC H. LLOYD 2	JOHN BREESE 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN COOKE 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Spliced Major by all the band, and first peal of Treble Bob Major by ringers of 1st and 2nd. The thanks of the ringers are due to Mr. G. R. Jones for getting the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. Williams who so kindly entertained them to a much-appreciated tea after the peal.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 3	†NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 7
CHARLES H. WEBB 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. A. Turner, who was instituted to the living of Ashby Folville on Thursday, April 18th.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES, JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
FREDERICK A. BERNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

The conductor's 150th peal. Arranged for Mr. J. Bennett, of London.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	*FRED PRICE 5
JOHN BASS 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
THOMAS HENNING 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

First peal in the method in the county, by the association, and on the bells. First 'touch' in the method by ringers of treble, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th. Mr. L. H. Baybut was elected a life member of the association previous to starting.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES TAYLOR ... Treble	ARTHUR CLEMENTS 3
WILLIAM FOSTER 2	*VICTOR C. LOCKWOOD ... 4

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal on an inside bell.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED RILEY ... Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON 3
HUBERT BAILEY 2	BERNARD BAILEY 4

F. W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

First peal by the ringer of the second, who is now just 14 years old.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Treble	*ALFRED PERRY 4
†ALBERT RIBBANS 2	*ERNEST RICHARDSON ... 5
*ARTHUR SMITH 3	WALTER SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells. First peal by a Dunmow band. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HENSTRIDGE, SOMERSET.

On Thursday, April 18, 1929, 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 20 cwt.

*JACK A. LINTERN ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PARSONS ... 4
*FREDERICK J. POUND ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
CHRISTOPHER HOLLWAY ... 3	EDGAR H. COOK Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

DALBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores Plain Bob and thirty-eight six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON ... Treble	GEOFFREY GEARY 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ERNEST PAYNE 4

NORMAN GEARY Tenor

Conducted by G. GEARY.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, called differently.

WILLIAM E. RICHARDSON ... Treble	WALTER SMITH 4
BAZIL REDGWELL 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 5

FRANK HARRINGTON 3 JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

The company thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Woodcock for his kind hospitality after the peal.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Single Oxford, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

ARTHUR SMITHSON Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 4
ERNEST T. MALLENDER 2	ERNEST A. WILSON 5
JOHN W. ENGLAND 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Wilson.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT MUNTON Treble	GEORGE MIDDLETON 3
GEORGE BROWN 2	SIDNEY MUNTON 4
RONALD COLEMAN Tenor	

Conducted by SIDNEY MUNTON.

Rung by an entirely local band as a farewell to the conductor, who sails on April 26th on the 'Andania' for Canada. This was his first peal as a conductor. After the peal, the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Coleman, and the ringers wish to express their appreciation of this kindness.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G. sharp.

*WILLIAM JACKSON 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
†HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	PETER LAPLIN 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

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

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

This association held the second meeting of the year at Tuxford, on Saturday week. It was well attended by members from Anston, North Collingham, Gamston, Ordsall, Orston, Shireoaks, East Markham, Sutton-on-Trent, Treeton, Edwinstowe, Tickhill, Lincoln, Branston and Workop, with one or two of the local company. The six bells are a beautiful ring (tenor 11½ cwt.), noted for their purity and sweetness of tone. They run on ball bearings, and are easy to manipulate. The 33 ringers who assembled found everything in readiness, thanks to the capable arrangements made by Mr. J. H. Smith, the local captain and committeeman. Commencing at 2.30 p.m., the bells were kept in constant motion till 9 p.m. (except during interval for the tea and meeting), to the methods of Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Sandal, Cambridge and London Surprise, five lady ringers taking part in the performance. Tea was provided in two sittings (through no fault of the caterers).

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson presided over the business meeting which followed, supported by the hon. secretary, Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston), Mr. H. Cafferatta, etc.

The Hon. Secretary made allusion to the passing of Mr. Benjamin Hall, of Shireoaks, who had been a member for nearly 40 years, and the company stood in silence to honour his memory and as a tribute to the bereaved family.

The following were duly elected as efficient performers: Harry Edwards, of Sutton-on-Trent, Leslie Bailey, of East Markham, George Rich, of Gamston.

The next meeting will be the annual general meeting held at East Retford, at the latter end of May or early in June, and will be advertised as usual in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding over the meeting in the absence of the Rev. Walter Smith, Vicar of Tuxford, to whom the secretary was requested to send a letter of sympathy in his illness, with best wishes for his convalescence and thanks for the use of the bells. Votes of thanks were also passed to the caterers, and the chairman briefly replied. Another red-letter day in the annals of ringing at Tuxford ended at 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

WALSALL'S NEW BELLS.

BIG GATHERING AT RINGERS' DAY.

The spring meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at the fine old Church of St. Matthew, Walsall, on Saturday, April 13th. The chief attraction of the crowd (a record attendance at a quarterly meeting of this society) was to hear the excellent ring of twelve bells recently installed by Messrs Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry, and the occasion was made a 'Ringers' Day.'

Visitors arrived from Birmingham, Leicester, Worcester, and from most of the affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry, and many were the expressions of admiration of the tone of the bells, which were kept going from three o'clock until 4.45, when a short service was held in the church, with an inspiring address by the Rev. Preb. B. F. Relton, M.A., R.D. (Vicar).

A party of 130 sat down to a capital tea in the Brotherhood Institute, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (clerical secretary and treasurer of the society), Messrs. M. F. Harrison and T. A. Smith (wardens), F. H. Blanchard and F. F. Harrison (wardens for the foreign), D. Taylor, J. Oldham and C. Harrison, of Loughborough, T. Groves, Lieut. W. F. Halls-worth, and other notabilities too numerous to mention.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his nice address, and to someone for the splendid tea, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker and carried with applause. The Vicar replied, and gave a welcome to the visitors, remarking that he, too, was unaware of the donors of the tea. He therefore called on Mr. T. J. Elton (captain of the local band) to enlighten them, but it was evidently to be kept a secret, as no solution was forthcoming. The tea was admirably arranged by Mr. S. Price (verger) and Mrs. Price, who were assisted by the wives and friends of the local ringers, to whom thanks are due.

Mr. D. Taylor, bellfounder, expressed his thanks for the appreciative remarks made about the new peal, and declared it to be the finest possible for the weight.

St. Matthew's handbell ringers gave several selections under the conductorship of Mr. T. J. Elton.

The following has been copied from some old records: 'Among list of ornaments, etc., confiscated by Edward VI. in 1553 from Walsall Parish Church, one sacrynge bell, a sancte bell and four other bells. These were not confiscated on the ground of any change of ritual, but merely for pecuniary reasons to benefit the Royal Exchequer.'

As will be seen from the following inscriptions, the original peal of eight was cast by Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1775, and they were augmented ten by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1863.

Treble.—This Peal was recast, rebung, and augmented to twelve bells in 1928 by John Taylor and Co., Bellfounders, Loughborough. Basil F. Relton, Vicar; Thomas A. Smith, Matthew F. Harrison, Frank F. Harrison, and Frederick Blanchard, Churchwardens; Ernest H. Ingram, Mayor; Edward J. Shelley, Deputy Mayor; William Preston, Borough Member; Jeffries and Shipley, Architects.

2nd.—1928. In Memory of Henry Christopher Windle, 1860-1925.
3rd.—Rev. John Hodges Sharwood, Vicar; William Eagles and George Gilbert, jun., Churchwardens. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1863. Recast 1928.

4th.—This Peal of Bells was augmented to ten by the addition of two Trebles, by voluntary subscription raised through the kind exertions of David Smith Moore, Surgeon, of this Town. A.D. 1863. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1863. Recast 1928.

5th.—When you us ring we'll sweetly sing. T. R. 1775. Recast 1928.

6th.—Fear God and Honour the King. T. R. 1775. Recast 1928 in Memory of two who made the Great Sacrifice in 1917.

7th.—Prosperity to this Parish. T. R. 1775. Recast 1928 in Memory of Beaumont Cottam, 1813-1910.

8th.—Prosperity to this Parish. T. R. 1775. Recast 1928 in Memory of Matthew William Harrison, who fell in action at the Hohenzollern Redoubt, October 13th, 1915. Aged 29.

9th.—Thomas Rudhall Gloucester, Founder, 1775. Recast 1928 in Memory of Lieutenant Alfred Archibald Smith, who fell in action at Arras, April 2nd, 1916. Aged 26.

10th.—Thomas Mears and Son of London. Fecit, 1809. Recast 1928 in Memory of William Allen, Vicar of Walsall, 1871-1883.

11th.—Thomas Hector Edward Lycett, and Thomas Oerton Deykin Hemming, Churchwardens, 1775. Recast 1928.

Tenor.—I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all. Recast 1928.

MUFFLED BELLS

At Cirencester, Gloucester, on Thursday, April 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, F. W. Bond 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, J. E. Waters 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. Lewis 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. H. Hayward 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. W. J. Jefferies, for over twenty years chapelwarden at Holy Trinity Church, and who was in office when the bells were put in.

METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following report of the Methods Committee is to be presented to the Central Council at its meeting at Chelmsford:—

Since the last meeting of the Council we have been engaged on the new edition of the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods. The book would have been ready for publication before this, but for the fact that doubts have arisen in connection with certain compositions. Examples of these compositions are given further on in this Report, and we propose to include them in the book, but we think that first the Council should have the opportunity of expressing its opinion about them, if it thinks it necessary to do so.

Our reasons for including them are that we consider them to be fully in harmony with the traditions and usage of the Exercise, and we have ample evidence of their practical use to ringers. In making this statement, it will be clear from what follows that we do not wish it to be understood that these arrangements or anything just like them were rung in times past, but that they are fully in harmony with the fundamental principles of change ringing and are a logical development similar in character to the splicing of several Major methods into one peal.

We would state clearly that we consider that the first thing necessary in a peal is that it should be 'true and complete.' These words have been used in this connection by the Exercise from the earliest times, and they have an historical and definite meaning, and they express a fundamental principle of change ringing.

On seven bells 'true and complete' means that the peal contains the total number of changes without repetition, starting from and finishing with rounds, with all the work of the Method and all the Bobs and Singles properly made, and without any violation of the recognised rules of ringing. On eight bells and upwards the same holds good except that, as ringing the total number of changes becomes a physical impossibility, the number 5,000 or upwards is substituted. On five and six bells the total number of changes is less than 5,000, and obviously a peal must contain repetitions. Otherwise, the conditions stand.

When the demand of the five and six-bell ringers that their performances should be recognised as peals arose, the assumption was made that their 5,040's would consist of separate, independent extents, in other words, that each six-score or 720 would conform to the conditions laid down for a peal of Triples. (Throughout this Report we use the word 'extent' to signify a round block consisting of the whole number of changes on the number of bells with which we are concerned.) About 18 years ago, however, peals of Grand-sire Doubles were rung of which the composition was on similar lines to the following, two or more Extents being spliced into one another. A band starts ringing an Extent of Grand-sire Doubles with the 5th as half-hunt or observation bell down to the backstroke row 12435 (say). At this point a switch is made into another Extent with the 4th as half-hunt bell, and this Extent is completed, bringing the bells back to 12435, from which point the original six-score is resumed and carried to its completion.

In this arrangement we have two true and complete Extents. They are just as true and complete as two separate Extents rung consecutively, each from Rounds to Rounds, and it would be a misuse of words to call them false. The main difference is that in the spliced-in Extent the six-score runs not from Rounds to Rounds but from 12435 to 12435.

There is a popular fallacy among eight-bell ringers that this sort of thing is done simply for the glorification of the conductor, but this is by no means the case. The opportunities for variety among five-bell ringers are so few that inevitably they get to know them all by heart. Consequently ringers who could ring the ten regular Extents practically indefinitely without a false struck blow are liable to pile up immediately some small alteration in calling is made.

Then the desire of advanced ringers to score peals of Cambridge Surprise on all even numbers from six to twelve bells brought to the front the very limited number of 720's in all Treble Bob Minor Methods that do not bring up 6-5's at backstroke. It was in order to remove this intolerable blot that Mr. Bankes James introduced his arrangement. We would say that the chief reason why we think that this composition should be considered as a legitimate and natural development in peal ringing is that it has been tested by practical ringing. The fact that it is being rung by many bands in all parts of the country, and has been accepted by six-bell ringers, is, in our opinion, weighty evidence that it contains nothing out of harmony with the traditions and usage of the Exercise.

In this and similar compositions, instead of the peal being made up of separate Extents it is made up of larger blocks, in which necessarily there is repetition of rows, but the principles of Truth and Completeness are rigidly adhered to. We would point out that in any peal of Doubles or Minor every change must be repeated more than once, but this does not necessarily mean falseness, if that word is properly used.

The Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge referred to above does not consist of seven Extents. It is made up of three round blocks. One of these blocks is an ordinary Extent. The other two comprise each 2,160 changes. Each of these again is made up of three incomplete blocks. In these blocks 719 true changes are pro-

duced, but a point is reached where neither by a Plain Lead nor a Bob Lead can repetition be avoided. The three are, however, joined into one block by a Q set, either hobbled or plained, and the whole becomes a composition where both truth and completeness are adhered to, every individual row, of course, appearing three times, as it would do if three independent Extents were rung consecutively.

The claim has been made that this arrangement does really consist of seven true and complete Extents on the grounds that if we count Rounds at the start there are 720 true rows, followed by another 720 true rows, followed by yet another 720 true rows. We cannot accept this as sound argument. It is contrary to the tradition and usage of the Exercise, and contrary to the nature of change ringing, to count Rounds at the start as a change. And, apart from that, the first 720 changes do not contain the necessary quality of completeness. The justification of the arrangement lies in taking the first 2,160 changes as one round block, and we do not consider it of any particular importance (though of considerable interest) that this block appears so nearly to consist of three true and complete Extents.

Mr. Morris' arrangement of Grand-sire Doubles is of a different character to those we have already described. It consists of 240 changes. The handstroke blows produce 120 true rows, and the backstroke blows produce likewise 120 true rows. Of course, there is repetition between Handstroke and Backstroke, but no more and no less than there would be between the separate six-scores rung consecutively.

It has been objected that if once the Council recognises anything which does not consist of separate and complete Extents the door will be opened to all sorts of fantastic arrangements and the standard of peal ringing will be definitely lowered. We do not think there is any ground for such fear. The principle of Truth and Completeness is so deeply implanted in the tradition of the Exercise that it will be ample safeguard against any excess. After all it should be remembered that the Exercise preserved a high standard in these matters and kept within rigid bounds for more than two centuries before there were any definite written rules.

In conclusion, we would point out that the Exercise at large, and especially the five and six bell ringers as a whole, must be the final judge in this matter, and we confidently ask the approval of the Council to our proposal to print these Compositions and so put to the proof whether they are of permanent value or not.

Signed { H. LAW JAMES.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
E. S. POWELL.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS AND LIBRARY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to a recent letter stating that as a matter of fact the Council's publications are issued at a profit, will you be good enough to allow me to state in your column that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the publications always stand on the Council's books at a loss (in fact, a very substantial one). But, despite this, I believe they have always been available to the Exercise at large.

I am, of course, not allowing for the unpaid services of the many skilled writers who have, in addition, contributed the subject matter.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

RAILWAY FARES.

By a clerical error it was stated in the announcement made last week that the reduced fares to Chelmsford would be at the rate of single fare and a half. The rate will be single fare and a third.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

'ROUNDS' FIRST, OR LAST?

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see the letter in your last issue from Mr. Joyce, and congratulate both him and his friends in joining the majority who desire to see the definition of peals of Minor end with the words, *Rounds shall be the last row or change.* It is immaterial to me whether the word 'from' is deleted or not from the definition I gave in your issue of April 5th, so long as rounds is the last row of the peal. Now, why do I stress this point? And for an explanation I would like to refer him, and your readers, to your issue of February 22nd, where Mr. Law James is defining what a peal of Minor shall be. After explaining the various 720's, he makes use of these words: 'We have only made 5,039 changes so far. This last change brings us back to the first 123456, which is not the last row of the peal, but only the first row repeated.' So you will see, sir, that Mr. James would have six-bell ringers ring the last change first, and then go on to complete the peal. What is Mr. James' object in desiring this definition? Simply this, to accept rounds as the last row at once proves his brother's peal of Cambridge to be false, as rounds appears twice in the last 720 (as I explained in your issue of March 8th), and which Mr. James has not thought fit to challenge.

With regard to my three 720's of London, I fail to follow Mr. Joyce in his argument, but would like to point out that the 720's are set out by the course ends just the same as Major peals are, and the bobs under I. 4th. O. W. H. indicate the position of the 6th when the bob is made. Care must be taken, where two 4th's are made in one course, to call the second 4th's before the bob 'Out' is called, otherwise the second 4th's will be missing. I would advise Mr. Joyce and other six-bell conductors, when conducting 720's of Minor with more than nine bobs, to adopt this plan—sound advice with forty years' experience behind it. By doing so, they will be able to memorise the calling much easier.—Yours truly,
Killamarsh.

C. SEVERN.

AN ARGUMENT OVERDONE.

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Wood invites criticism of his suggestions, re the settlement of the question of peals of Minor, perhaps you will allow me to remark on his suggestion No. 4. Firstly, is Cambridge Minor any more exceptional than many of the other Surprise Minor methods? I submit not. Secondly, it is possible to ring seven complete 720's of Cambridge with varied callings, and each coming round in the ordinary way, without 6-5's at backstroke. I allow that some of the 720's would be variations of the others, and in this respect not equal to the Rev. E. B. James' peal.

While on this subject, is not the question of 6-5's at backstroke being slightly overdone? If not, the first eleven Surprise methods might as well be consigned to the waste-paper basket.—Yours faithfully,
Newton, Cambridge,

C. W. COOK.

SIX-BELL BAND'S ENDORSEMENT.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the Minor and Doubles controversy, we of the Lamberhurst band would like to endorse Mr. Joyce's letter in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours truly,
A. H. SMITH.

EAST HERTS MEETING AT BRAUGHING.

This old-world village was visited on Saturday week by the Eastern Branch of the Herts County Association. A very enjoyable time was spent by those who braved the uninviting weather, and the fine toned bells were kept busy.

The Vicar welcomed those who gathered, and gave a helpful address in church, and afterwards visited the tower.

Braughing was in past years a favourite place for Squire Proctor to visit, and was also renowned for its famous band of Bob Major ringers, as the peal tablets testify. The bells are a very musical octave with a tenor of 19 cwt.

LIFTON CHURCH BELLS.

APPEAL FOR RESTORATION FUND.

The bells, framework, etc., in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Lifton, Devon, have been examined by experts during the past twelve months, and several defects have been found. The bells, a ring of eight, with 23 cwt. tenor, were placed in the tower by Messrs. Taylor and Co. a hundred years ago, and have been in constant use ever since. They are now in a very unsatisfactory state, and the proper ringing of them presents a very difficult and arduous task. Also, the bells are rather out of tune. The chief causes are two defective supporting beams, weakness of frame joints, and inadequate bracing in the construction of the frame; bell fittings showing bad signs of wear in gudgeons, bearings and clappers. The bells require to be quarter turned, etc., in order to make the clappers strike true, and the whole system requires to be overhauled.

Estimates have been considered, and the Parochial Church Council have decided to place the work in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, the original makers and hangers. To defray the cost of this work approximately £300 is required, and the Council would like to raise as much as possible of this amount by voluntary donations. An appeal is therefore made to ringers as well as to parishioners to subscribe to this fund as liberally as they are able, and contributions will be heartily welcomed and gratefully received by the Rector (Rev. G. F. Newman) or E. Ball, hon. secretary, P.C.C., and treasurer, Bell Fund.

WEDDING BELLS.

A pretty wedding took place at St. James' Parish Church, Bratton, Wilts, on Easter Monday, between Herbert Jack, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith, of Bratton, and Gwendoline Julia, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chapman, of Westbury. The Vicar, the Rev. S. Collett, conducted the service and the hymns, 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'O Perfect Love,' were sung. Miss Hobbs presided at the organ and played the Wedding March. The reception was held in the Jubilee Hall, and nearly 70 guests sat down to the wedding breakfast. The bride and bridegroom were recipients of a large number of useful presents.

The bridegroom is a regular ringer at Bratton, and before ringing commenced for matins on Easter Day the Vicar, with a few chosen remarks, presented him with a silver-plated butter dish and knife, which had been subscribed for by his fellow-ringers. The bride's father is a respected member of the Westbury ringers, and her brother is also a regular ringer at Bratton. After the ceremony on Easter Monday, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, the ringers being afterwards entertained to refreshments by the bridegroom's father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Smith).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

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The famous peal of eight bells at the Abbey offer a great opening for the energies of a keen ringer on the church staff.

Miss D. E. Lewis, of Chilvers Coton, was elected as general secretary of the Warwickshire Guild on Saturday. This is a distinction which few, if any ladies, have before attained. Although several have been elected as district secretaries, we cannot recall the appointment of any lady as general secretary of a guild or association, except, of course, the Ladies' Guild itself.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday was rung in place of the one in May, 1927, which afterwards turned out to be false. It was by the same composer, Mr. B. Thorp, who was also the conductor, and he expresses his apologies to the band who rang in the earlier peal.

Mr. John Hoyle informs us that there is still one survivor of the peal rung at Epsom on April 23rd, 1869, by four fathers and four sons. This is Mr. George Sayer, the junior of 60 years ago, who was the conductor of the peal. The old gentleman is living at Ashted, Surrey.

The first peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on April 26th, 1725, by a band of College Youths.

The famous peal of 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green was rung on April 27th, 1868, in 9 hrs. 12 mins. Ted Horrex was the last survivor of this band, which included several of the renowned London ringers of the last half of the nineteenth century.

The first time a band rang three Surprise peals in a day was on April 27th, 1901, when the St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, company scored Superlative, Cambridge and London.

The 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by the Midland Counties Association at Stoney Stanton on April 28th, 1923.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the first peal of which there is an authentic record—Grandsire Bob Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2nd, 1715.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Double Oxford at Port Sunlight, on April 13th, and published last week, was Ralph G. Edwards, and not G. Ronald Edwards, who rang the 7th. To ring both 4th and 7th would have been a somewhat difficult proposition.

METHOD SPLICING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As Mr. Coles asks whether there were any reasons advanced against method splicing at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, I can only say that we had a good representative meeting with our best ringers present, and that a number spoke against it and no one in favour. There was one who voted against the motion, but he did not say anything in favour of splicing, but, as it was so widely practised, he thought we ought not to seem to disparage it. Everyone seems to have a different reason for not supporting splicing, but as no record was kept it would not be safe to say more than that it seemed to be the general opinion that if we started to ring a method we should ring it and not change to something else before concluding. My own reason was that the theory we ring by is that we must keep to one method in what we ring, varied by two kinds of calls, and only two. To have a third kind of call breaks this principle in one way; to splice in another method or methods breaks it in another way, and a broken principle is an unsound principle. You cannot rely on it; it will not bear any weight of argument.

The line we took up was that we do not want to ring spliced methods ourselves, but we do not want to hinder others who wish to do so. Only if rules, or theories, or principles are to be broken or strained to allow of the splicing of methods, much more should the splicing of extents be allowed. The latter is interesting to the ordinary ringer, and is good practice, while the former only concerns advanced men. This point is especially telling in a diocese where there are so many five-bell towers as there are in Suffolk.

HERBERT DRAKE.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On Saturday, April 13th, ringers from Norton-le-Moors, Cheadle, and the local band met at Kingsley Parish Church to ring in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Carnwell. A 720 of Cambridge and touches of London, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung, after which, at Sunny Side, Host and Hostess Carnwell provided a real wedding feast, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

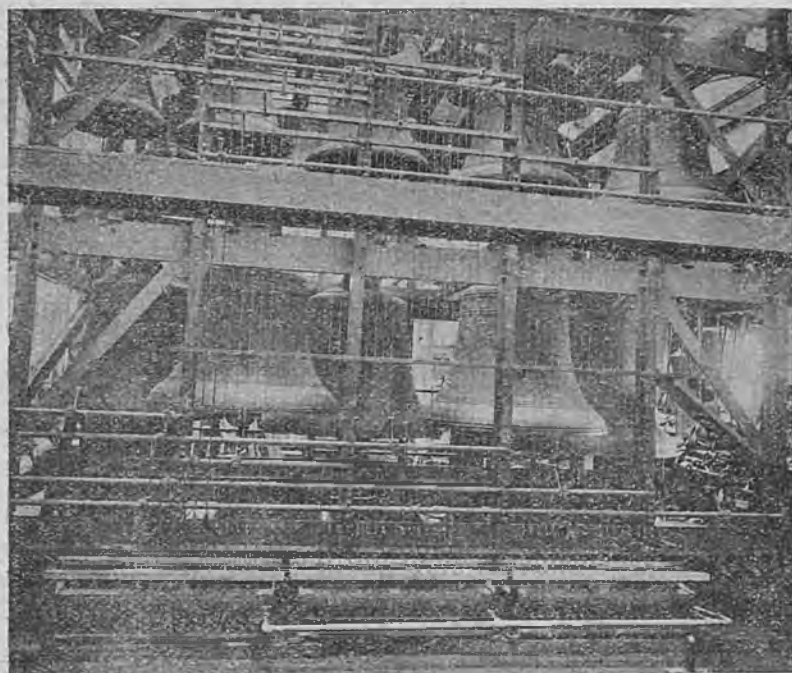
Mr. Carnwell gave everyone a hearty welcome, which was acknowledged by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon. Tea over, a move was made for the tower, where a well-struck quarter-peal was rung for the occasion, consisting of 240 York, 240 London, 240 Cambridge, 240 Violet, 120 Woodbine, 216 Kent, by the following: J. Barker 1, J. Beresford 2, W. Carnwell 3, H. Carnwell (conductor) 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, A. W. Hall 6.

MORE CROYDON CARILLONS.

WORLD'S LARGEST BELL ORDER FOR MESSRS. GILLET AND JOHNSTON.

THE WELLINGTON CARILLON.

The first carillon for New Zealand, which has been cast at the Croydon Bell Foundry and is to be erected at Wellington, is a memorial to the men and women of New Zealand who gave their lives in the Great War. The carillon has been given by individuals or groups of people, and will be one of the most important in the world. It consists of 49 bells, covering four and a quarter chromatic octaves, the bass bell being five tons in weight. Each bell has an inscription bearing the name of some battleground or engagement of the war, whose names have now become household words, such as 'The Somme,' 'Jutland,' 'Gallipoli,' 'Ypres,' 'Anzac,' 'Delville Wood,' 'Hill 60,' etc. Some are dedicated to individuals, others to the memory of military units, such as that of the 5th (Wellington) Regt., 'The Nurses' Bell' (dedicated to the nurses and V.A.D.'s who made the supreme sacrifice), the officers and men of the medical service, members of Government departments, the Royal Navy and the Merchant Service, the New Zealand Mounted Rifles, the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, the New Zealand Division, and the men of Wellington City and suburbs. Five of the bells bear



THE WELLINGTON CARILLON, showing electro-pneumatic mechanism.

badges, or symbols, and not only are they extremely fine examples of the founder's craft in their appearance, but as an instrument the carillon is one of the finest ever built. The tuning and tone has been pronounced exceptionally fine by no less an authority than Dr. Sydney Nicholson, warden and founder of the School of English Church Music, and late organist at Westminster Abbey, who has especially commended the excellence of the small bells, the lightest of which weighs only 9 lbs.

In the construction of the carillon there is the usual clavier for hand operation, the lowest 25 keys being attached to pedals as well as to the manuals. In addition the firm's patent electro-pneumatic mechanism is attached, and has a dual function. One connects an ivory keyboard, similar to that of a piano, which can be fixed in any part of the tower for use by a musician, who is not necessarily a carillonneur, and the other operates a paper band machine, on the principle of the pianola, whereby tunes, specially arranged for carillon music, are played—the mechanism being released by a clock at any intervals desired in the day. The machine will be equipped initially to play twelve tunes in this way, but other music will be added from time to time. There is no limit to the selection, but each tune has to be arranged specially to suit bell music.

The frame weighs 34 tons, and is constructed to carry 53 bells eventually, as the intention is to add four lower bells, the largest to weigh ten tons.

A formal inspection of the bells by the High Commissioner of New Zealand (the Rt. Hon. Sir James Parr, K.C.M.G.), was made at the Croydon Foundry, as briefly reported in our last issue. There was a large number of guests, who were received by the genial head of the firm, Mr. C. F. Johnston, and they had the opportunity of hearing the fine qualities of the carillon, played by Mr. Clifford Ball, of Bournemouth, and Miss Nora Johnston.

In the foundry the visitors saw the casting of bells for a carillon in Holland and many other interesting things connected with the making and tuning of bells.

Before adjourning for tea, Mr. Johnston referred to the occasion as 'Dominion,' and especially 'New Zealand,' day at the foundry. He reminded the company that all the big bell orders for different parts of the world were being carried out in England, and the furthest point from these shores which would have a carillon was Wellington. He referred to the many interesting points about the new bells, and to the fact that this carillon would be shipped in a fortnight and be in New Zealand long before the tower to receive them was completed—in fact, the architect had not yet been appointed.

Sir James Parr complimented the firm on proving the fallacy of the idea that a British manufacturer always wanted about three years to complete an order. There was under consideration a suggestion that the bells should first go to an exhibition in North-East England for six months. Sir James expressed cordial sentiments on behalf of New Zealand, particularly on the fact that the bells were British, and gave interesting information about the destination of the carillon.

CHICAGO'S RECORD ORDER. SIXTY-FOUR BELLS.

Speaking at the New Zealand gathering at the Croydon Bell Foundry, Mr. Cyril Johnston was able to announce that his firm had obtained the largest contract for bells ever placed in one order. Addressing his guests, he said: I would like to tell you a dead secret—at least it has been one until this moment. It concerns the University of Chicago, which is a good example of the scale upon which educational life is carried on in America. At Chicago the University pursues a peaceful existence some eight miles from the 'City of Gunmen' and roaring traffic. There are 800 professors attempting to instil learning into 6,500 undergraduates in 75 buildings. The newest building is the beautiful Gothic Chapel by the famous architect, Goodhue, of New York. Arising from it is a massive tower, 210 feet high, and dominating the whole neighbourhood. In that tower will be placed a great carillon of 64 bells, the boudon (or largest) weighing 17 tons, and one of the two largest clocks in existence will chime quarters and strike the hours. This, the largest order for bells ever placed at one and the same time, has been placed with this firm, and here is the cable authorising the announcement.

DERRY CATHEDRAL BELLS. AN ULSTER RESTORATION.

On Friday week another interesting gathering took place at the Croydon Foundry, where, in the presence of the Dean of Derry (the Very Rev. R. G. S. King) and members of the Honourable Irish Society including Sir Louis A. Newton (governor), the 31 cwt. tenor bell for Derry Cathedral was recast. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are recasting the whole peal of ten with three additional semi-tones for tune playing, and the whole is to be rehung in a new metal frame, with new fittings throughout. The total estimated weight of the thirteen bells is 146 cwt.

St. Colomb's Cathedral, Derry, was completed in 1633, and it was recorded on the tenor bell of the old peal of eight, which were recast in 1812, that 'the five larger bells were presented to the City of Londonderry by King Charles I. in 1638.' Another was given by the citizens of the town in 1671, and two by the Honourable the Irish Society in 1630. When the bells were recast in the early 19th century the old inscriptions were not preserved on them, but these are being restored on the new ring of ten. The recast tenor bears the inscription: 'Glory to God in the Highest. The Honourable the Irish Society of London, Founders of this Cathedral and Donors of its two most ancient bells, gave me A.D. 1928. Colonel Sir Louis A. Newton, Bart., Alderman, Governor, Frederick Whittingham, C.C., Deputy Governor, Leslie C. Landragin, Secretary.'

The visitors, prior to the casting of the bell, were received by Mr. C. F. Johnston and shown the many interesting things to be seen in the works, including the Wellington carillon, upon which a recital was afterwards given by Mr. W. E. Jordan, the Loughborough borough carillonneur.

At the casting of the tenor, the Dean of Derry and Sir Louis Newton threw silver coins into the molten metal as it was poured into the mould.

When the second bell was recast, the 7th in the peal, given as a memorial to Sir John Macfarland, Major Ronald Ross, the present M.P., and Canon Pat. McCormick, grandson of a past M.P., also dropped coins into the molten metal.

When the sixth bell, originally given by Charles I. in 1638, was recast, Lady Clanmorris and Mrs. Ronald Ross threw in pieces of silver.

An amusing little incident delayed the proceedings for a minute as the ladies came up on to the platform without their purses, and instantly the eager hands of a number of Ulster folk were reached forward with coins to supply the deficiency.

The three semi-tone bells are hung 'dead' and will be used only for tune ringing.



DERRY CATHEDRAL.

DUNMOW RINGERS' FESTIVAL.

The Dunmow ringers held their annual ringing festival on April 13th, when about 40 ringers were present from Braintree, Maldon, Greenstead Green, Bardfield, Stebbing, Springfield, Romford, Brentwood, and Great Easton. During the afternoon a service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. N. Mellishe, V.C.), assisted by Rev. P. E. T. Widdington, Rector of Great Easton. A party of about fifty were entertained by the ringers, their wives and other friends in St. Mary's Room, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. P. E. T. Widdington, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Col. Gibbons.

Touques were rung on the handbells, but, unfortunately, the gentlemen who had arranged a few songs were ill. Otherwise, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The Vicar, on behalf of the ringers, welcomed the visitors to Dunmow.—Mr. Howard responded by thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. Sanders (the organist) and the various ladies for their work in providing the tea. They were all very pleased to come to Dunmow, where they were always so well received, and where there were such a splendid peal of bells. He was also very pleased they had carried out the scheme he had advised in having a thorough job made of the bells, and by having such a reputable firm as Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. to carry it out. The bell founders completed their task to everybody's satisfaction, and the bells still went as well as they did the day they were opened. He was very glad to see a number of visitors present, as it gave the ringers and the association a great deal of encouragement in their work.

During the afternoon and evening various touches were rung, including Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandisire Triples.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION ENTERTAIN OXFORD GUILD JOINT GATHERING AT HILLINGDON.

A successful joint meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, and was attended by a company of over sixty. Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Ringing Master) was in charge of the ringing, the feature of which was that only ten-bell methods were practised, hence its success, as a number of members from both Guilds had, to their delight, an opportunity of having a pull on ten bells for the first time, if only in rounds.

A service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Monies, the 'Ringers' Manual' being used. Mr. R. Williams was the organist, and six choir boys assisted greatly to make the service bright and musical.

The party afterwards adjourned to the Church Hall, where Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow (hostess) and her willing assistants had tea waiting. The Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kitcat) presided, supported by the Rev. W. J. Monies, Mr. G. H. Nevill (churchwarden), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Oxford Branch) and Mrs. Barker, Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, J. A. Trollope (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. H. Hollier (hon. secretary of the South and West District), and Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president of the North and East District), Mr. F. Corke (Ringing Master), etc.

The Vicar, who welcomed the Oxford Guild to Hillingdon on behalf of himself and the Middlesex County Association, said what a great pleasure it was to him to see so many present from the surrounding districts. He wished them every success, and said he would be delighted to welcome them there again on any future occasion. Mr. Trollope and Mr. Pickworth further extended the welcome.—Mr. Barker, on behalf of the Oxford Guild, said what pleasure it had been to accept the invitation, as it enabled them to have an opportunity of practising on ten bells, and, furthermore, it indicated the brotherly spirit that existed between the two Guilds.

As a last tribute of respect to Mr. W. Stagg, Mr. R. Thompson and Mr. J. F. Stilwell, who had passed away since our last meeting, the Hon. Secretary asked the company to stand in silence with bowed heads. This was done, and the Vicar offered an appropriate prayer.

Handbell ringing by Messrs. G. Cross, A. D. Barker, W. Gutteridge, C. W. Roberts, W. Hewitt and others, and tune ringing by Mr. and Mrs. Barker and members of the Oxford Guild were greatly appreciated.

Other well-known ringers present were Messrs. A. W. Coles, G. Martin, W. Welling, W. Henley, J. R. Mackman, R. Bullen, R. Wingrove, G. Gutteridge, G. Gilbert, etc.

Mr. Nevill (churchwarden) was elected hon. member, and votes of thanks were accorded to the clergy, organist, choir boys, Mrs. Goodfellow and her assistants, also to Mr. Fred Goodfellow, Mr. J. J. Pratt, and all who assisted in making the meeting such a great success.

The 'return visit' of the Guildford Diocesan Guild to the Middlesex Association will take place at Sunbury on Saturday, June 8th.

LADY RINGER MARRIED.

Bagshot Church, Surrey, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, when Miss Mabel A. Nye, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Nye, of Lynhurst, Bagshot, was married to Mr. Victor Welton, eldest son of Mrs. Welton, of Dulwich. The bride's father has been for many years one of the most enthusiastic ringers in the district, and the bride herself proved an apt pupil in the belfry. As a teacher in the day and Sunday Schools and an active participator in the social activities in the district, Miss Nye is extremely popular, and a large congregation of well-wishers assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by her uncle, the Rev. A. V. Nye, Vicar of Brightmet, Bolton, Lancs. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming dress of white georgette, trimmed with pearls, and a veil with a wreath of orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of Madonna lilies. Three sisters of the bridegroom acted as bridesmaids, and they were attired in powder blue chepo-de-chine dresses. Mr. F. Nye, jun., was best man. The hymns, 'Lead us, Heavenly Father,' and 'O Perfect Love,' were sung in the service, at the conclusion of which the bells were merrily rung by the local ringers, and as the happy couple left the church the organist played Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March.'

A large number of guests, including many ringers, attended the subsequent reception at the Parish Hall, and, when Mr. and Mrs. Welton left for their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight, they departed to the sound of the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples being rung by: Mrs. Hazelden (Guildford) 1, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 2, B. Hawkins (York Town) 3, H. J. Chaffer (Ottershaw) 4, W. Melville (Guildford) 5, F. Nye (Bagshot) 6, C. Hazelden (Guildford) (conductor) 7, H. Hunt (Bagshot) 8.

The large number of presents which the bride and bridegroom received was testimony to the esteem in which they are both held. There were gifts from the Vicar, superintendent and scholars of the Sunday School, the master, teachers and pupils of the Day School, the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of Bagshot, the Tennis Club, the Cricket Club (of which Mr. Welton is secretary), as well as from individual ringing and other friends.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**A HAPPY LITTLE MEETING AT CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM.**

Although only fourteen ringers attended a meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday last, methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major were rung, and everybody was happy. The towers represented were Leatherhead, Epsom (St. Martin's), Banstead, Ewell and Newdigate, and those present included the general secretary of the Surrey Association (Mr. Chas. H. Kippin) and the secretary of the Central District of the same association (Mr. Daniel Cooper). In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the priest-in-charge, the Rev. H. Hamilton Maughan, who took as his text, 'We will make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.' We thought his text singularly appropriate. A 'joyful noise' is a good term to apply to the average ringing at meetings (this particular meeting, of course, excepted). In the course of his address, the Rev. Maughan welcomed the Guild to Christ Church, and said how pleased he was to find that the bellringers in the Guildford Diocese had formed themselves into 'a definitely religious brotherhood.' In the course of his journeyings about the country he had come across bands of ringers who would ring the bells for a service and then go to the nearest public-house, and he was therefore pleased to meet a Guild of bellringers who never did that sort of thing.

Some of us wondered how we had earned such a distinction. We all felt very good. It was nice to be told that we were not as other men are. The Guildford Diocesan Guild has reason to be proud of such members.

Immediately after tea, the Rev. Maughan had to leave, but before doing so expressed his pleasure in being able to serve the Guild in any way, and, on behalf of the Vicar, said he hoped we would enjoy our visit and come again. This was all the more welcome in view of the fact that Christ Church, Epsom, is one of the very few towers possessing peals of bells in the diocese which have not yet become affiliated to the Guild.—On the proposition of the district secretary, seconded by Mr. G. Marriener, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Maughan for his kindness and hospitality. This was carried with acclamation.

At the business meeting which followed, the following new ringing members were elected: Miss J. M. E. Cottrell, Mr. C. A. Read, Miss H. I. Port, and Rev. C. F. T. Willis, of Dorking, and Mr. William Robinson, of Christ Church, Epsom. The following belfry elections were also confirmed: Mr. R. Chapell, of Dorking, elected as a ringing member prior to an attempt for a peal at Rammore, and Mr. R. H. Dove, of Thornton Heath, elected as a compounding member prior to a peal at Banstead.

The District Secretary (Mr. F. G. Woodiss) briefly explained the circumstances which compelled him to relinquish his duties at so short a notice, as reported in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' and which made it necessary for them to find a successor immediately—a successor who could be relied upon to carry out his duties efficiently and well. He was pleased to be in a position to inform the meeting that the district committee had succeeded in finding such a man in Mr. Alan R. Pink, of Dorking. Mr. Pink had consented to serve them at the sacrifice of other claims upon his time and leisure, and in proposing him as his successor, the District Secretary said he hoped they would give Mr. Pink the same wholehearted support as they had given him.—This was seconded by the Chairman (Mr. A. Harman), and carried unanimously.—The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

During the ringing in the evening, several members commented upon the fact that the 'go' of the bells was much worse than usual. Examination revealed the fact that the fittings were in a precarious condition, and that this peal of bells, which have been regarded for the last thirty years as ideal for peal ringing, needed the immediate attention of the bell hanger if serious damage was to be avoided. Plans were made to inform the proper authorities. F. G. W.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Swindon Village on Saturday, April 13th. The uneven hexagonal tower contains a peal of five bells (tenor about 12 cwt.), all of which go well.

Owing to the illness of the Rector, the chairman of the branch (Rev. A. D. Pennington) conducted the service, the lesson being read by Mr. G. A. Nock (Elkstone). After service, the members adjourned to the school, where a splendid tea, generously provided by the Rector, was awaiting them.

The business meeting, followed with the Rev. A. D. Pennington in the chair, supported by Mr. W. Zeend (churchwarden), Mr. G. A. Nock, Mr. W. Wakeford (secretary, Tewkesbury Branch) and over thirty members representing Prestbury, Cheltenham (St. Mary's and St. Mark's), Leckhampton, Elkstone, Alderton, Badgeworth and the local tower. It was decided, on the invitation of the chairman, to visit Alderton for the summer meeting, in which it is hoped the Tewkesbury Branch will combine.—The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for providing tea, and trusted that he would soon regain his full health on his retirement (which takes place in a few weeks).—The Rev. A. D. Pennington was heartily thanked for the service. The tower was again visited, and good practice obtained.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Lockerby on Saturday, April 13th. The bells of Lockerby and East Tytherley were utilised during the afternoon. Tea took place in the Memorial Hall, Lockerby, presided over by the Rector of Dibden, district chairman. Those present included the Vicar of Lockerby, Mr. G. Williams (vice-president), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from Dibden, Romsey, Portsea, Titchfield, King's Somborne, Winchester, and North Stoneham. The Vicar of Lockerby (Rev. R. A. Sidebottom) was elected an hon. member of the Guild, and votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of Lockerby and East Tytherley for the use of the bells, after which the handbells were made use of, a course of Grandsire Caters being rung by the following: Mrs. G. Williams 1-2, F. T. Bayley 3-4, F. W. Rogers 5-6, G. Williams 7-8, W. Andrews 9-10. Afterwards, on Lockerby bells, Doubles, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Minor were rung. The next meeting is fixed for July 13th at Dibden, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Twyford on Saturday, April 20th. Ringing on the light peal of eight bells and service conducted by the Rev. Morris (Vicar), who gave a short address, was followed by tea, prepared in the Village Hall, to which 30 sat down. Ringers were present from Winchester, Twyford, Micheldever, King's Somborne, Hursley, North Stoneham, West End and Ringwood. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair. Several new members were elected, including the Vicar of Twyford as an hon. member.

A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his splendid address.—In reply, he gave the Guild a hearty welcome, and was very pleased to see so many visitors.

After the meeting, a party journeyed to Owslebury Church, where there is a ring of six. Others continued ringing at Twyford till eight o'clock.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Newbury branch was held at Midgham on Saturday, April 13th, members being present from the following towers: Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Beenham, Englefield, Hampstead Norris, Highclere, Newbury, Thatcham, Woolton Hill, and the local ringers. A short Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. V. W. Peake), who gave a very interesting address. Mr. W. Mathews, of Bucklebury, presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the schoolroom by Mrs. H. Warner, of Woolhampton, when 23 sat down.

The business meeting followed with the Rev. V. W. Peake in the chair, supported by the secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The Secretary reported the death of Mrs. G. W. Palmer, an hon. member of the branch, also of Mr. H. Benson, of Peasmore tower (a life subscriber), and all present stood for a few moments as a token of respect.

The summer meeting was fixed for Bucklebury on Saturday, June 15th.

Three guineas was voted from the Branch Fund to Hampstead Norris tower towards the repair of the bells.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. V. W. Peake, Mr. Mathews, and Mrs. Warner, proposed by the secretary and carried with applause. The tower was again visited, and some good touches brought round, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor being rung.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**FRITTENDEN'S NEW BELLS.**

A meeting of Ashford District was held at Frittenden on Saturday, April 13th, when a company from twelve different towers assembled to ring on the new peal of bells. The gathering was honoured by the presence of the donor of the bells (Admiral Sir A. Moore) and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. M. Leathley), the association form being used. The Vicar gave a short address of welcome to the association, and spoke upon bell history. Tea was served at the Bell Inn by Host Bearsby, some 29 members being present to enjoy the good things provided.

At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. C. F. Johnston presided, and Warchorne and Buckinge were selected for the meeting in May. Admiral Moore and Rev. M. L. Leathley were made honorary members of the association, and six new practising members were also elected. Mr. C. Tribe then voiced the members' opinions of the excellent work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in producing such an excellent peal of bells, the 'go' being perfect. To this Mr. C. F. Johnston replied, speaking of the great care that was taken in the musical production of such a peal.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organists and Mr. H. Baker, the captain of the local band, were passed. A return was then made to the tower, where further ringing brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

Some alteration is to be carried out in the tower to reduce the noise in the ringing chamber.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**CHANGE IN THE SECRETARYSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday last, about 38 members and friends attending. The bells of the Parish Church were used for ringing during the afternoon and evening, most of the standard methods being attempted. The committee met in the vestry at 4.30, where various matters to be brought before the general meeting were discussed.

A good tea was partaken of at the Corner House Cafe, after which the meeting took place.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been accepted, the motion on the agenda, 'That this Guild's name be altered to the "Coventry Diocesan Guild,"' sponsored by Mr. F. W. Perrens, was the subject of a lengthy discussion. After various opinions for and against, Mr. James George moved an amendment that the matter be postponed for one year, and this was carried unanimously.

The balance sheet for the year 1927-8, which showed cash in hand £22 10s. 8d., was accepted.

On the election of officers, two changes were made, viz., Miss D. E. Lewis, of Chilvers Coton, was appointed general secretary in place of Mr. J. A. Fenton, and Mr. W. Dale, of Coleshill, Birmingham District secretary in place of Mr. J. W. Pemberton. The other officers were re-elected.

The meeting places for the next three months were decided on as follows: May, Clifton, near Rugby; June, Exhall; July, Stoke-in-Coventry. One life ringing member and six ringing members were elected.

The reports covering two years were distributed, a record number of peals being shown, due in the main to the late Mr. J. E. Sykes.

The Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Chapman, proposed a vote of thanks to the president (Rev. J. L. White) and the Rector of Rugby, who were both present, and their replies brought a successful meeting to a close.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**A JOHNSON 'RELIC.'**

The quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, was held at Coleshill, Warwickshire, on Saturday, April 8th. The Parish Church, which stands on high ground, has a very fine steeple and ornamented spire, and is a well-known landmark over a wide area of country. The church originally dated back to the 14th century, but very little of that building remains now, as it was thoroughly restored in 1868. It does, however, contain a remarkably fine specimen of Norman font, which is probably a relic of an earlier church on the same site. It has also a number of very fine and interesting monuments, particularly two effigies of knights which lie under low moulded arches in the walls of the north and south aisles. These are 14th century and are supposed to be of John de Clinton of the time of Edward I., and his grandson John. There are also many costly mural monuments and several good brasses.

The bells, a nice handy peal of eight, were kept going in various methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Major during the afternoon and again after the business meeting.

Tea was partaken of in the Council Room at the Town Hall, and was followed by the meeting, which was presided over by Mr. Vice-president T. Russam, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., who was on duty at Lincoln.

The Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained in the death of one of the vice-presidents (Mr. William Kent), whom he had known since 1870. He had a most genial and lovable temperament, and was a good friend to all he came in contact with. As a last tribute of respect to his memory he asked all present to stand for a moment in silence.

The Central Council agenda was discussed in detail, and finally it was decided to give the Guild's representative a free hand to vote on the various items as he thought fit, after hearing the views of the other representatives. Should the proposition to increase associations' subscriptions to 5s. be carried, it was decided to support it.

Mr. Walker reported the receipt of a letter from Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, enclosing a letter Mr. Pates had received from the late Henry Johnson, sen., containing the figures of a long peal of Grandsire Caters. It was decided to preserve this in the Guild's archives, and the secretary was instructed to tender to Mr. Pates the best thanks of the Guild for the gift.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Great Barr on Saturday, July 6th.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the Ven. Archdeacon Richards for the use of the bells and to Mr. C. Dale for making the necessary local arrangements for tea, etc., thus bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Bartholomew's Church, Burslow, Surrey, on Monday, April 1st, 720 Bob Minor: J. Bradley 1, V. Cousins 2, W. Slaughter 3, L. Penfold 4, H. Parsons 5, A. Bull (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Kew (the local foreman) to Miss D. Funnell, of Warminster, Wiltshire. First 720 in the method by all, with the exception of the conductor.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(Established 1637.)—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at St. Mary, Walmer, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fairview, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

—General meeting at Eye on April 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at the Horse Shoes at 4.30. Meeting follows.—Rev. H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. Evensong in the North-West Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (President of the Guild). Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.15, at 1s. 9d. per head; business meeting immediately afterwards. Ringing at the Cathedral (12) from 1.45 p.m. until service time, and at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6) from 2 to 3. The towers will also be open for ringing after the business meeting until 9 o'clock.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Parish Hall, Cyprus Road, about 1s. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, April 27th. The arrangements will be as usual. The address at the service will be given by the Rev. A. W. Laws, Vicar of Irchester.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester le Street on Saturday, April 27th, when we hope the members will turn up well. Bells will be available after 2 p.m. Tea at 5.—H. Tyson, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Osyth on Saturday, April 27th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Nearest station, Great Bentley (4 miles).—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, 1879-1929.—The branch annual meeting and jubilee celebration has been arranged at Boyne Hill on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available: Bray (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; Boyne Hill (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m. Guild service at 4.30 p.m., with an address by Rt. Rev. E. Domett Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford. High tea in the Parish Hall, Rutland Road, Maidenhead, at 5.30 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head. Admission by ticket. Rebate of 1s. allowed to branch members who have paid their subscriptions. Business meeting 6.30 p.m., to be followed by a concert.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, April 27th. 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.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Pluckley and Egerton on April 27th. Towers open: Pluckley, 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Egerton, 5.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Missings, Rochdale, Egerton, 5 p.m. Yellow car leaves Ashford for Pluckley 2.35. Pluckley to Egerton 4.50. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Garden, Tenterden.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Meeting in Parish Hall 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Belper on Saturday, April 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Annual reports (6d.) can be obtained at this meeting. All ringers welcome. — George Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 27th. Bells available from 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m. All towers are requested to be represented.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, April 27th, in connection with the celebrations of the centenary of the bells. Arrangements as follows: Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. The meeting arranged for St. Helens on May 11th is cancelled.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Newbury (8) will be rededicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, May

4th. The bells, recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea, by invitation of Vicar and churchwardens, at 5, to those who accept by April 30th. *Please advise me.* Social evening at 8 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than April 30th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at St. Peter's Church, Burnley. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, May 4th. It is hoped a good number will attend. There being plenty of cafés and restaurants open, visitors will make own arrangements for tea. Fixture cards will be available for forthcoming two years.—R. Harrison, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Easton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 30th.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earl's Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Thaxton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Those requiring tea kindly advise me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—There will be a meeting for ringing practice on Saturday, May 4th, at Christ Church, Ealing, from 6 to 8 p.m., before a dance, organised by the Christ Church, Ealing, ringers, in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. Admission 1s. 6d. All ringers and friends welcome. Tickets can be obtained at the door, or from W. G. Wilson, Assistant Dis. Sec., 9, Grove Cottages, Ealing, W.5.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Norton-in-Hales on Saturday, May 4th. Tea, 5.30 p.m., for all who notify Mr. D. P. Roberts, The Rectory, Norton-in-Hales, Salop, before May 1st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Creton on Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, May 4th, when the bells of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's will be available. Meet at St. Oswald's at 2.30. Tea at Pattinson's Café for those informing Mr. W. H. Johnson, 42, Whinney Hill, Durham, by May 1st.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The annual meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, May 4th. Tower open 5 to 9 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The May meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Thurleigh on May 4th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch. — Annual meeting at Ambrosden on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) just rehung in ball bearings. Tenor 20 cwt. Service 3 p.m. Bicester (8) 2 miles: bells available during evening.—E. A. Clifton, Hon. Sec., 79, Sheep Street, Bicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District and Ladies' Guild, Northants District.—A joint meeting will be held at Huntingdon St. Mary's (8) on Saturday, May 4th. Godmanchester bells (8) also available from 6 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Walden Cafe, George Street, at 5.15 p.m. Will all who require tea notify Miss S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering, or let me know not later than April 30th.—C. Fields, High Street, St. Neots, Hunts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Bridport on Saturday, May 11th. Service at 12.30. Preacher: Right Rev. Bishop Joscelyn. Luncheon at Greyhound Hotel 1.15 p.m. Charge 1s. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers open: Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canonycorum (8), Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Lodders, Netherbury, Symondsburry (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring lunch please send in their names to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset, by May 6th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Parish Hall and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 7th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., No. 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. A good attendance is requested.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the parish outing the half-yearly meeting arranged for St. Helens on May 11th is cancelled. — W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson, C. I. Davies, Hon. Secs.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Bushey, Saturday, May 11th. Bells available from 3.30 till 8.30. Evensong 5. Tea at Institute 5.30. Number for tea by 7th. Cheap tickets from all stations to Bushey. Buses stop near church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Woking Parish Church, St. Peter's (at Old Woking). The two new church bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Saturday, May 11th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed to the dedication and are cordially invited by the Vicar, churchwardens and bellringers to tea at the Church Hall after the service. Will those coming to tea kindly notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Edwards, Church Street, Old Woking, not later than Wednesday, May 8th?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Usual arrangements. All those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. E. Davies, Great Waltham, Chelmsford, not later than Thursday, May 9th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

A JOINT MEETING of the Surrey Association (North-Western District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District) will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow in the Church Room. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, not later than Wednesday, May 15th?—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—50th Annual Meeting Jubilee Celebrations at Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 20th. 11 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with an address by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. 12 noon, meeting at the Cathedral Hall. 1.15 p.m., lunch at the Corn Exchange. Tickets: Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d., applications for which to be made with a remittance to Mr. E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath. — Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham, Whit Monday, May 20th. St. Paul's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available from 10 a.m. Other bells available by arrangement. Service 12 noon, St. Andrew's Church. Luncheon 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (cold). Book direct to Mr. Dunford, Bear Hotel, Chippenham, on or before May 15th. General business meeting 2.30 p.m., St. Catherine's Schoolroom. Important business. Motions proposed include deletions to Rules I. and III. and additions to Rule XIII. and III. of branch rules. Copies and proposers may be had upon application. Tea 1s. per head, Bear Hotel. Some principal officials retiring and do not seek re-election. Please notify me for tea on or before May 18th.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — District meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me by Friday, May 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

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**TWENTY YEARS' RINGING.
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On Sunday, April 14th, at St. Peter's, Goldhanger, Essex, for morning service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: S. J. White 1, A. Appleton 2, J. R. Owers 3, B. C. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 6.

This was rung on the 20th anniversary of the first 720 on the bells by a band of service ringers standing in the same order, with the exception of the treble and 4th, Mr. S. J. White taking the place of his brother, the late Mr. F. White, and Mr. B. C. Mann that of his father, who, to the regret of the band, was indisposed. During this period 669 720's in 18 methods, including London Surprise, have been rung on these bells by 55 ringers.

For evening service on the same date, 720 of College Exercise by: J. C. Buckingham (conductor) 1, B. C. Mann 2, H. B. Gardner 3, S. J. White 4, G. H. Neville 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung on the eve of the conductor's 28th wedding anniversary.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 21st, for the 10 o'clock service, and to celebrate the silver wedding of the Vicar, Rev. H. N. Larnar, and Mrs. Larnar, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: L. Parker 1, Miss Sparshall 2, E. Hinton 3, R. Derham (first quarter-peat of Triples) 4, G. Scragg 5, P. Sparshall 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, G. Parker 8. First quarter-peat by treble and tenor ringers, who belong to the local band.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—For morning service, on April 21st, a quarter-peat of Boh Minor (1,272 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Smart 1, H. Sanders 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, G. Ransome 4, G. L. Perkins 5, J. Perkins 6. Mr. H. Lavender kindly stood out to allow a visitor to ring.

OVER, CAMBS.—For evening service, on Sunday, April 14th, a 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Wm. Bavin 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

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MARKET DEEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Saturday, 720 of Ipswich Surprise Minor: W. Tilley 1, J. J. Jutson 2, W. Waldron 3, H. M. Day (conductor) 4, J. B. Landan 5, G. H. Wells 6. First attempt for 720 in the method by all.

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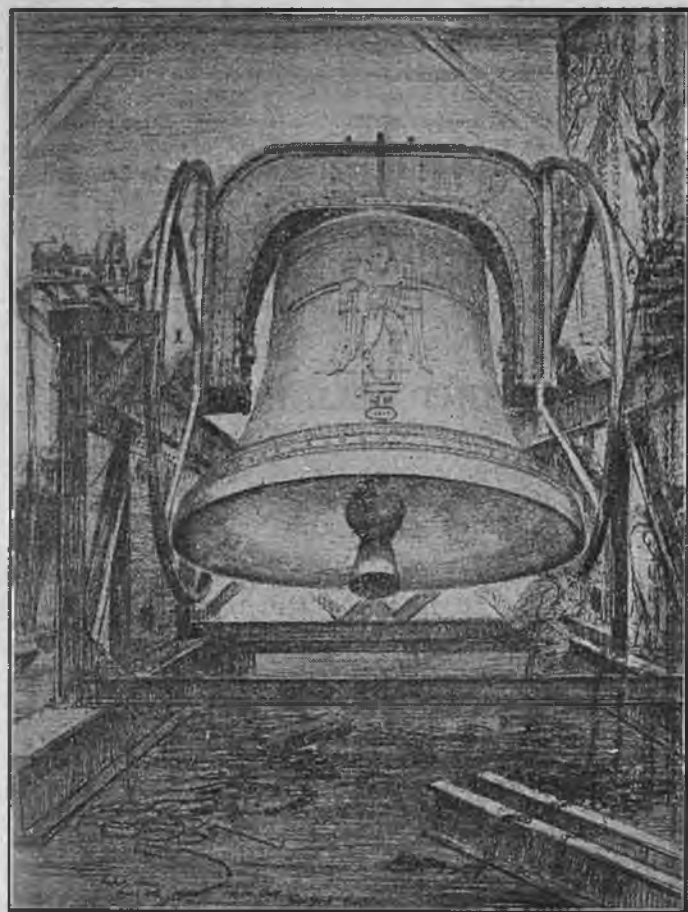
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There are few more important things in connection with church bell ringing than the acoustic arrangements of the tower and ringing chamber. Not only is it a matter which affects the ringers, but, often more acutely, the public as well. The subject is one which is frequently before the Exercise and it again comes under notice by the report, which we print in another column of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council. This report deals with the acoustics, both outside and inside the tower, and, because the former has previously received more attention than the latter, arrangements for regulating the sound of the bells internally receives rather more detailed consideration than the stopping of noise outside the tower. The value of the report lies in its recommendation of practical expedients, which have been tried and found effective. It will be read with interest and, we hope, with profit by all those who hear either too much or too little of some or all of the bells in the ringing chamber.

The question of subduing the sound of bells outside a church has previously been dealt with in an earlier report (Section II of the 'Preservation and Repair of Bells, Frames and Fittings'), and little is now added to elaborate those recommendations. Yet this is probably the most important phase of the matter. In a populous neighbourhood, a peal of bells which is noisy in the vicinity of the church can be, if much rung, a decided inconvenience, not to say nuisance to those around, and it cannot be denied that all reasonable steps should be taken in such cases to minimise the cause of complaint. There are, up and down the country, numerous rings of bells which are far too noisy outside the tower for the comfort of the neighbours and even new and costly rings are sometimes erected without precautions being taken in this respect. There have been cases where large sums have been spent on new bells, but nothing has been done to allay the noise outside, with the result that the bells soon come near to permanent silence out of consideration for the public who live or work close at hand. While we do not agree with those incumbents whose line is that of least resistance, which results in stopping the bells, when opposition to them comes from a small section of the public, there can be no question that where there is genuine cause for complaint every effort should be made to remedy the matter. In the vast majority of cases this can be done at comparatively small cost, particularly if the ringers will themselves do the work with material provided for them by the church authorities.

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The Tower and Belfries Committee's report is a useful contribution to the subject of belfry acoustics, but if it is to be of real value, it must go further than the Council Chamber. The salient features of the earlier report, to which only reference is made, should be embodied in a pamphlet with the material of the present report and should be available to associations for use among church authorities wherever an improvement is necessary or desirable. It should be printed in a form which stamps it as authoritative advice, and it should be brought formally to the notice of all the associations, and not left to them to find out casually that such a document exists.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BLACKBURN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BLACKLIDGE ... Treble	* JAMES HARRISON ... 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	† JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... 7
FRED RIGBY ... 3	* JOHN BROWN ... 8
HARRY FRANCE ... 4	JOHN THOMAS BRINSON ... 9
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 5	† E. ROGER MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First of Treble Bob Royal. † First of Royal. First peal, and first attempt on ten bells by the Preston Branch. First on ten by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 9th. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Brown, and the 18th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. H. France and Mrs. France.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 2	CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 3	* ERNEST BRETT ... 8
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 9
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by Wm. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. J. RUMBLE ... Treble	WILLIAM COOK ... 5
JOHN BEAMS ... 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB ... 6
* JOHN E. BEAMS ... 3	GEORGE A. COOK ... 7
JAMES RUMBLE ... 4	A. J. SHRUBB ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by JOHN BEAMS

* First peal inside. This peal was rung by four fathers and their four sons on the 60th anniversary of the now famous peal recorded in the tower. It was also rung as a birthday peal to the son of Mr. George Cook.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED T. POULTON ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
WALTER T. BENNETT ... 2	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 6
THOMAS BEVAN ... 3	JOHN CLARE ... 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHEROON'S TWENTY-PART, No. 3.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JOHN OLDHAM 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	CHARLES DRAPER Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Bailey and Mrs. J. S. Hutchby. This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight and rehung on ball bearings in new frame by John Taylor and Co. The peal is now a most musical octave, and the 'go' is perfect. The best thanks of the band are due to the Rector for kindly providing tea after the peal.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
JAMES HUNT 3	ALEXANDER EVANS 7
THOMAS F. KING 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM A. CAVE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*JOHN GORST Treble	†THOMAS ROGERS 5
JOHN COOKE 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	JOHN BREESE 7
†JOHN BAGLEY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method. This was Mr. John Breeze's 25th peal, in all of which the conductor has had the pleasure of taking part.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. HOING Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 5
JAMES W. WILKINS 2	WILLIAM J. BOTTRILL 6
WILLIAM J. NORTON 3	DONALD F. BOREHAM 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	Cecil W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BOTTRILL.

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STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt.

E. HARRY STONELEY Treble	REV. R. P. FARROW 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
*CECIL E. CARR 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
*WILLIAM A. STOTT 4	C. HARRY WEBB Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of St. George, England's patron saint.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

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

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF St. Edward,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY C. ABLEY Treble	*JOHN F. EVANS 5
*ALBERT E. JONES 2	*JOHN J. PRICE 6
*ROBERT H. JONES 3	FRANCIS EVANS 7
WILLIAM J. BENJANS 4	RICHARD H. WELLINGS Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Ringer of 4th from Ludlow. All the others are members of the local band.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BETTISON Treble	*JOHN W. ENGLAND 5
*ERNEST A. WILSON 2	HERBERT ALLSOP 6
HERBERT ROOKE 3	JOHN L. BLEBY 7
*CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE 4	*CHARLES CARR Tenor

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by THOMAS BETTISON

* First peal of Major.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
*WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3	*RICHARD F. KENCE 7
PERCY JARVIS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the Oxford Variation.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF St. Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
ROWLAND MYERS 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (174). Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, 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 15 cwt.

*IVOR DAVIS Treble	PERCY JONES 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	DONALD CLIFT 6
FRANK ROWSELL 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
GEORGE COOKE 4	*PHILLIP TREW Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

* First peal and were made members before starting.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*JAMES W. KNIGHT Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	JAMES BASSETT 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
WILLIAM ASHDOWN 4	†THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. H. SMITH.

* First peal of Major, and elected a member of the association previous to starting. † 50th peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART, Tenor 18½ cwt.	
WILFRED G. WILSON ... Treble	REGINALD G. ILSLEY ... 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
*D. HILL BROWN ... 3	ARTHUR HARDING ... 7
EDWARD A. MORRIS ... 4	JOSEPH LOVELL ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Reginald A. Wager, one of the Twickenham band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HINXWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.	
C. PAGE Treble	A. C. ROSE 4
S. J. COOPER 2	T. C. CASTLE 5
W. D. POOLEY 3	S. H. WALLIS Tenor

Conducted by S. H. WALLIS.

First peal by all except conductor. First peal of Bob Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Princess Elizabeth.

ULCEBY, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire, 12 Plain Bob, and 10 St. Simon's.

JACK BRAY Treble	†LAURENCE ENGLAND ... 3
*MARTIN WALKER 2	*FRANK LORD 4
†HUGH EBBATSON Tenor	

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringer of 3rd was elected a member before starting.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.	
DENNIS ADAMS Treble	*RUPERT THODAY 4
WILLIAM BAVIN 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
JOHN SMART 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

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(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, differently called.

A. NORMAN GEARY ... Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
*ROBERT W. CROFTS ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two 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 5½ cwt.

*JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
THOMAS J. SALTER ... 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in seven methods.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine 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.

STANLEY G. MOSS ... Treble	*FRANK G. HONEYWOOD ... 4
CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 2	WILLIAM STIFF 5
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

* First peal in the method inside. A 65th birthday peal for Mr. W. Honeywood, who afterwards entertained the band to tea. The conductor's 130th peal.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

*HARRY CASHMORE ... Treble	†WILLIAM NEALE 3
HARRY RIDGWAY 2	†WILLIAM DILLOW 4
*THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... Tenor	

Conducted by T. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal on five bells. † First peal 'inside.' W. Neale and W. Dillow were elected members previous to starting. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Cambridge, Oxford, Woodbine and Kent.

HENRY STAPLETON ... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HENRY GAYTON 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
CHARLES W. CLARK ... 3	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HORACE H. SMITH.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. William Peacock and Miss Alice Yates. Mr. W. Peacock is a valued and greatly respected member of the Husbome Crawley band. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Glyn F. Smith.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Monday, April 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: H. G. Smith 1, A. Booth 2, C. S. Ryles 3, J. S. Royle 4, T. W. Arrowsmith 5, A. Crawley (conductor) 6, H. Parker 7, G. W. Biddulph 8. C. S. Ryles' longest length in the method. Rung after failing with Treble Bob.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY... ..Treble	GEORGE LEE 4
WILLIAM C. BUNN 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. John Larter, who was interred at Reydon, the previous day. He was a great friend of the Wrentham company.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At 3, CRESSING WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5182 CHANGES;

BASIL REDGWELL... .. 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The conductor's 550th peal.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH JUBILEE.

The jubilee celebrations of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch will be remembered for many years by those who attended at Boyne Hill on Saturday last. Some fifteen different towers in the branch area were represented, and, in addition, a number of unattached members and visitors were present.

The bells were raised punctually at 3 p.m., and were kept going to various methods until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild service was conducted by Rev. W. S. Riddelsell, M.A., Vicar of Bray and chairman of the branch. The Archdeacon of Oxford, Rt. Rev. E. Domett Shaw, D.D., gave an excellent address on the text taken from Zachariah xiv. 20 and 21, 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, holiness unto the Lord, and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bows before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of Hosts.'

An excellent meal was served at the Parish Hall, where the company included Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Mr. A. J. Wright (general treasurer of the Guild), Mr. W. Bottrill (Metropolitan Police Guild), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Ringing Master, South and West District, Middlesex County Association), and Messrs. C. F. Winney, J. J. Parker, W. H. Fussell, J. Evans, H. Collins and E. Keeley, the last-named being over 90 years of age.

The business meeting followed, the Chairman offering a warm welcome to the Master and Canon Coleridge.

The election of 17 new members was confirmed, and the Rector of Fulmer and his band of eight ringers were proposed as members by the Secretary, and elected forthwith. The son of the new Branch Ringing Master was also made a member.

A vote of condolence was carried in silence to the relatives of three recently deceased members.

The financial statement was well received and accepted, a vote of thanks being accorded to the auditor.—The Secretary commented on the present strong financial position of the branch, and also on some of the more recent monthly practices, especially the much enjoyed joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association at Hillingdon.

Canon Coleridge humorously suggested that a new rule might be made compelling ringers to sit in the front pews and not the back ones, to the benefit of the preacher as well as the listeners.

Numerous votes of thanks and appreciation were passed to all connected with making the arrangements.—Mr. J. J. Parker, responding, expressed his pleasure at having been a member for 50 years.—Mr. W. H. Fussell produced the receipt for his first subscription, dated July 26th, 1879.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. W. S. Riddelsell, M.A.; branch secretary and treasurer, A. D. Barker; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; branch representatives on General Committee, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. J. L. Kirk, T. J. Fowler, J. C. Truss and G. H. Gutteridge.

It was decided to pay the expenses, where necessary, of representatives attending the General Committee meeting.

It is hoped to visit Amersham for the next monthly practice.

After the business was finished, a musical evening was enjoyed, and, following a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells, some excellent songs were rendered by Messrs. W. R. Ash, T. J. Fowler and Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Mr. Ayres, organist, of Cookham, presided

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A HANTS TOUR.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	KEITH HART... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. E. B. Leahy) met and welcomed the band after the peal.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... ..Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

First peal of Double Norwich on bells since recasting. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Spread) visited the belfry whilst the peal was in progress.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	GEORGE R. PYE... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	*SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	KEITH HART ... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First attempt for peal Superlative.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... ..Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEO. R. PYE.

First peal of London on the bells.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Friday, April 19th, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hands, of Hemdean Road, Caversham, celebrated their golden wedding.

Mr. Hands is one of the oldest members of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, which was inaugurated in 1884, when Canon Coleridge first took holy orders.

To mark the occasion, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on Sunday evening, April 21st, by: 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. Menday (conductor) 8.

Messrs. E. W. Menday, G. Essex, J. Hands and H. Simmonds are four of the first change ringers of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, and have been ringing every Sunday for 45 years. Mr. Hands, who has passed 'the allotted span,' is still in the pink of health.

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at the piano, and still another member from Cookham produced some weird and wonderful noises behind the scenes.

A little community singing formed part of the programme, and the evening closed with the National Anthem.

It is rumoured that the arrangements for the centenary are already in hand, and it is hoped that although the meal may be chiefly in tabloid form, there will be liquid refreshment to suit all, as well as suitable cosy corners and seats for loving couples—unless this is out of date in 1929.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE REPORT. MR. TROLLOPE CRITICISES OUR COMMENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The best reply to your criticism of the Methods Committee's report is, I think, the report itself. We want members of the Central Council to read it and note what it says and what it does not say, and vote accordingly. But there are one or two things which perhaps may profitably be said.

1. You say that before the Council adopt this report it must decide the principle of what is to be recognised as a peal. The principle was decided centuries ago: it is truth and completeness. But if you mean the details, then, surely, you are putting the cart before the horse—'Jedwood justice'—sentence first and trial afterwards. What we desire is that the Exercise, and, particularly, the five and six bell ringers, should have the opportunity of testing and judging these compositions. Later on it will be time enough to settle on a definite rule. And in this connection I would most respectfully suggest to eight-bell ringers that they should suspend their final judgment on the matter. In eight-bell ringing the opportunities for expansion and development are practically unlimited. There is plenty of room to pick and choose. For five and six bell ringing it is not so. There the scope is very limited, and it does seem rather selfish for eight-bell ringers to refuse to five-bell ringers such opportunity for development as there is.

2. All heated talk about 'no juggling with truth,' is quite beside the point. No one wants to juggle with truth. No one would willingly ring a false peal. We propose to print these compositions because, after having examined them judicially, we are convinced that they can properly be called both true and complete. The only people who can fairly be said to juggle with truth are those who, by straining language beyond the breaking point, tell us that the Bankes James' Cambridge consists of seven true 720's.

3. I am quite aware that 'many ringers of wide experience' object to these compositions, and even 'bluntly denounce them as false.' There never was any development in ringing that some ringers of wide experience did not object to. Little methods, spliced ringing, the use of singles in composition—all of them we have been told are theoretically unsound. I remember the highest authority in the Exercise saying that London was an illegitimate method; and I do not doubt that the old Plain Change ringers of the seventeenth century looked on Cross Peals as undesirable. People are fully in their rights in not liking these new compositions, but they need not ring them unless they like; and, even if they are in a majority, that seems no adequate reason for stopping those who do want to ring them.

4. It is not fair to read into a formal document like this report, signed by more than one person, anything which is not there. We nowhere say that we want the Council 'to admit as a peal of Minor any composition in which each of the 720 rows appears only seven times, no matter how often any row or any block of rows appears within the limits of any one 720,' or anything like it. Personally, I should subscribe to no such opinion. We ask for approval of our intention to print certain definite compositions which we think are useful to the Exercise.

5. The report does not set up 'one standard for peals on five and six bells and another for peals on higher numbers.' It recognises that, owing to facts, a difference already exists and must exist. Namely, on seven bells you can and must ring the full extent of the changes. On eight and more bells you cannot, and therefore need not ring the full extent, and on six and five you must repeat changes. The older idea that a peal of Minor must consist of seven separate extents went when the Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge was accepted. And as you yourself publicly accepted that arrangement as sound, you cannot blame our committee for doing the same thing. It is a logical and defensible position to take up that a peal of Minor must consist of seven separate 720's, but once you abandon that you cannot in fairness or logic admit a composition like the Cambridge and condemn Morris' arrangement of Doubles. If you say the 120's of the latter are false, so also are the 720's of the former. If the former can be justified as a whole composition (as you do justify it), so can the latter. They stand or fall together.

6. Of all the new compositions we propose to include, there are only two which you have not approved. We cannot see anything in which they differ in principle from the others.

7. May I remind you that the Exercise, while accepting as a natural thing the principle of truth and completeness, has never been fully agreed for any long time as to what does constitute a peal of Minor or Doubles? There has been a good deal of change and development of opinion on this matter in the past, and there seems no reason why there should not be further change and development in the future.

8. Our position is broadly this: When we decided to improve the 'Minor Collection' by adding compositions, we found that there were two compositions which were beginning to be popular among five and six bell ringers. Both were different from older compositions, and we had to decide whether to include them. The question was not whether we as individuals approved them, but whether the five

and six bell ringers wanted them, and whether they were likely to be of use to them. There could be no doubt as to the answer.

In conclusion, may I suggest that it is rather a pity you did not yield to the temptation to ask, 'What is behind this endeavour?' The answer would have been so easy.—Yours sincerely,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

COMMITTEE'S CONFLICTING VIEWS.

In the above letter, Mr. Trollope says that 'of all the compositions we (the committee) propose to include, there are only two which you have not approved. We cannot see anything in which they differ in principle from the others.'

It is very kind of Mr. Trollope to refer to our approval, but that is not the point that matters. The attitude which we have adopted has been one of supporting the intentions of the Central Council as indicated at Hereford. The Exercise, and certainly the Council, have a right to know what the other compositions are—if they depart from the recognised standard of being true and complete extents—before they are printed and published under the name of the Council. Up to now the only compositions which have been definitely mentioned in this controversy are Bankes James' Cambridge, Law James' London, and Pitman's and Morris' Grandsire Doubles. Are there any others? If so, the Council would probably like to know.

There are a number of points in Mr. Trollope's perfectly fair criticism of our article with which we should like to deal did space permit, but for the moment space forbids. We cannot, however, resist contrasting some of the statements, made by members of the committee, which show that they have wobbled pretty considerably over this matter individually before making up their minds collectively, while Mr. Trollope in his letter this week appears to have forgotten what Mr. Trollope said in these columns on December 14th last.

Mr. TROLLOPE, December 14th, 1928:—

The 720's in the Rev. E. B. James' arrangement of Cambridge are all true.

Mr. TROLLOPE, May 3rd, 1929:—

The only people who can fairly be said to juggle with truth are those who by straining language beyond the breaking point tell us that the Bankes James' Cambridge consists of seven true 720's.

Mr. TROLLOPE, January 25th, 1929:—

Unless you do count rounds at the start as a change, six of the seven 720's cannot by any stretch of the word be considered true.

Rev. H. LAW JAMES, January 18th, 1929:—

Consider my brother's arrangement of Cambridge Minor. We make 720 changes of the bells so that we have the correct number of changes made, but the last change made takes us into the next 720. We now ring through that, and the last change made brings us into the next 720, and so on throughout. The last change in the seventh 720 brings us back into the first 720 again, and completes the first 720, so that each of the seven is true and complete.

Mr. TROLLOPE, January 25th, 1929:—

The old idea of a six-bell peal was that it must consist of at least seven true and complete extents. The words 'true' and 'complete' and 'extent' have been used in the Exercise for a couple of centuries, and they always have had and have a definite and unmistakable meaning.

Mr. TROLLOPE, February 8th, 1929:—

It (the Hereford resolution) lays down that a peal of Minor shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's.

Committee's Report, April 26th:—

The Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge does not consist of seven extents.

Committee's Report, April 26th, 1929:—

The Bankes James' arrangement does not consist of seven extents. . . . The justification of the arrangement lies in taking the first 2.160 changes as one round block.

Regarding Mr. Morris' arrangement, the Report says: 'Of course, there is repetition between handstroke and backstroke.'

(Other letters are unavoidably held over.)

THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

Mr. C. F. Winney, quoting from 'The Ringing World' report of the Middlesex County Association, 'Increasing interest of younger generation,' writes: 'This is not my experience and of several of my keen friends, who are sad at the apathy of persons they have tried to encourage in this duty to the Church.'

SUDDEN DEATH OF A BURTON LATIMER RINGER

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Harry Meadows which took place with tragic suddenness on Tuesday evening, April 23rd. The deceased had been to his work that day as usual, and, in the evening was at work in his garden, when about 6.30 he was seen to fall to the ground. A neighbour went to his assistance, but Mr. Meadows died in about two minutes. At an inquest which was held, the doctor stated that a post-mortem examination revealed that the deceased's heart was twice the normal weight, and the jury returned a verdict of 'Death from natural causes.'

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday afternoon, the Rector (Rev. G. L. Lethbridge) officiating. In addition to the local ringers, there were also present Mr. R. G. Black, general secretary, and Mr. W. T. Wilson, treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Mr. R. Turner (Kettering), Mr. A. Henman, Kettering (an old-time Burton ringer), Mr. J. R. Main (Finedon), and P.C. Robinson, who is also a ringer.

The deceased had been a ringer at St. Mary's Church for 23 years, and during the whole of that time had been most regular in his attendance to ring for the Sunday services. He had not been a great peal ringer, but he had rung about twenty peals in all, the greater part of them having been Minor in seven methods.

After the funeral the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Plain Bob Stedman and Grandsire. The bells were also rung muffled for both services on Sunday.

ARCHDEACONS WHO HELP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to your leading article on this subject, I would like to say that in the Ven. Archdeacon Howson, Archdeacon of Warrington in the diocese of Liverpool, ringers have another valued friend and helper.

For many years the Archdeacon has held the office of warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, which comprises the Liverpool and Wigan Branches of the Lancashire Association, and, what is still more to the point, frequently attends the branch meetings.

He never loses an opportunity of encouraging our art amongst those newly ordained into Orders, and there are not many towers in the district that he has not visited. Despite advancing years, his energy and work on behalf of ringers does not diminish. In fine, we all love our Archdeacon for what he is—our friend.

I am also informed that the first Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild was Archdeacon Barber.

'APPRECIATORY.'

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Duffield on April 13th, when again the attendance was extremely poor. Nevertheless with generous assistance from the gentlemen quite a variety of methods was attempted, the ease with which the bells can be handled making them most suitable for ladies to ring. A very appetising tea was provided in the schoolroom, after which the business meeting took place, three new members being elected.

The new rules for the Ladies' Guild and also for the districts were brought forward and passed, one of the latter being that the annual district meeting shall precede the annual general meeting.

Votes of thanks were extended to the Vicar, and especially to the local band for their efforts to make the meeting a success, also to the ladies who prepared such an excellent tea.

Date and place of next meeting were left open pending arrangements for the unveiling of the ladies' peal tablet. Further ringing took place throughout the evening, bringing a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

METHOD SPLICING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drake's reply seems to call for some comment. He states that several reasons were advanced in support of the resolution that the splicing of methods is theoretically unsound, but he only gives us his own reason. He contends that the theory we ring by is that we must keep to one kind of method in what we ring, varied by two kinds of calls. To do other than this breaks the principle, and a broken principle is an unsound principle.

I should like to ask Mr. Drake three questions: (1) Has he ever rung 120 Grandsire Doubles, or Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples? (2) Does he consider that either of the different singles used breaks the Doubles or Triples principle? (3) If he agrees to breaking principles by the calling of any kind of single, in odd-bell methods, why does he object to further innovations which have the decided merit of increasing the scope of ringing and making it much more complex and interesting?

It is a pity the other reasons advanced at the Suffolk Guild's meeting are not given. One can only come to the conclusion, regretfully, that there are still a number of ringers who object to change of any kind.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

P.S.—In my letter published on April 19th an error occurs. In the last line but two the words 'spliced experts' should read 'spliced extents.'

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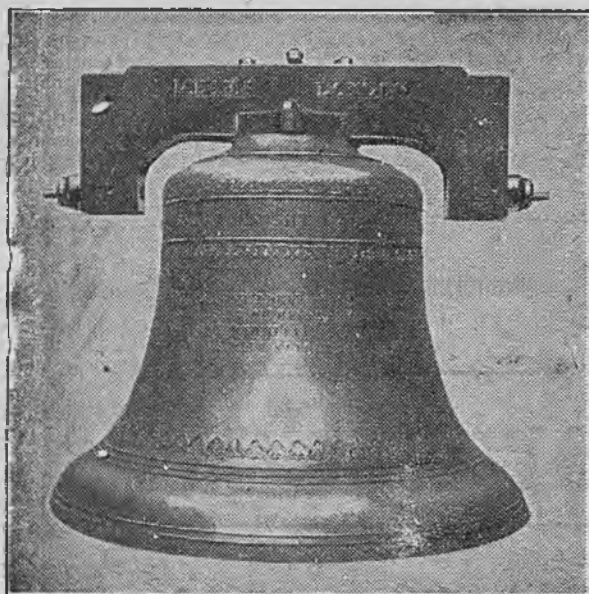
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At Kington Magna, where the bells were rung on St. George's Day, the King's message to his people was, at the Rector's request, read out to the ringers by the steepkeeeper.

A minor tour, resulting in four peals of Major, took place in Hants last week. It extended over three days. The last of the peals was London Surprise on the new bells at Milford-on-Sea, and the band had a miraculous escape from losing it. Just as the conductor called 'This is all,' at backstroke, his rope broke, came down in front of him and laid on the belfry floor. Has such a thing ever been known before?

Four fathers and four sons have repeated at St. Martin's, Epsom, the performance of exactly sixty years ago in the same tower. They have rung a peal of Grandsire Triples.

The peal at Henstridge on April 18th was rung by members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

Next Sunday is the anniversary of the 12,312 Grandsire Caters rung at Painswick in the year 1817. Even at that date it was not the record length, for a peal of 12,603 had been rung at Norwich in 1737.

The first peal of Grandsire Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark on May 7th, 1792.

Edmonton bells were opened by the Cumberland Youths with a peal of '5,230 Oxford Treble Bobs,' composed and conducted by John Reeves, on May 8th, 1788.

'Many happy returns' to-day to Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, and on Tuesday to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Challis Winney writes that April 29th was the late 'Jack' Hayes' wedding day, and on that date in 1884 he turned in Southwark tenor. It was a vastly different problem in those days, remarks Mr. Winney, compared with to-day, when the bell is tucked up in an iron stock. It was George Mash who persuaded Hayes to tackle the the job one practice night.

Several correspondents have reminded us that Miss Lewis, who has been appointed general secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, is not the first lady to hold such an office. Miss Violet Shorter was secretary of the Ely Diocesan Guild for twelve months, about six or seven years ago, and did most admirable work.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The Essex Association, through the hon. secretary, Mr. F. J. Pitstow, announces the following arrangements in connection with the meeting of the Essex Association at Chelmsford on Whitsun Tuesday:—

The following eight-bell towers will be available for peals on Saturday, May 18th: Writtle, Widford, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Boreham, Feering, and Braintree. Those wishing to take part should send their names as early as possible, but not later than Saturday, May 11th, to Mr. W. Keeble, Rye Mill Farm, Feering, Kelvedon, Essex. Service ringing on Sunday in addition to the above-mentioned towers at the Cathedral (12), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), and Springfield (6).

The headquarters will be the County Hotel. Bed and breakfast at the usual commercial rates. Accommodation can also be given at the Bell Hotel and White Hart Hotel. To prevent disappointment, intending visitors should write and make their arrangements at once.

The Essex Association is celebrating its jubilee on Whit Monday at Chelmsford. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome. For particulars see announcement in notices columns. A private 20-seater bus has been engaged to enable ringers to visit the neighbouring towers from 3 to 8 p.m. on that date.

Luncheon on Tuesday can be had at Hicks Bros.' Restaurant, High Street, Cannon's Restaurant, Duke Street, near Railway Station, also at County Hotel. Previous notice should be given at the latter place. A room at the County Hotel has been reserved for the use of visitors and friends in the evenings of Monday and Tuesday.

The Essex Association invite all members of the Central Council to tea at the County Hotel at the conclusion of the afternoon session on Tuesday.

F. J. PITSTOW,

Hon. Secretary.

45, High Street, Saffron Walden, Essex.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' SECRETARY.

BUST TO BE EXHIBITED IN THE ROYAL ACADEMY.

A bust of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the hon. secretary of the College Youths, is to be shown at this year's Royal Academy exhibition. The sculptor is Miss Hiley (daughter of Mr. H. Sesom Hiley, architect, and a student of the R.A.), who has produced a fine work of art, which has received the hall mark of the R.A. by acceptance for the exhibition at Burlington House. The sculptor was commissioned by Mr. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), and the bust is a gift to Mr. Cockerill. It was cast in bell metal, provided by Mr. A. A. Hughes, by Singer-Morris, Ltd., and stands upon a Hoptonwood marble base, carved to Mr. Young's design by Mr. J. Rowbotham, also of the College Youths.

BELFRY ACOUSTICS.

The following is the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee on Belfry Acoustics, to be presented to the Central Council at the Chelmsford meeting:—

It is important in the case of rehanging and tuning to pay great attention to acoustic conditions. The tower is cleared of many large beams, thick planks and the accumulation of the dirt and dust of ages, which all tend to deaden sound, and into this empty room are placed the bells, rendered by tuning more powerful in tone than before.

Much excellent advice is given in Section II. of the 'Preservation and Repair of Bells, Frames and Fittings,' published by the Council, and need not be repeated here.

So far as the noise outside the tower is concerned, there is nothing to add to this except to draw attention to the sound-deadening material known as Cabot's Quilt, which is of use in forming a lining to the wooden shutters suggested for the belfry windows.

As to the inside, and dealing first with the difficulty of hearing one or two bells in a ring, the committee has notes of a successful experiment recently carried out by Mr. Hesse in the Haslemere tower on the lines laid down in the above publication. In the same connection special mention should be made of the ingenious, though very simple, contrivance of Mr. Pates in the tower of St. Mary's, Cheltenham. Here the treble swings side by side with the tenor, and although a shute was placed near the mouth of the treble it was quite inaudible in the ringing room after the first pull off in rounds. Something was wanted to throw the treble sound towards the shute, and at the same time to throw the tenor sound away therefrom. This was effected by boarding in the lower half of the tenor and treble wheels with half-inch match boarding. The result is all that could be desired.

Then with regard to the comfortable hearing of a whole ring in the ringing room, too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of there being at least 2ft. 6in. between the floor immediately under the bells and the ceiling of the ringing room, with no connecting shutles of any kind. If it can be 8ft. or 10ft., so much the better.

In cases where a plastered ceiling is not practicable, e.g., where wires and cranks of chiming hammers have to be accommodated, it will be necessary to have a wooden ceiling, and in this case much can be done with Cabot's Quilt, Celotex, Lead (2lb. per foot) or Felt, laid above the ceiling.

In any case, it is well to have some sound-deadening material immediately under the bells, and in some cases round the walls of the belfry as well. This, of course, applies to towers where the ringing room is obviously too near to the bells and cannot be lowered.

Cabot's Quilt is composed of seaweed or eel grass that comes from Nova Scotia. It is usually made up into mats, but may be obtained loose for packing in between floors. It can be obtained through the leading bell foundries. Celotex is a felted board made of sugar-cane, and can be obtained through any architect or builder.

A case is known of a heavy ring of eight to which the ringers' floor is so near that the sallies go round the wheels. There is only one floor between the ringers and the bells. The noise was, of course, unbearable, but a vast improvement was made by laying down Cabot's Quilt directly under the bells, the layers increasing according to the size of the bell.

There are many towers where both acoustic and other conditions would be far better if the bells were rung from the ground level. When the bells are being rehung this may well be considered. Often it brings the ringer to exactly the right distance from the bells, but it has also certain possible disadvantages.

The alternative plan of a ringers' loft or gallery open to the church has very much to recommend it. This is especially adapted to a west-end tower with a high arch on the east side, and perhaps a large west window, with the floor of the tower required for church seating or a baptistry or a choir vestry. A floor is put in 8ft. or 10ft. from the ground, it may be of deal; across the east arch runs an oak front, or a light iron railing, just high enough for safety. The window remains visible, and is in no way spoilt by the hanging ropes, as is sometimes supposed to be the case. The floor is reached by a wooden staircase from inside the church. The ringers have perfect ventilation without draught, are in good light and within good hearing of the bells.

Examples may be seen at Aldermaston, Bletchley, Clapham Park, St. Peter Mancroft, Painswick, Wokingham All Saints', and very many other places.

C. W. O. JENKYN, Convener of the Committee.
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BISHOP'S CONGRATULATIONS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Michael's Church, Minehead, on Sunday, in honour of a visit of the Bishop of Taunton. At the commencement of his sermon at evening service, the Bishop congratulated the ringers on their quarter-peal, and remarked upon the perfect striking of the bells. The ringers were W. Folly 1, C. Strawbridge 2, L. Mason 3, F. Bulley 4, F. Date 5, W. Hoyle 6, J. Pugsley (conductor) 7, W. Male 8.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CLERKENWELL.**A GREAT CITY RESTORATION.**

The new ring of eight bells in the famous Church of St. James, Clerkenwell, recast and rehung with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Stepney on Sunday, April 28th, at 6.30 p.m. His Worship the Mayor, the Mayoress and members of the Finsbury Borough Council were in attendance.

The old bells had an unenviable reputation for years. The fittings were old fashioned and out of repair, and the oak frame had lacked attention, with the result that it was hard work for the ringers to ring the bells.

In order to remedy this state of affairs the existing wood frame has been materially strengthened by the insertion of corner plates and stout vertical bolts; and the fittings have been replaced by cast iron headstocks, ball bearings and all the latest improvements that have been evolved in recent years by the bell foundries, in order that the strain on the tower should be reduced to a minimum and the work of the ringers made easy.

The bells, too, were unsatisfactory in tone, their harmonics were false to such an extent that nothing short of recasting could convert them into a musical peal. This course was, therefore, adopted, and each of the eight bells has now been tuned to sound a perfect five-tone chord. It is interesting to note that this is the first ringing peal of bells in the county of London to be tuned on this system, sometimes known as the Simpson Principle.

General acoustic requirements have also not been lost sight of: The louvre openings of the belfry have been partially blocked inside the walls so as to prevent the sound beating down on the neighbourhood unduly.

A special device, a patent of the firm, has been fitted to the tenor, namely, a clapper control. This releases the clapper from the bell immediately after the blow, thus rounding off the peal musically. The attachment can be put in or out of action at will by the ringers, but it certainly improves the effect of the peal outside the tower.

Inside the tower, the ringers' comfort has not been forgotten. The Ringing Room has been painted and redecorated, linoleum has been laid on the floor and electric light installed. In fact, by the happy co-operation of the Vicar and churchwardens with the

bell foundries, a model belfry has been aimed at, and it is hoped that the authorities' desire that Clerkenwell should have a peal of bells and a belfry of which the parish might be proud, will be rewarded by a speedy formation of a capable band of ringers, willing to serve the church in the exercise of a centuries' old craft.

Nos. 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were cast originally in 1791, No. 4 in 1837, and No. 2 was recast previously in 1801, and No. 3 in 1904. All the old inscriptions have been reproduced and the old metal used again. The tenor is 24 cwt. 2 gr. 21 lb. in E flat.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have carried out the whole of the bell restoration work, have a special interest in Clerkenwell, for

**ST. JAMES', CLERKENWELL.**

it was in this borough that Mr. William Gillett, the founder of the firm, first set up his factory a hundred years ago, before he moved to Croydon in 1844.

The present head of the firm, Mr. Cyril Johnston, was chairman for four years of the British Horological Institute, which is in Clerkenwell, and has many personal associations in the locality.

St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, holds a unique position, inasmuch as by an Act of Parliament in 1784, in the reign of George III., for pulling down the church and building a new church, the church with its appurtenances is vested in the trustees, the following being an extract from the Act:—

'and the property in the bells, pews, seats, books, and all goods, chattels, and ornaments, in the said new church and churchyard shall also be vested in the said Trustees for ever upon the same trust.'

THE REDEDICATION.

A crowded congregation was present at the service on Sunday evening, when the Bishop of Stepney rededicated the organ and the bells. The Mayor and Mayoress of Finsbury, the town clerk and members of the Corporation were in attendance, and preceded the choir in procession to pews reserved for them. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. J. Parker, with whom his people were that day celebrating the successful restoration of the organ, the spire and the bells at a cost of more than £3,500. For the actual ceremony, the clerical and civic procession moved to the base of the tower, where the Bishop rededicated the bells, tolling the tenor twice and offering the customary prayers.

In a sermon that must have been one of the most impressive and eloquent ever delivered on such an occasion, the Bishop congratulated the Vicar, wardens and parishioners on the splendid result of their endeavours, for certainly St. James', Clerkenwell, had given a lead to the churches of the diocese, and he wished that the numerous other churches, so sadly in need of similar attention, would follow their bright example. He wished at least one message of his to remain in the minds of his hearers. Whenever, after that day, they heard the bells of that church ring out, he wanted them to remember that a man's destiny should not control him; whatever the temptation or the trials, a man could rise triumphant over all these things—he could control his own destiny.

At the close of the service, the Bishop, the Mayor and many visitors were specially interested in the old registers, dating back to the middle of the 16th century, that had been restored with great skill.

Before and after the service a special band of Middlesex County Association, organised by the hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles, and including Mr. W. Pyc, Master of the Association, rang the bells; and the Bishop specially complimented Mr. Cyril Johnston on the tone of the recast peal, which he much admired.

A meeting of the Middlesex County Association is to be held at Clerkenwell to-morrow, and will be in the nature of a ringers' opening of the bells. In connection with this a social will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, corner of Farringdon Road, at 8 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.

DEATH OF AN OLD SUFFOLK RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. J. Larter, who passed away at his residence at Reydon, near Southwold, on Wednesday, April 24th, after only a few days' illness, at the age of 74 years. He joined the Norwich Association soon after its formation, and was district secretary for the Halesworth District for many years. There being no bells in his own parish, he rang in all the churches round about, and was widely known by a large circle of friends, his greatest hobby being instructing young ringers. There are few ringers who have travelled and walked more miles than he did for this purpose. He was in the employment of the Earl of Stradbroke as foreman for approximately forty years, and lived at the timber yard until he retired four years ago and went to reside at Reydon.

The funeral took place at Reydon Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, the Rev. Ashton, of Uggleshall, officiating. In addition to the family mourners there were present many old friends of the deceased, including Mr. J. Hill (late Butler), Mr. Haggarth (head gardener), Mr. R. Thompson (foreman, also a bellringer). The ringers present were Messrs. G. and R. Pearce, of Wenham, E. R. Goate, J. Snadding and C. F. Sayer (Beccles), J. Howard and R. Thompson (Halesworth), L. Hammond (Chediston), W. Kerrison (Wissett), F. Ford and P. Self (Brampton), E. Grindell and E. Goodwin (Southwold), E. Bailey, sen., E. Bailey, jun., W. Durrant, W. J. Sawyer, A. J. L. Naunton and F. W. Naunton (Wrentham). Immediately after the committal prayer, a course of Bob Major was rung over the grave by J. Howard 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, J. Spalding, 3-4. E. R. Goate 5-6, F. W. Launton 7-8.

The funeral arrangements at the deceased's express wish were carried out by his brother ringers, Messrs. Naunton Bros., of Wrentham. In the evening from 5 to 7.30 various touches were rung on the Southwold bells with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect. A half-muffled peal was also rung at Wrentham on Sunday.

There were many floral tributes, including a beautiful wreath from the Earl and Countess of Stradbroke.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The annual meeting was held on Saturday, April 20th, at Pontefract (All Saints'), some 40 members being present, representing towers at Arkey, Barnsley, Goole, Hatfield, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Leeds, Selby and Snaith.

A short service was held at which the address was given by the Rev. C. C. T. Naters, Vicar of Pontefract. Tea was provided in the All Saints' Church House by the local company, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar of All Saints', the Rev. A. G. Shipley, M.A., presiding.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), hon. general secretary, the following officials were re-elected: Mr. G. S. Miller (Hull), Mr. R. B. Smith (Howden), to the committee; Mr. F. W. Dale (Hull), to the general committee; and Mr. A. B. Cook (Hull), hon. district secretary, who was accorded a special vote of thanks for his past services, and who acknowledged the continued confidence which the members placed in him.

Four new members were elected: Messrs. D. Fewster and J. M. Pickering, of St. Patrick's, Patrington, and Messrs. G. Cawkhill and R. Newham, of Howden. An invitation from the Rector of Hatfield to hold the summer meeting there was unanimously accepted.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of All Saints' for the use of the bells, service and presiding at the meeting, the Vicar of Pontefract for his address, and the organist, also the local company and Mr. W. Pearson for the competent arrangements.

ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT IN DEVON.

NEW OCTAVE AT KINGSTEIGNTON.

Kingsteignton, Devon, is now in possession of a fine ring of eight bells, cast and hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. There was previously a peal of six in the tower, successors to an earlier ring. The new octave, which is, of course, tuned on the five tone harmonic principle and hung in a new frame with all the latest modern fittings, has cost about £650, all of which has been raised by voluntary subscriptions.

The dedication was performed on Saturday week by the Bishop of Exeter, who, in an address, congratulated the parishioners on the mighty work they had completed, and added that the bells could speak a message to them that no human tongue could teach. The bells told them all things that interested them as a community. They were essentially a part of the whole social organisation of their civilisation. People forgot at times that they were a community and talked only as a set of individuals. He deprecated the selfishness of that old idea. Thinking of themselves alone conducted to what he described as a miserable life.

Parties of ringers were present from Wolborough, Moreton, Chagford, Bovey Tracey, Chudleigh, East and West Teignmouth, Ippeton and Highweek. All expressed themselves delighted with the music and 'go' of the bells.

The notes, inscriptions, and weights of the bells are:—

- Treble F.—Presented by George H. and Alethea Beer, 1929. 4 cwt. 2 q. 10 lb.
- 2nd, E.—Presented by S. and W. Couch, in memory of their mother, H. R. Cooke, Vicar; T. J. H. Partridge, A. P. Yeoman, churchwardens, 1929. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.
- 3rd, D.—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, Defunctus Plero, Plebem Voco, Festa Decoro, Donum Johannis Whidborne, 1869. 5 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.
- 4th, C.—Mr. Samuel Mudge and Mr. Nicholas Watts, churchwardens, Thomas Bibbie, Fecit, 1766. 6 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.
- 5th, B flat.—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 'Gaudemus Gaudetibus Dolentibus,' Donum Johannis Whidborne, Anno Domini, 1874, John H. Hext, Vicar. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.
- 6th, A.—Tri Vni Deo Sit Gloria Sempiterna, I. Byrnell, W. Wayne, wardens, I.P., E.S., 1726. 9 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb.
- 7th, G.—Soli Deo Detur Gloria, T.P., 1623. 11 cwt. 2 qr.
- Tenor, F.—God Save the Church, the Rev. Christopher Beeke, Vicar, William Wayne, Richard Westlake, churchwardens, 1745, Tho Wroth, Fecit; recast 1919; John Nightingale, Vicar; Thomas Butland, Virginia Quinton, churchwardens; 'Peace on earth, good will towards men.' 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

WELLINGTON BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of the Parish Church of Wellington, Shropshire, have recently been restored, and hung on ball bearings in a new steel frame. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

On Tuesday, April 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins. by: H. Whalley 1, W. Saunders 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, J. B. Tyler 4, L. Bishop 5, H. Hayward 6, W. A. Fletcher (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8. The ringers expressed themselves as highly pleased with the 'go' of the bells, and congratulated Mr. Tyler, who has been responsible for the rehanging, on the satisfactory completion of his work.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, April 27th. The church is beautifully situated on the side of a hill, and the bells are a very fine peal of ten by Mears and Stainbank. About 25 members and visitors were present from Shrewsbury, Alberbury, Malinslee, Worthen, Wellington, Bridgnorth, Sheriffhales, Crewe, Birmingham, and the local tower, also two lady ringers from Cardington, who rang rounds on ten very well considering that their own tower contains only four bells.

Ringing began at three o'clock and continued until five, when tea was partaken of in Trinity Hall. The business meeting followed, the Vicar, the Rev. T. Eland, presiding.

It was explained that this meeting would have been held at Wellington, but permission could not be obtained. The tower there is very close to the shops, and numerous complaints are received if the bells are rung on a Saturday afternoon.

Nine new members were elected from Whitchurch.

It was unanimously decided that Mr. W. Saunders attend the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford if possible, and that his expenses be paid.

Mr. A. Woodvine proposed that the association print a balance sheet annually for circulation amongst the members, and this was carried. The next meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on July 20th, if possible.

Mr. Saunders proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the hon. secretary (Rev. F. Tennison) for his presence at the meeting and his continued interest in the association. This was carried with applause, and in the course of his reply the Rev. F. Tennison said how grateful the members were to the Vicar of Coalbrookdale for the use of the bells and hall.

This concluded the business, and the members then returned to the tower for further ringing until 8.30. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and the North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, April 20th, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Woolwich, and was fairly well attended. Ringing took place under the supervision of the District Master, Mr. H. Mance, some very good touches in various methods being brought round, including a course of Cambridge. The beginners, also, were not forgotten, everyone being accommodated.

A very bright service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Pickering), who gave the association a hearty welcome, and a helpful address. One of the local young ringers presided at the organ, and the hymns and psalms, etc., were well rendered. Tea followed in the Mission House, where the party were the guests of the Rector, churchwardens and the local band. A splendid repast, thoroughly enjoyed by all, was presided over by the Rector, supported by the Master and the local Ringing Master (Mr. Aldridge). The business meeting followed, with Mr. Mance in the chair. The routine business was soon got through, but there was an animated discussion under the heading of 'other business.' This arose because a tower had not been obtained at which to hold a meeting, and it was stated that it was partly owing to the fact that the local band were not first asked their permission. The secretary maintained that the proper person to ask was the incumbent, whilst a member moved a resolution that the secretary be instructed to obtain sanction first of the local band. The resolution was, however, lost.

During the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for arranging and conducting the service, also, as part host with the churchwarden and local ringers, for supplying the tea, to the ladies who prepared and served the tea in such great style, to the organist, and, last, but by no means least, to Mr. Cyril E. Palmer, local secretary, whose help in arranging details was regarded as most valuable by the district secretary.

As a consequence of the discussion, a somewhat late return was made to the tower, when more ringing was indulged in, but some members had to leave early, as Woolwich is right at the extremity of the district's activities.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A RINGER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I ask for a little space in your columns to give a few details about the vacant post at Sherborne Abbey, to which reference was made in 'Belfry Gossip' last week? I learn that the office is one of whole-time employment, and the emoluments amount to about £100 a year. The vergor has to attend to the cleaning and heating of the building, work in the Abbey close and so forth, besides the official duties at the church services. In the event of some capable ringer obtaining the appointment, there will be a great opportunity of doing valuable service in the cause of ringing. The eight massive bells afford a most interesting field of enterprise.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

A SHEFFIELD CHURCH'S JUBILEE.

ORIGINAL RINGERS TAKE PART IN CELEBRATIONS.

The celebration of the jubilee of the Church of St. John, Rammoor, Sheffield, took place on Wednesday, April 24th. The original church was erected by the late John Newton Mappin, and opened April 24th, 1879. It was destroyed by fire on January 2nd, 1887, and re-opened September 9th, 1888. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. Cole-Hamilton, M.C., Vicar of Sholing, and the same hymns and psalms were used as when the church was consecrated by Dr. William Thomson, Archbishop of York.

The bells were rung previous to the service, and several touches were brought round. Three of the ringers who took part were Messrs. G. Holmes, W. Bugar and J. Dixon, who participated in the ringing forty-nine years ago, when the bells were first opened, and later rang in the first peal on the bells early in 1881.

The bells were also rung in the evening, the local company being assisted by Messrs. R. Harrison, sen., R. Harrison, jun., W. Bugar, J. Dixon, and S. Lee. The Rev. Canon J. R. Lee Nicholls, M.A., rang the third in a short touch of Stedman Triples before the morning service.

TREBLE TEN AT BLACKBURN.

The peal of Treble Bob Royal at Blackburn, which is recorded in this issue, represents a step forward by the Preston Branch. It was rung at the first attempt. The ringer of the 4th had never previously had a pull on ten bells, and all excepting the conductor scored their first peal of Treble Ten. The composer is a Preston Branch ringer, and the composition is now rung for the first time. Grateful thanks are tendered by the band to the Blackburn Cathedral ringers for making the attempt possible, and for their kind congratulations after the peal.

F. G. NEWMAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged £17 15s., Mr. G. Williams 5s., Mr. G. Austin 2s. 6d., Mr. E. Brett 2s., Mr. J. S. Hawkins 2s., Mr. W. G. Whitehead 5s., H. A. R. 2s. 6d., Mr. W. Idle 2s., Mr. C. J. Burgoyne 2s.; total £18 18s. Further contributions should be sent to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.

On Tuesday, April 16th, in 55 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) was rung on the Cathedral bells: S. J. Wolfe 1, C. McGuiness 2, G. Flintham 3, T. Pyle 4, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 5, C. H. Chester 6, J. Walden 7, H. L. Pask 8, H. Walker 9, J. Vickers 10. First quarter-peal of Caters on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to the Dean of Lincoln (the Rev. Dr. T. C. Fry), who was 83 on the 16th. It was rung after meeting short for Cluques.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The members of the Southern District of the Surrey Association met at Leigh Church on April 6th. During the afternoon ringing took place, members numbering over 30 from Buckland, Burstow, Charlwood, Horley, Leigh, Limpsfield Chart, Reigate and Redhill towers being present. Many visitors from Beddington, Crawley, Croydon, Leatherhead, Newdigate, Swindon and other towers were also present. A service was held in St. Bartholomew's Church, and was conducted by Rev. T. Kane, Vicar of Leigh, and Miss A. M. Mitchell (organist) presided at the organ. The Vicar gave a short address.

An excellent tea was provided at the Plough Inn by Mr. W. Parsons, and was followed by a meeting, Rev. T. Kane being elected to the chair. Mr. F. Sanders, of Buckland, was elected to the committee, a vacancy having been created by the election of Mr. D. K. Birth, of Merstham, to be Master of the Association. Two peals had been recorded since the last meeting, held at Charlwood in January.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Limpsfield Chart in June, and the quarterly peal will be attempted at Betchworth, and conducted by Mr. G. F. Hoad, of Reigate, subject to its being possible to make the necessary arrangements.

Rev. T. Kane was elected an hon. member of the association, and the following were also elected members of the association: Messrs. G. H. Weller, P. Pescud, S. Beadle, R. Beadle, A. Warren, G. D. Weller and J. Weller.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. T. Kane for taking the service, for addressing the members and for occupying the chair at the meeting. Miss A. M. Mitchell was also accorded a hearty vote of thanks for presiding at the organ; Mr. G. H. Weller was thanked for making the excellent arrangements, which contributed to the success of the meeting.

The members afterwards returned to the tower, and the ringing of standard methods was resumed.

NOTICES.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle Parish Church on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at St. Peter's Church, Burnley. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, May 4th. It is hoped a good number will attend. There being plenty of cafés and restaurants open, visitors will make own arrangements for tea. Fixture cards will be available for forthcoming two years.—R. Harrison, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Easton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earl's Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Thaxton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—There will be a meeting for ringing practice on Saturday, May 4th, at Christ Church, Ealing, from 6 to 8 p.m., before a dance, organised by the Christ Church, Ealing, ringers, in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. Admission 1s. 6d. All ringers and friends welcome. Tickets can be obtained at the door, or from W. G. Wilson, Assistant Dis. Sec., 9, Grove Cottages, Ealing, W.5.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Creton on Saturday, May 4th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District and Ladies' Guild, Northants District.—A joint meeting will be held at Huntingdon St. Mary's (8) on Saturday, May 4th. Godmanchester bells (8) also available from 6 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Walden Café, George Street, at 5.15 p.m.—C. Fields, High Street, St. Neots, Hunts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, May 4th, when the bells of the Cathedral, St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's will be available. Meet at St. Oswald's at 2.30. Tea at Pattinson's Café.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—The annual meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, May 4th. Tower open 5 to 9 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The May meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Thurleigh on May 4th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Amport and Thruxton on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service in Amport Church 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—The Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringers' service and tea. All intending to be present please notify the secretary.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec.

FRESSINGFIELD AND FRAMLINGHAM RINGING ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Cratfield Church on Saturday, May 4th, at 6 p.m. Bells will be available from 3 p.m.—L. E. Etheridge, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, May 4th. The bells, recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Social at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street (Farringdon Road corner) at 8 p.m. A musical programme is being arranged. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 6th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 14th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the parish outing the half-yearly meeting arranged for St. Helens on May 11th is cancelled.—W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson, C. I. Davies, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Usual arrangements. All those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. E. Davies, Great Waltham, Chelmsford, not later than Thursday, May 9th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Bridport on Saturday, May 11th. Service at 12.30. Preacher: Right Rev. Bishop Joscelyn. Luncheon at Greyhound Hotel 1.15 p.m. Charge 1s. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers open: Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canoniconum (8), Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Loders, Netherbury, Symondsby (6). All ringers welcome. Those requiring lunch please send in their names to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset, by May 6th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Parish Hall and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, May 7th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., No. 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. A good attendance is requested.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Woking Parish Church, St. Peter's (at Old Woking). The two new church bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Saturday, May 11th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed to the dedication and are cordially invited by the Vicar, churchwardens and bellringers to tea at the Church Hall after the service. Will those coming to tea kindly notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Edwards, Church Street, Old Woking, not later than Wednesday, May 8th?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, at 9d. per head, after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 7th.—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 Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday, May 11th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, May 11th. Usual arrangements. It is hoped as many as possible will attend as business is important.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready 1 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Tickets can only be given to those who apply before May 7th. Address: A. Goldthorpe, Red Hill, Shelley. All ringers and friends invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The monthly practice at Netherton, Saturday, May 11th, 3.30.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at Warehorne. Tower opens at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Ruckinge tower opens 6 till 8 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Froyle on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Sir Hubert Miller, Bart., kindly invites all members to tea at the Shrubbery House after service. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Thursday, 9th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Everdon (6) on Saturday, May 11th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Paul's will be available after 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at the Victoria Hotel at 4.30 p.m. and tea (1/6 per head) at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please advise me by the 8th.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 129, St. Leonard St., Sunderland

A JOINT MEETING of the Surrey Association (North-Western District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District) will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow in the Church Room. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, not later than Wednesday, May 15th?—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill (6) on Saturday, May 18th. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Haynes, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, not later than Wednesday, May 15th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Mr. Knight's Restaurant, Lombard Street, 5 p.m. All those intending to be present kindly advise by Wednesday previous to the meeting. Half railway fares, 1s. 6d.—A. W. Groves, Amhurst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham, Whit Monday, May 20th. St. Paul's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available from 10 a.m. Other bells available by arrangement. Service 12 noon. St. Andrew's Church. Luncheon 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (cold). Book direct to Mr. Dunford, Bear Hotel, Chippenham, on or before May 15th. General business meeting 2.30.

p.m., St. Catherine's Schoolroom. Important business. Motions proposed include deletions to Rules I. and III. and additions to Rule XIII. and III. of branch rules. Copies and proposers may be had upon application. Tea 1s. per head, Bear Hotel. Some principal officials retiring and do not seek re-election. Please notify me for tea on or before May 18th.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—50th Annual Meeting Jubilee Celebrations at Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 20th. 11 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with an address by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. 12 noon, meeting at the Cathedral Hall. 1.15 p.m., lunch at the Corn Exchange. Tickets: Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d., applications for which to be made with a remittance to Mr. E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath. — Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

NORFOLK GUILD.—General meeting will be held at Pulham Market on Whit Monday, May 20th. The ring of bells at Pulham Market (8) and St. Mary, Pulham (8) will be available. Dinner at the King's Head, St. Mary, Pulham (2s. 6d. per head), at 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Members requiring dinner to notify the secretary not later than Thursday, May 16th, in order that the host will have the number specially to provide for. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Gresford on Whit Monday, May 20th. Further details in next issue. —W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 20, Ffordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, May 20th. The Central Committee will meet at 10.45 a.m. in the Parish Hall (near the church). Service in the church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, when the preacher will be the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough. Lunch at the Royal Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Applications for lunch tickets must be made not later than Monday, May 13th, to the general secretary, with remittance, 2s. 6d. The bells available are Kettering (10) throughout the day, and Burton Latimer (8), Rothwell (8), Desborough (8), Weekley (6), Isham (6) and Barton Seagrave (5) after the meeting.—R. G. Clark, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Gedding-ton, near Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Whit Monday, May 20th. The towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' will be open from 2 till 3.30 and after the meeting. The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Special service in St. Peter's Church, at 4 p.m. A meat tea will be provided in Parish Hall, adjoining church, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members. Those intending to be present should notify honorary general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 14th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — District meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me by Friday, May 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, May 20th. Service in Cathedral Ladye Chapel, 12.15. Dinner at Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2/6. Dinner tickets from Mr. A. W. Davis, 102, Rylands St. Business meeting after dinner. Finging throughout the day.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

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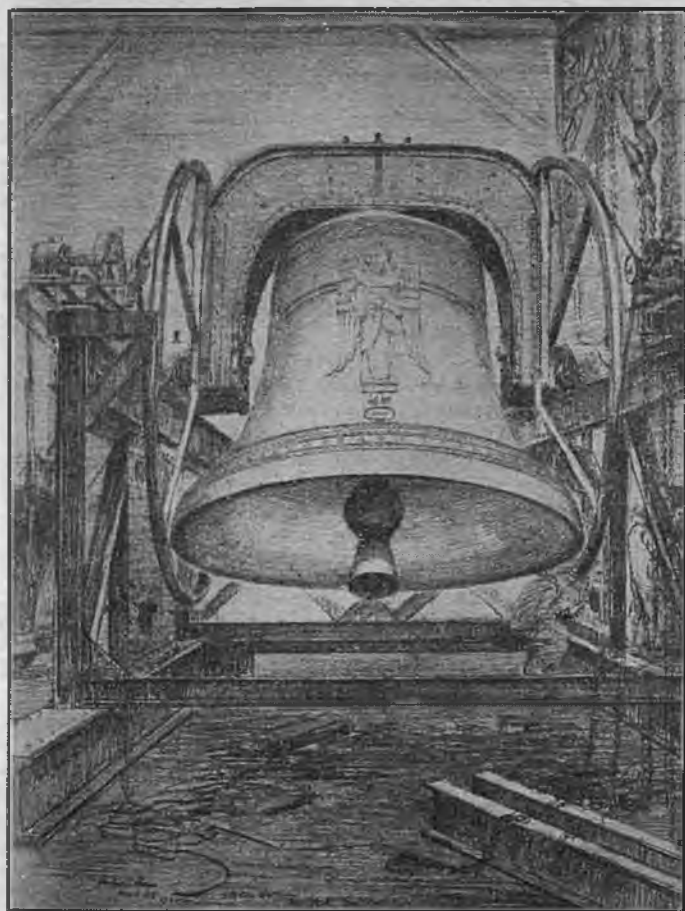
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Our readers will doubtless turn with interest to the study of the peals analysis for last year and to the report of the Analysis Committee. Those who judge the progress of the Exercise by the peals that are rung may read this report with some misgivings. There was a falling off of no fewer than 139 peals, which is perhaps disappointing in some respects, after the revival which 1927 showed upon the two immediately preceding years, but, surveying the post-war position as a whole, this falling off is hardly as serious as may appear at first sight. The year 1927 showed an exceptional jump forward of over a hundred and seventy peals, so that, compared with 1925 and 1926, there is nothing very alarming in the drop in 1928. The number rung (1,702) is well below the average for the last eight years, during which it may be said peal ringing returned to something like its pre-war conditions, but it was still above the number rung in the two years before 1927. Perhaps the most disquieting feature of the year's peal ringing is the drop of 46 in the peals of Grandsire Triples. If this were offset by more peals in more advanced methods it might have been attributed to the progress of the ringers, but the decline is spread through all the grades of ringing and the drop in Grandsire seems to point in some measure to a lack of aspiration on the part of young ringers.

There is, however, another probable contributory cause, and that is that most associations are now holding more meetings and practices than they used to do. This somewhat curtails opportunities for peal ringing, but expands the work of the ringing organisations, which is really a more important matter. Many other things may, of course, easily make a difference of a hundred or so peals in the aggregate. Even the element of uncertainty attaching to peal ringing might weigh more heavily against the ringers in one year than in another and so affect the total. There is, therefore, no need for pessimism. Peal ringing is bound to have its ups and downs; its good years and its leaner years. At the same time, those twenty-seven associations whose peal totals have dropped during 1928 compared with 1927 might do well to look into the causes of the falling off. If it is lack of interest or enthusiasm, now is the time to try and infuse a little more keenness into the members, because, when all is said and done, it is usually the peal ringers who are most competent as service ringers. Peal ringing, as a rule, not only makes a man a better method ringer, but often a better striker. This advantage which peal ringing gives is often overlooked by those who say that peal ringing is of no importance to anyone but those

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On Tuesday, April 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	WILLIAM DOWDING 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
FRED PRICE 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
JOHN NEAL 6	ALBERT WALKER Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER

The band met for Maximus, but time did not allow of this being rung, and Cinques was therefore substituted. A birthday compliment to Messrs. Allaway and Mansell.

WORCESTER.

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

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt. in B.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JOHN NEAL 10
FRED PRICE 5	A. PADDON SMITH 11
THOMAS H. REEVES 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The Guild thank the Dean and Chapter for kindly granting permission for this peal, and the Rev. B. G. Isaac, bell warden, for making the necessary arrangements. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Miss Phyllis Smallwood, Mr. E. T. Allaway and the conductor.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Four Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND 7
EDWARD JENKINS 2	*JOHN COOKE 8
LESTER L. GRAY 3	TITUS BARLOW 9
*JOHN BREESE 4	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 10
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

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

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

SUTTON COLDFIELD BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of the Sutton Coldfield Parish Church were reopened on Tuesday, April 30th, after having been rehung and placed in ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Foundry, London.

Touques of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Grandsire were rung during the evening, members of the Sutton Coldfield tower and the following visitors taking part: Messrs. Wm. Davies, J. W. Pemberton, F. Rishworth, G. Sims, F. Dickens and T. Bloore. The conducting was shared by Messrs. B. Leedham (Ringing Master, Sutton Coldfield), J. W. Pemberton, Wm. Davies, and T. Bloore. The Vicar and churchwardens expressed their delight at the excellent manner in which the work had been completed, and thanked the ringers and visitors. The 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired.

TEN BELL PEALS.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*JOHN SEDGLEY Treble	Rev. E. S. POWELL 6
†Mrs. E. S. POWELL 2	FREDERICK G. VILES 7
HAROLD BENNETT 3	*WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 8
*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
†ALAN R. PINK 5	*WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. The conductor has now called peals of Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques. Mrs. Powell was elected a member of the Guild prior to starting. Rung to mark Canon E. F. Corfe's completion of 25 years as Precentor of the Cathedral.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Teno 21½ cwt. in E flat.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6
C. HARRY WEBBS 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	ERNEST MORRIS 8
ALFRED BALLARD 4	PERCY HARRISON 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the greatly esteemed president of the association, Mr. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., who passed away Sunday, April 28th, aged 79 years.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

G. ARTHUR BAKER Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 7
JOHN PERRY 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 8
JOHN C. ADAMS 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 9
HERBERT T. PIPER 5	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung as a peal of welcome to the Rev. Robt. L. Hodson, who was instituted Rector of St. Peter's the previous evening; also as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Perry (son of the 3rd ringer) on his 21st birthday, and to the wife and daughter of Mr. W. A. Cooper.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN PRICE Treble	JOHN GOODMAN 6
SAMUEL BAKER 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	WILLIAM GREEN 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4	WALTER FARLEY 9
JOHN ROUND 5	CHAS. WM. COOPER ... Tenor

Composed by WM. MICKLESWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

This was the annual peal for the Guild. The ringers of treble and 8th belong to Old Hill, 2nd and 7th to Coscely, 3rd to Smethwick, 4th and 6th to Dudley, 5th to Netherton, 9th to Stourbridge, tenor to Lye.

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BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Mrs. F. A. CLEMENTS ... Treble	*FREDERICK CLEMENTS ... 5
HENRY GILLET 2	THOMAS BANNING 6
*WILLIAM WRIGHT 3	BERNARD PHILLIPS 7
*CECIL PRATLEY 4	*HORACE JAMES Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BANNING.

* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method by local band.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	HERBERT FALCHER 5
TONY PRICE 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*GEORGE R. SOUTHGATE ... Treble	GEORGE WHITING 5
†JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	GEORGE BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob on a bob bell. The ringer of the tenor has now completed the circle to a peal in this, his Sunday service tower. The conductor's 450th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
EDWARD J. BEER 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Spliced Surprise for the above association, and rung at the first attempt, without previous practice. Rung as a compliment to the late secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Heimore, and to the new secretary, the ringer of the 4th.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM D. SPARROW ... Treble	JOHN HALL 5
JAMES HENNING 2	JOHN C. PERKINS 6
HARRY MIDDLETON 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7
*HERBERT JORDAN 4	GEORGE MOISEY Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* 50th peal. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sincere respect to the memory of Edwin Knight, of Badsey, and Miss E. M. Johnson, of Hinton-on-the-Green.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COUNT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	ALFRED PYE ... 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JOHN MOULE ... 7
*FRANK G. RINGE ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

*LESLIE C. W. HUNTER ... Treble	†RAYMOND S. PHILPOTT ... 5
†CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER SEAR ... Treble	EPHRAIM LATHALL ... 5
*EDWARD WHITLOCK ... 2	HARRY SEAR ... 6
†ARTHUR CRANE ... 3	†HARRY V. SEAR ... 7
JOSEPH MARKS ... 4	ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY V. SEAR.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Crane, also to Mr. E. Marks, an old and respected member of the local band.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 5
CHARLES COTTRELL ... 2	*ALAN SHORT ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
WILLIAM DAVIES ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal and first attempt for Stedman. Rung by special request of the Vicar to celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of St. Mary's, Pye Hayes, Erdington, by the Bishop of Birmingham. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Meers, Ringing Master, and Percy Rishworth, only son of the ringer of the 7th.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILFRED BOLTON ... Treble	†WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 5
†EDWIN JENNINGS ... 2	JAMES E. BURLS ... 6
THOMAS HANNAN ... 3	THOMAS METCALF ... 7
†RAYMOND FORSHAW ... 4	RICHARD RAINFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First touch on eight bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal away from treble, and first attempt. This is the first peal on these bells, which were opened on June 28th, 1879.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Piran,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. EWART MINORS ... Treble	*WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 4
*WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... 2	†ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 5
*REGINALD A. WATTS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Dorking, Surrey. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, April 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*†WALTER ALLEN ... Treble	*†JOSEPH BEALE ... 4
CHARLES R. CLIFFORD ... 2	HORACE V. ROWLEY ... 5
HARRY HILL ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in three methods. † First extent of Treble Bob. ‡ First extent of Oxford.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD A. SNEATH ... Treble	WILLIAM TILLEY ... 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	HORACE M. DAY ... 5
JOHN J. JUTSON ... 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAM ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wells, who were married at West Deeping on May 1st, 1879.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE GARDNER ... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 4
OSWALD J. HUNT ... 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

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

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At 16, Lime Grove,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

*ALFRED BARNES ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6
*HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4	*FREDERICK PAGE ... 7-8
†PETER LAVLIN ... 9-10	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford 'in hand.' † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells in the county and by the association. Rung at the first attempt. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DEATH OF LADY RINGER.**LOSS TO THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Miss E. M. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, which took place at her home on Saturday, April 27th, at the early age of 28 years. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson, and for several years held an important post in the Income Tax department at Evesham, and later was transferred to Hereford. At the end of 1925 she was compelled, through failing health, to resign her post and live an open-air life, which it was hoped would renew her vigour. Although her illness was a lengthy one, she bore it with great fortitude and cheerfulness, and her thoughts were always for others rather than for herself. Although every care and attention was bestowed upon her, she passed away as above stated.

Miss Johnson was a member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, the St. Martin's Guild, and the Ladies' Guild, and had on many occasions travelled long distances to be present at the meetings of the latter. She was an adept handbell ringer, and never happier than when ringing a pair of handbells in a peal. Her last peal was rung last December, and was her 51st, 50 of which were rung with her brother Joseph.

Referring to her death at the Sunday evening service, the Rector, the Rev. V. C. Blythe, said Miss Johnson had a great love for God and His Church. She had been a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Church Council, and of all whom he had been privileged to visit he had never seen anyone who showed such sincerity and readiness for the last call. The important thing in our life, he said, was two-fold—the influence we leave behind us and the character we take away with us. Nellie Johnson always showed gentleness, quietness of manner, ability, kindness and love, and he hoped her influence would be for the good of all his hearers.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 30th, when the pretty church was filled with mourners and friends. The Rector, the Rev. V. C. Blythe, and the Rev. J. H. Stallard, Vicar of Hallow, officiated. The grave was beautifully lined with flowers, and at the end of the service four of her very near ringing friends with whom she had rung many handbell peals rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave, viz.: H. Middleton 1-2, J. Hemming 3-4, G. J. Hemming 5-6, J. Hall 7-8. Later, muffled touches and the whole pull and stand were rung on the tower bells, as a token of respect and esteem in which deceased was held. No less than 45 beautiful floral tributes were sent by relatives and friends, including two from her colleagues from the Evesham and Hereford tax departments. The greatest sympathy will be extended to the bereaved parents and family.

The following is a list of Miss Johnson's peals:—

	Handbells.	Tower Bells.
	Rung.	Conducted. Rung.
Doubles, 1 to 8 methods ...	7	2
Minor, 1 to 7 methods ...	2	3
Grandsire Triples ...	10	2
Grandsire Caters ...	12	1
Grandsire Cinques ...	1	3
Plain Bob Major ...	5	1
Plain Bob Royal ...	2	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	1	
Erin Caters ...	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major ...		1
Total ...	43	6

DEATH OF MR. J. H. BATTING, OF BEACONSFIELD.

It is with deep regret that the Beaconsfield ringers have to announce the death of Mr. James H. Batting at the comparatively early age of 53 years. Born at Beaconsfield in 1875, he had been a member of the local band about 35 years, and for the greater part of that period had acted in the official capacity of steeplekeeper. He had been ailing for some time past, and an operation was found necessary, which was carried out at the King Edward Hospital at Windsor. From this, however, he never rallied, and quietly passed away on April 26th. The interment took place on Wednesday, May 1st, at the Beaconsfield Cemetery, and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. The burial service was impressively conducted by the Rev. R. Wells (Rector of Beaconsfield), and the sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved wife and children in their great loss.

Mr. Batting's death leaves a gap in the ranks of the Beaconsfield ringers which will be hard to fill as he was always at his post for service ringing. He was not a great peal ringer, as he was debarred from ringing many peals owing to a weakness left by a serious illness which he had some twenty-five years ago. He had, however, taken part in a few peals, including the only local peal on the Beaconsfield bells. He was a very safe ringer in most of the standard methods, his favourite method for service ringing being Stedman Triples. After the interment the local ringers rang a 504 in this method at the Parish Church with the bells half-muffled: F. W. Buckland 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, Miss D. Fletcher 3, W. H. Fletcher 4, H. Wingrove 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Buckland 7, A. S. Bagley 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Thirteenth Council (37th Annual Meeting) will be held in the Cathedral Hall, Chelmsford, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 21st, 1929, 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, 1929.

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 (sub-committee).
- (d) Methods.
- (e) Peals' Analysis.
- (f) Towers and Belfries.
- (g) Records.
- (h) Legal Liability.
- (i) Broadcasting.

MOTIONS.

7. That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively, before beginning the next 720 or 120. (Mr. R. Whittington and Mr. A. H. Pulling.)
8. (a) That honorary members pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum. (b) That associations in future pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum. (Mr. E. W. Elwell and Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.)
9. (a) The Council asks each association to appoint a consultant to the Advisory Committee or Committees in its area. (b) The Council asks each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to Parochial Church Councils, to Diocesan Committees and to the Church Assembly. (Rev. H. Drake and Mr. Ch. J. Sedgley.)
10. That the rules of the Council be amended in order to provide that the notice and agenda of each annual meeting of the Council be published at least eight weeks, instead of twelve weeks, prior to such meeting. (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. C. T. Coles.)
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. (Mr. W. Ayre and Mr. E. A. Young.)
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

E. ALEX. YOUNG,

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

Hon. Secretary.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

Owing to the small number of applications received, no vouchers for cheap tickets to Chelmsford will be issued through the secretary of the Central Council. The following information will, therefore, probably be welcomed by members and friends:—

Dear Sir,—The L. and N.E. Company now issue cheap tickets daily from Liverpool Street to Chelmsford at the single fare for the return journey, viz., 3s. 11d. These tickets are available on the outward journey by any train after 9.30 a.m., and on the return journey by any train the same day. A fast train leaves Liverpool Street at 10.3 a.m., arriving at Chelmsford 10.52. This should suit Council members staying in London. Earlier trains at ordinary fares are run at 8.15 and 8.45. These timings are, of course, for Whit Tuesday. A special service will be run on Whit Monday, and cheap fares under above conditions will be available. The times of these trains are not yet published.

Week-end tickets are available from Friday, Saturday or Sunday until Monday or Tuesday, available by any train. Fare, 5s. 3d. return.

This information may be of use to members of the Council.—Yours faithfully,

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

C. T. COLES.

MORE YOUTHFUL RINGERS.

On Monday evening, April 29th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by: G. Battle 1, W. Bailey 2, Miss M. Cooke 3, S. Bailey 4, W. J. Battle 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. The first 720 on an inside bell for the ringers of the 2nd and 4th, the latter being only 12 years of age.

ST. JAMES' CLERKENWELL.

GREAT RINGERS' GATHERING AT OPENING OF BELLS.

A great gathering of ringers on Saturday attended the meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, arranged in connection with the opening of the new ring of bells, which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have installed at St. James' Church, Clerkenwell. A description of the work which has been done was given in our last issue, and suffice it now to say the visiting ringers found that the bells and the 'go' fully upheld the reputation of the Croydon firm. An interesting point about the new ring is that they are the first in the city of London tuned on the Simpson principle, which gives them power as well as tone, and the probability is that something will have to be done to lessen the sound in the streets around, and possibly to reduce the volume in the ringing chamber itself. Everyone was extremely pleased with the bells, and the church authorities are to be congratulated upon the successful issue of their big restoration scheme.

Everybody was accommodated with a pull during the afternoon or evening, under the tower mastership of Mr. William Pye, and in all about 120 ringers took part.

A bright service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Parker), the singing being led by the choir, and a solo was sung by Miss Dawson. The Vicar gave a most appropriate and thoughtful address.

Subsequently the Vicar and churchwardens entertained the ringers to tea in the crypt of the church. This is now a commodious parish hall, complete with stage and other necessary accommodation. 'Twas not always thus. It is not so long since that it was a vast vault, piled six feet high, with rotting coffins and mouldering bones. These were reverently removed and buried elsewhere, and then came a somewhat daring building scheme. The huge brick pillars, eight feet thick, supporting the church overhead, were cut away and the arches supported on girders carried on stanchions, with the result that there is now a large and well-lighted apartment for parochial use.

The ringers' gathering was presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mrs. Parker, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mrs. Johnston, his mother, Rev. O. A. Archer and Rev. T. E. Thear (curates), Mr. W. Pye (Ringing Master), Mr. W. Pickworth (North-East District vice-president), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mrs. How, Mr. A. J. Duncombe (churchwarden). Tea was served by members of the congregation.

Afterwards a brief business meeting was held, at which five new members were elected, and it was left to the secretary, in conjunction with the district secretaries of the Essex and Herts Associations, to arrange the venue of the joint meeting between these three organisations. There was a sprightly discussion, however, before a decision was come to.

ONE OF THE FINEST PEALS IN LONDON.

Mr. C. T. Coles said they had heard that day perhaps the finest peal in London; if it was not the finest it was not far away from it. It was the first peal tuned on the Simpson principle in the county of London. There were one or two very close outside London, in Surrey, but that was the first one in London, and he thought that all who had heard them would say they were a very fine peal of bells indeed, and a great credit to the firm of Gillett and Johnston (applause). They congratulated Mr. Johnston and his staff on a very fine piece of work. Many ringers did not like bells hung on ball bearings because one of the drawbacks was that bells so hung had a tendency to whip back, which resulted in the ringer having to hold the bell, but no one who had rung on these new bells could complain of that. That was the first time he had rung bells on ball bearings which went so easily. Many ringers disliked ball bearings on bells because, they said, the ringer had more worry than work. In this case they could say there was neither worry nor work. As regards the tone, they were a very fine peal of bells, both inside and outside the tower. Outside, perhaps, they might be improved a little if the louvers were blocked up a little more. The bells were still very noisy near the tower, and he hoped something might be done in that respect. Continuing, Mr. Coles thanked the Vicar, on behalf of all present, for inviting them to that 'ringers' opening' and for meeting them in the very fine style he had done. He wished to couple with that vote of thanks the names of the churchwardens, Mr. Howe and Mr. Duncombe, who, with the Vicar, had given them that excellent tea (applause). For a district meeting, that was a record for their association. On one or two occasions they had had more at their annual meeting, but to his knowledge never at a district meeting. They were most grateful to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness (applause). Mr. Coles also thanked the ladies of the congregation of St. James' who had waited upon them, and also the choir and organist and the soloist for their help at the service. He congratulated the Vicar on being the possessor—almost the sole possessor of this fine peal of bells. He understood that St. James' was one of three churches in the country where the bells and other property of the church were vested in the Vicar and churchwardens for ever, and even Advisory Boards and Chancellors had no power over them. He had even heard it said they could burn the lot down as long as they did not burn the house opposite (laughter). Whether that was true or not, it was true that the property of the church was vested in the Vicar and churchwardens, and that the Chancellor had no control over the bells at all (laughter). Mr. Coles added that a local hand

was to be formed at St. James'. There was already a nucleus from those who remained of a company he had the pleasure of helping a few years ago. They hoped to get some more young men locally, and the association would arrange for an instructor. The practice night would be Friday, and he hoped, after a few weeks, when they got going, that other members would come along and assist them (applause).

'A SHOW JOB.'

Mr. Cyril Johnston seconded the vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their hospitality. He said a few years ago there was a popular song that told them, 'Every cloud has a silver lining,' and in the dedication service last Sunday he seemed to catch from the Vicar a fleeting glance which reflected that sentiment (applause). Proceeding, Mr. Johnston said: 'Although this is essentially a "bell gathering," I know you all would wish to congratulate him, his wardens and the people of the parish on the successful issue of their magnificent efforts. It is not every Vicar, who, with his wardens, can celebrate at one and the same time the restoration of the organ, the spire, the bells, the ancient registers, the installation of electric light—all at a cost exceeding £3,500—and then proceed to indulge in the entertainment of a large body of bellringers. Although we are told that nobody has any money nowadays, the Vicar has given a great lead to other churches, some of which have done nothing to their bells for three or four centuries. I ought not to say too much about this, perhaps, because we are contractors. The story of that part of the restoration of St. James' for which my firm has been responsible—that of the bells—might be summed up in the following short interview that took place. To put it tersely, I said to the Vicar, "Look here, let's have a show job," Churchwarden How, at his elbow, ejaculated, "Shall us?" and the Vicar said "Let's" (laughter). Not only were they anxious to have the last word in modern fittings and musical bells, but I want to tell you how readily they adopted every suggestion for improvement of the ringing room and for the ringers' comfort generally. The verdict has been pronounced very generously by Mr. Coles to-day, and on behalf of myself and my staff I wish to say how much we appreciate what he has said. A bell founder's calling in these days would seem to require many and increasing qualifications. He must be versed in engineering, music, bellringing, business methods, organisation, finding his way by road to a little village that is not on the map—and now, I am told, in ecclesiastical law as well (laughter).

ST. JAMES' UNUSUAL TRUST.

We work in places that are full of interest and historical associations, and not the least of these has been St. James' Church, Clerkenwell. This church was rebuilt in 1784, and is, I believe, as Mr. Coles has told you, one of only three churches in the country that have a peculiar constitution. By an Act of George III's reign, it was vested in the Vicar and wardens as trustees in perpetuity, and 'the property in the bells, pews, seats, books, and all goods, chattels, and ornaments, in the said new church and churchyard shall also be vested in the said trustees for ever upon the same trust.' Our own interest has been a special one, for Mr. William Gillett set up his factory in Clerkenwell a hundred years ago, before we moved to our present site in 1844, and intimate personal associations with the neighbourhood have lasted right down to the present day through the British Horological Institute and the local members of the clockmaking industry. There are, we know, some ringers who do not approve of the progress that has been achieved in this country in the art of tuning bells. I am sure,' continued Mr. Johnston, 'that they are considerably in the minority. It is hard to believe that anyone with the faintest pretension to possessing a musical ear can prefer a succession of false chords, with no regular sequence of the falsities. They say they like the good hold tone of our predecessors' pattern—well, in our opinion, and in that of the Vicar and wardens, the bells of St. James' were a bold, had lot. They have now been given a new lease of life that will be measured probably in centuries, and I trust you will find that they have gained nobility of character. They were cast or recast previously at varying dates from 1791 to 1904, and therefore no question of antiquity entered into the problem. That rather leads me to refer to the difference of opinion that occurs on occasion between some of the ecclesiastical authorities or societies with antiquarian interests and the bellfounders, in the matter of the restoration of church bells. Is the old wood frame to be used again?—it has been here. If a new frame is necessary, should it be of wood or metal? Ought the bells to be recast, or ought they not? How old should a bell be before it either deserves retention in a peal to the musical detriment of the whole, or relegation to a museum? Every case ought to be treated on its merits, and I am confident that if Advisory Committees and those interested in the care of churches and church bells would get more in touch with the bellfounders, who have the practical knowledge, difficulties would be removed, obstruction of schemes avoided and satisfaction gained by all parties. In concluding, I want to express our appreciation of the spirit in which the Vicar and wardens have entered into this whole scheme. It is difficult to realise that Mr. Parker has been here as curate or Vicar for 42 years. Surely he must have taken Holy Orders at that period of his life when Mellins' Food was his principal nourishment (laughter). I would like to refer to the enthusiasm of our staff and employees, who have worked with a will in the foundry and in the tower to

give you of their best, and, last but not least, I want to thank personally Mr. Coles, Messrs. Pye and their band of ringers, who not only rang the peal so successfully at last Sunday's ceremony, but were good enough to give us a trial run on Friday before the great day. If only we could take them to every opening job we have in every part of the world, I feel sure we should sell a new peal of bells every day' (laughter and applause).

The Vicar, in responding, referred with regret to the absence of Mr. How, who for the last few months had given nine-tenths of his time to the repairs which had been going on in the church, and it was a great joy to him to see everything so quickly nearing completion. For himself, he thanked God they had been enabled to do this work. With those who let their churches go for century after century without doing anything, he sympathised very much, because he knew the difficulties when they had not got the money. In St. James' they had been able to raise the money, but there were so many parishes where they had not got it. He respected those who declined to incur liabilities if they had no guarantee of being able to pay. In that parish they had a legacy left them just in the nick of time. The bells had not been rung for over two years, because the steeple was not fit. The organ was dropping to bits week by week, and the organist spent more time in the organ repairing it than he did at the keyboard. The money came just in time to justify them putting the work in hand. As far as the bells were concerned, it was a great gratification to him that they approved of them, and that they liked them. For himself, without any technical knowledge, it had been a great pleasure to listen to the bells. They were of brilliant tone, and, as far as he had ever heard bells, he knew of none that gave a better result than these (applause). The Vicar, in conclusion, expressed his pleasure in seeing such a large gathering, and hoped they would have pleasant memories of their visit. He added his thanks to the ladies who had assisted at the tea.

Following further ringing, a social evening was spent at the Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse Street, and was attended by Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn, Mr. Jones (works manager), and several others of the foundry staff, besides a large number of association members and friends. Mr. Freeborn acted as M.C., and songs were given by Miss Dawson (daughter of Mr. G. Dawson, of St. John's, Leytonstone), whose item, 'Ring, Bells, Ring,' was especially appreciated and was asked for a second time; also by Mr. Freeborn, Mr. Dave Wright (Croydon), and Mr. G. L. Joyce (Leytonstone). Miss Windsor and Miss Lamb were the accompanists. On handbells, courses of Stedman Caters and Cinques, Cambridge Major, and a

(Continued in next column.)

THE MINOR METHODS COLLECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your request the following is a list of the compositions at present in the MSS. of the 'Collection of Minor Methods.' It is, of course, subject to revision and alteration.

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 12. Law James' arrangement of London.
 13. Compositions for spliced Little and Alliance methods.
- It will be seen that all those about which there is any controversy are referred to in the committee's report, and they comprise only a small proportion of the total number.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from previous column.)

touch of Double Norwich, were given by Messrs. G. R. Pye, W. Pye, G. H. Cross, C. W. Roberts, W. Hewett and T. Groombridge. Mr. C. F. Johnston saw that nobody lacked refreshments, and during the evening proposed 'Success to the Middlesex Association and health to its officers.' Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary) acknowledged the toast, and took the opportunity of thanking Mr. Johnston for his hospitality, and the several artistes who had so kindly entertained the company.

The proceedings were eventually terminated by the singing of the 'National Anthem.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, has been elected a vice-president of the Birmingham Association of Mechanical Engineers, of the Council of which he has been a member for six years.

That inveterate veteran, James George, has been at it again. He is 75½, but on Tuesday of last week he rang the 11th at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to a peal of Cinques, and on Saturday put the 49½ cwt. tenor at Worcester Cathedral through a peal. This knocks the proverbial spots off anything that anyone of his age has ever done before.

A peal at Worcester Cathedral is still a 'man's job,' despite the magnificent rehanging of the new peal by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The tower still (metaphorically) wanders all round the cathedral while the bells are ringing (formerly it used to make a wider tour of the whole precincts), and the peal on Saturday was, without doubt, one of the greatest performances in Mr. George's wonderful career.

Incidentally the peal at Worcester was the one hundredth which he and Mr. Albert Walker have rung together.

The peal of Cambridge at Brading, Isle of Wight, on Saturday last, was the second Surprise peal to be rung on the Island. It is nearly 33 years ago (August 3rd, 1896) that the last Surprise peal was rung there. This was Superlative at All Saints', Ryde, and was conducted by George Williams.

The bells of Scorton, Lancs, were opened fifty years ago next month (June 28th, 1879), but the first peal was not rung on them until last Saturday. Messrs. E. Jennings and W. Robinson, who took part, rang their 25th peal together, and are the first Westmorland ringers to ring this number together.

A hundred and fifty years ago to-day a peal of 12,240 Bob Major was rung at Braughing, Herts.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise Major rung at King's Norton in 1903. The 14,112 changes occupied 8 hrs. 40 mins., and this is still the longest peal of London yet rung.

A memorable Superlative Surprise performance took place on May 15th, 1894, at Loughborough, when a peal of 8,900 was rung in 6 hrs. 16 mins. Canon Coleridge and Dick Lane are among the survivors.

The ringer of the 9th in the peal at Blackburn on April 27th was J. T. Bimson and not Brinson, as published last week. With the peal of Maximus at Liverpool, Mr. Ben Knights has now called a peal of Kent Treble Bob on six, eight, ten and twelve bells.

The bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday evening from 7.50 to 8 p.m.

Mr. George Wells, of Deeping St. James, Lincs, who with his wife has just celebrated his golden wedding, has been a ringer for 61 years, and is still learning fresh Surprise Minor methods, and hopes shortly to score a Surprise peal on a light ring. Unfortunately, he did not feel equal to standing in the peal arranged in celebration of his wedding jubilee.

Writing with regard to the peal at Henstridge, Somerset, which was claimed to be the first on the bells, Mr. E. F. Creed writes that a peal was rung there on June 3rd, 1911, by Castle Carey and Ditchat members of the Bath and Wells Association.

The peal rung at Twickenham on April 27th was the first by Miss K. M. Bradford and not by C. H. Brown. It was a twenty-first birthday compliment to Reginald A. Wagner.

Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who has been residing at Wishaw, Scotland, for a number of years, and has been general manager of the Glasgow Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., has now taken up an important position in London as a director of the Tunnel Portland Cement Co., Ltd., and of Messrs. F. L. Smidth and Co., Ltd.

Before leaving Wishaw, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were the recipients of numerous parting gifts, including presents from the employees of the Glasgow Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute's Council, by whom they were entertained to dinner, and the congregation of St. Andrew's, Wishaw, of which Mr. Lewis was Rector's warden, lay representative and lay elector.

Later in the year Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will settle at Brasted, Kent, in what is now the Rectory. Mr. Lewis' business ties have kept him from any very active part in ringing for some years, but we hope he may now be able to find a little more time to join in the arl.

The demands on our space this week by the analyses tables and report have necessitated holding over a number of reports and letters to the editor.

'NARROW ESCAPES.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very much interested to read, under 'Belfry Gossip,' of the narrow escape a party of ringers had of losing a peal of London Surprise Major at Milford-on-Sea. We had exactly the same experience when ringing a peal of Doubles at Dinder, Somerset, on Easter Monday last (recorded in your issue of April 12th), the rope of the tenor falling at my feet just as the conductor said 'That's all.'—Yours truly,
EDWARD J. ROWE.

Stourton, Zeals.
Several other correspondents have written, telling of ropes breaking after the bells had come round or when the bells were being lowered after the peal.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

May 10th, 1929

THE RINGING WORLD.

Spliced Surprise Methods comprise London (L), Bristol (B), Cambridge (C), Superlative (S), with the addition of Lincolnshire in one peal.
A=L B C and S. B=2 of L B C and S, and 1 of the 5 methods. C=C and S. D=Plain Bob and Little Bob. E=3 of Spliced Treble Bob, and 1 of Treble Bob and Bob Major.
F=3 of Spliced Treble Bob, 1 of Double Norwich and Plain Bob, and 1 of Four Plain Methods and Kent and Oxford T.B. G=Spliced T.B. H=1 New Cambridge. J=2 ditto.
M=1 Little Canterbury. S=Gainsborough Little Bob. K Plain Bob Triples. P=1 Oxford and 1 Court Bob Triples.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES

rung during the year 1928.

Associations.	MINOR								Total.	DOUBLES								Total.	Grand Total of Peals.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 to 22		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 to 11		
Barnaley and Dist.	1	1	3	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Bath and Wells	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bedfordshire	6	—	1	2	—	—	—	17	27	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	29
Chesster Diocesan	8	—	2	1	3	1	3	1a	14	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	16
Cleveland	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Devonshire Guild	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	11
Dur. and Newc.	1	2	2	3	3	—	—	8	19	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	20
East Derbys.	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	8	14
Ely Diocesan	16	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
Essex	5	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	11
Glos. and Bristol	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	8
Guildford Dio.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3
Hereford Dio.	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	15	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	18	24
Hertford County	6	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	16
Kent County	8	—	—	2	1	1	3	1c	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Lancashire	8	2	5	1	1	—	—	—	18	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	20
Lincoln Diocesan	4	—	2	2	2	—	—	8	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Llandoff & Mon.	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	9
Middlesex County	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Midland Counties	19	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	24	9	5	1	4	—	—	—	—	19	43
Norfolk Guild	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	9
North Notts	4	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Oxford Diocesan	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Peterborough Dio.	4	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	12	4	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	9	21
Salisbury Dio.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Suffolk Guild	6	—	6e	2	1	—	—	—	20	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	25
Surrey	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
Sussex County	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
Swansea and Bre.	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	10
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Warwickshire	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	16
Winc'r. & P'm'h	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Worcestershire	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	19
Yorkshire	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Ind. Societies	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	13	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	20
TOTAL	182	20	42	22	14	3	78	5	386	104	18	13	8	2	1	—	—	146	482

(a) 21 methods. (b) 22 methods. (c) 14 methods. (d) one 9 and one 10 methods. (e) 10,800.

HANDBELL PEALS rung during the Year 1928.

	MAXIMUS		CINQUES	ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR		TRIPLS		MINOR			DOUBLES		Total Handbell Peals	
	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Double Norwich	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	1 Method	3 Methods	7 Methods	1 Method	4 Methods	
Anc. Soc. Col. Yo.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Cambridge Un. Gd.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Chesster Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ely Diocesan ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Essex	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Lancashire	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Norfolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Suffolk Guild	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Worcestershire ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Worcestershire ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Yorkshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
TOTAL	4	2	6	3	6	1	2	1	2	13	3	2	4	1	1	1	1	53

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The peal ringing of the year 1928 shows a serious decline as compared with 1927. It falls short of last year by 139 peals, the total number being 1,702, against 1,841 in 1927. Tower bells show a decrease of 108, there being 12 peals less on twelve, 4 on ten, 84 on eight, 3 of Minor, and 5 of Doubles. On handbells there are 31 peals fewer, in spite of an increase of 10 peals on twelve. They have decreased by 5 on ten, 32 on eight, 2 of Minor, and 2 of Doubles.

The following table shows the total peals rung under the different categories:—

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Maximus	14	6
Cinques	19	6
Royal	52	9
Caters	80	3
Major	621	16
Triples	381	5
Minor	336	6
Doubles	146	2
	1,649	53

Peals of Maximus and Royal are more than last year, but there is a falling-off in Cinques, Caters, and Triples, as the following table, compared with that of last year, shows:—

	Stedman.	Grandsire.	Erin.	Methods.
Cinques	22	3	—	—
Caters	48	35	—	—
Triples	197	184	1	4
	267	222	1	4

Stedman peals are 14 less, Grandsire 53 less, and other methods 7 less. Triples show a great loss of 53 peals, Stedman accounting for only one of these, a decrease of 46 peals in Grandsire Triples being remarkable.

Major also shows a serious falling-off of 40 on tower bells and 23 on handbells.

Surprise ringing has not maintained last year's disappointing level; in Major Bristol shows 5 peals less, Superlative 15 less, other methods 2 less. Superlative Maximus is also one down, London Surprise peals are the same, and the following show increases: Cambridge Maximus 2 peals, Royal 6, and Major 1, other methods of Royal 2 peals, and Spliced Surprise Major 4. Altogether there are 8 fewer peals of Surprise.

A large proportion of the decrease in Major peals is in Treble Bob, there being no fewer than 46 peals less, but there is compensation in the fact that there are 9 more peals on the higher numbers. Altogether there are 182 peals of Treble Bob this year, made up as follows: Maximus, 4 of Kent and 2 of Oxford; Royal, 28 of Kent and 1 of Granta; Major, 115 of Kent, 24 of Oxford and 8 Spliced.

These last are included in the Spliced Major column in the table.

It is satisfactory to note that Double Norwich continues to increase, showing 14 more peals than last year, a total of 124. Little methods have also advanced from 5 peals to 9, but to set against this Plain Bob has decreased by 29 peals on all numbers, a total of 149.

Other methods of Plain Major are 5 more, while Spliced peals on all numbers (other than Surprise and Treble Bob) are 2 less.

Minor peals are 5 less, and Doubles 7 less than last year.

The Midland Counties Association again have scored the most peals, having 150 tower and 3 handbell peals, a decrease of 30 peals on last year's total. The Lancashire Association has 110 on tower and 9 on handbells, a drop of 15 peals, while the Kent County Association has 109 peals, all on tower bells, 3 fewer than last year. No other society has reached the century, the Yorkshire Association having dropped from 103 to 70.

Thirteen societies show an increased number, totalling 99 more peals. Three newly-affiliated total 38 peals, while six associations have the same number. Twenty-seven show a decrease, amounting in all to 276 peals.

New Cambridge Surprise Maximus, York Surprise Royal, Kent and Lincolnshire Surprise Major, Gainsborough Little Bob Major, and the Liversedge variation of Spliced Treble Bob Major, were rung for the first time.

Unlike last year, long lengths on 8-10 bells are conspicuous by their absence, the only one to report being 10,800 of Minor in three methods by the Suffolk Guild.

Peals worth noting are Stedman Cinques by the London County, the band consisting of six fathers and six sons; the first 10-bell peal by members of the Police Force, being Grandsire Caters for the Lancashire Association; 22 methods of Surprise Minor in seven 720's by the Essex Association; Double Norwich Major, in which 2.3 were rung by one man, for the Gloucester and Bristol; a Frederick peal of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples by one family, both for the Kent County; a peal of London Surprise, being first in the method by all the band, for the Lincoln Guild; and the peal of five Surprise methods of Major by the Middlesex County.

Following are the number of peals rung each month in 1927 and 1928:—

	1927.	1928.		1927.	1928.
January	148	124	July	120	118
February	152	145	August	139	116
March	133	144	September	140	144
April	159	127	October	191	154
May	149	164	November	165	152
June	144	125	December	201	189

An analysis of the footnotes shows that ringers who have scored their first peal number 593, being 18 less than in 1927. Ringers of peals in a different method, or method on a different number of bells total 1,135, an increase of 39 on last year's total. Ringers of

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. John's, Erith, on Saturday, April 27th. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, touches being brought round in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. The Vicar (Rev. W. M. Browne) conducted members who were not ringing on a very interesting inspection of the church, which is of great historical interest.

The Vicar officiated at the service, and gave a very interesting address. At the conclusion of the service the members repaired to the G.F.S. hut, there to partake of tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar, who heartily welcomed the members to Erith.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. One new member was elected, and the election of another previous to a peal was ratified.

Mr. E. Barnett, jun., gave a report of proceedings at the association's committee meeting on Easter Monday, at Maidstone, and called attention to the circular by the new secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell). Eynsford and Shoreham (Kent) were proposed for the next meeting, and Shoreham finally chosen for a date in July.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his kind help to the members in describing the church, for conducting the service and address, and for his generous hospitality in supplying the tea; to the organist for his services, and to the ladies for their attention to the visitors' creature comforts.—This was carried with applause.

The Vicar briefly responded and voiced his thanks that Mr. F. J. Cullum, the veteran captain of his ringers, was sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be present on that occasion. This concluded the meeting, and after a few touches on handbells, which were warmly appreciated, the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A GAIN TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the North Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at the parish of St. Osyth, near Clacton, on Saturday week, when 42 ringers were present from 18 parishes. The Rector officiated at the service, having previously conducted all the ringers round the church, explaining to them the various items of interest (of which there were many). The visitors much appreciated this extra 'turn,' in their welcome to this, one of the oldest parish churches in East Anglia. Among those present at the tea were the Rector, churchwardens and organist, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), Mr. Nevard (District Master), Mr. R. W. Stannard (district secretary), and other well-known ringers, many of whom were visiting this out-of-the-way parish for the first time. At the subsequent meeting ten new members were elected, and Messrs. Howard and Nevard proposed and seconded respectively a vote of thanks to all.

St. Osyth is a gain to the association of a new tower, with its nine members, and there is a promise of having the bells restored shortly.

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their first peal inside number 51, away from the tenor 16, in the method inside 73, Maximus 1, Cinques 4, Royal 21, Caters 9, Major 77, Triples 25, Minor 82, Doubles 35, on 12 bells 18, on ten 59, on eight 33, on six 12, Surprise 21, 'in hand' 6, in method 'in hand' 29.

The number of new conductors totals 60, and conductors of a fresh method 79.

In addition, the footnotes show that 61 peals were the first on the bells, 38 since restoration or augmentation, and 158 the first in the method on the bells. Muffled and half-muffled peals number 81, birthday peals 269, wedding (including silver, golden and diamond) 63, church festivals and dedications 34, Empire Day 5, Armistice Day 22, anniversaries 60, welcome and farewell peals 50, complimentary 15, royal birthdays 16, golden wedding and retirement of the Archbishop of Canterbury 19, enthronement of the new Archbishop of Canterbury 3.

There is a slight decrease in the number of ladies who have rung peals. This year's total is 88. Two only appear among the conductors. Two peals—one of Rob Major and one of Cambridge Surprise Major—were rung by the Ladies' Guild.

Two peals of Doubles were published with faulty statements, corrections of which have been received from the secretaries concerned.

Again we conclude our report with the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 53,541:—

1881	...	156	1902	...	1,313	1915	...	259	1923	...	1,885
1885	...	500	1905	...	1,519	1917	...	130	1925	...	1,689
1889	...	797	1909	...	1,628	1919	...	1,048	1926	...	1,667
1894	...	859	1913	...	2,358	1920	...	1,471	1927	...	1,841
1898	...	1,002	1914	...	1,415	1921	...	1,632	1928	...	1,702

GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.

EDITH K. FLETCHER, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

JOSEPH W. PARKER, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

DEATH OF M.C.A. PRESIDENT.

CLOSE OF A LONG AND ACTIVE CAREER.

The Midland Counties Association has sustained a great loss by the death, which occurred on April 26th, of the president, Mr. Robert Baker Chambers, J.P., of Littleover, Derbyshire. Mr. Chambers was in his eightieth year, and had been in failing health for some little time past, as a result of which he had relinquished many of the public positions which he formerly held, but he retained until the last his office and his interest in the M.C.A. Mr. Chambers succeeded the late Mr. J. W. Taylor as president of the association, and he rendered it invaluable service by the transformation which he effected in its financial standing. By interesting his large circle of friends in the organisation, he secured what must be the largest list of honorary members in any ringing society, and thus he built up the association in a strong position. He was himself of a generous nature, and materially assisted in bell repair funds, almost invariably giving a private donation when the M.C.A. made a grant. The tenor bell at Peatling Magna, Leicestershire, bears his name as the donor at recasting in 1906, and he did much work anonymously in this direction.

Mr. Chambers was a man of many parts, who served his day and generation without sparing himself. A Derbyshire man, he was born at Wilne, near Shardlow, on January 5th, 1850. His father, Mr. Joseph Chambers, who was a farmer and landowner, died in the year 1856. His mother, a daughter of Mr. William Hall, of Peatling Magna, Leicestershire, owned considerable property in the parish, and also in the parishes of Boulton and Allestree, in the county of Derby. Mr. Chambers was educated at Mr. R. N. Wilson's School, Castle Donington, and at Ellesthorpe House School, near Rugby. For a time after leaving school he occupied a large farm, and took an interest in agricultural affairs, being a member of the Derbyshire Agricultural Society, and a steward at several shows. He took an active interest in athletics, and was president of the Sawley Cricket Club, captain of the Sawley Football, Athletic and Rowing Clubs, winning numerous prizes in local walking and other competitions. During two seasons he played full-back for South Derbyshire Football Club. In 1870, Mr. Chambers matriculated at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, and during his residence there he rowed in his College Torpid and twice in his college eight. He won the College mile walking race from scratch in 8 mins. 15 secs., and was second in the three-mile walking race at Oxford University sports in 1872. He took his B.A. degree in 1875, Magdalen Hall in the meantime having been transformed into Hertford College. In 1876, Mr. Chambers took up his residence at South Stith, Idrigehay, where he remained until 1893, still taking an interest in sport. He was also actively engaged in political matters, being four years a member of the Executive Councils for both the Midland and West Derbyshire Conservative Associations, and he represented the Wirksworth Rural Deanery on the Diocesan Council. In the year 1882, he was articled to Mr. A. H. Robotham, Derby, and was admitted as a solicitor in 1886. He was associated with the firm of Robotham and Co. for some years afterwards. In 1893, Mr. Chambers removed to Green Hill, Derby, and since then took an exceedingly useful part in town affairs. He had, for instance, been a churchwarden of St. Peter's, Derby. The notable restoration of that ancient church, which cost nearly £10,000, was in a large measure due to Mr. Chambers' efforts as hon. secretary to the restoration committee, as well as to his own generous gifts. He was a member of the Southwell Diocesan Conference, and of important committees connected with that body. He also actively co-operated in educational affairs. He became one of the Church of England members of the School Board in 1902, and continued thereon until the duties were taken over by the Town Council, and he then became a member of the Education Committee. He had twice been Mayor of Derby, having been first elected to the Town Council in 1903.

He was an ideal sportsman, and was associated with innumerable county organisations of a charitable or philanthropic nature.

The funeral at Littleover was attended by a very large and representative county gathering, and among those present were Mr. J. Griffin (vice-president), Mr. W. Wallace (hon. treasurer), Mr. E. Denison Taylor, and Mr. W. Willson, representing the Midland Counties Association, and wreaths were sent by the M.C.A. and St. Peter's Church bellringers, Derby.

Muffled bells were rung in many parts of the area of the association's activities, including a peal at Leicester Cathedral and at St. Peter's, Derby (recorded elsewhere), and the touches given below.

One of the cherished possessions of the general hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris) is a silver bell inkpot given to him (unknown to the general body of members of the association) by the deceased president in recognition of the clerical help which the secretary had given him. It is inscribed, 'E. M., 22nd January, 1927.'

At All Saints' Church, Wigston Magna, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) by the Sunday service band, with the bells half-muffled: W. H. Humberstone 1, W. Brewin 2, A. Ward 3, A. Chamberlain 4, A. H. Carter 5, J. Carter (conductor) 6, F. Lloyd 7, E. Lloyd 8.

At Wingfield, 936 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering: J. P. Tarlton (conductor) 1, Olive Tarlton 2, Dorothy Tarlton 3, Doris Dilkes 4, B. Wheeler 5, W. Wain 6, P. Martin 7.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on May 23rd, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th, Southwark Cathedral on the 16th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Usual arrangements.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Bridport on Saturday, May 11th. Service at 12.30. Preacher: Right Rev. Bishop Joscelyn. Luncheon at Greyhound Hotel 1.15 p.m. Charge 1s. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers open: Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canonicozum (8), Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Loders, Netherbury, Symondsburry (6). All ringers welcome.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on Saturday, May 11th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Parish Hall and business meeting.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., No. 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, I.O.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. A good attendance is requested.—Theo Grant, Branch Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Woking Parish Church, St. Peter's (at Old Woking). The two new church bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Saturday, May 11th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed to the dedication.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, at 9d. per head, after service, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday, May 11th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, May 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Shelley on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready 1 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at Warehorne. Tower opens at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Ruckinge tower opens 6 till 8 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The monthly practice at Netherton, Saturday, May 11th, 3.30.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staverton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Paul's will be available after 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at the Victoria Hotel at 4.30 p.m. and tea (1/6 per head) at 5 o'clock.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 129, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Beeston on Saturday, May 11th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 2.30.—James Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

FOR 'RINGING THE CHANGES' try Bushey, Saturday, May 11th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Evensong 5. Tea (Institute) 5.30. Cheap tickets from all stations.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. Tel.: City 4270.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Spring meeting at Yarnton, to-morrow (Saturday), May 11th.—W. Evetts, Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS (St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.).—The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15th, at 8.15 p.m. sharp. Practice 6.30 to 8 p.m. All members earnestly requested to attend.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

A JOINT MEETING of the Surrey Association (North-Western District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District) will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow in the Church Room. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, not later than Wednesday, May 15th?—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill (6) on Saturday, May 18th. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Haynes, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, not later than Wednesday, May 15th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Appleton on Saturday, May 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, 15th.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stand Church, Whitefield, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Mr. Knight's Restaurant, Lombard Street, 5 p.m. All those intending to be present kindly advise by Wednesday previous to the meeting. Half railway fares, 1s. 6d.—A. W. Groves, Amhurst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, 15th.—S. Hopper, Branch Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting, May 18th, at Whitechapel. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service. Tea (at kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting at 5 p.m. Also St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (8), if required, 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. — J. A. Waugh, 8, Fuller's Road, Woodford.

A **JOINT MEETING** of the Winchester Diocesan Guild (Andover Branch) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Newbury Branch) will be held at Highclere, Hants, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. J. Knapp, Highclere Farm, near Newbury, not later than Thursday, May 16th, for tea. Good bus service from Newbury (five miles).—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. Seers, Hon. Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Hurst (8 bells), Saturday, May 18th, from 6 till 9. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Ashover on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea notify J. P. Tarlton not later than May 16th? All ringers will be welcome. Reports can be had.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested; all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting is arranged to be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. Business: To discuss a joint meeting with the Bedford Association.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cotton on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Mendlesham bells (6) also available. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify by May 16th.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham, Whit Monday, May 20th. St. Paul's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available from 10 a.m. Other bells available by arrangement. Service 12 noon, St. Andrew's Church. Luncheon 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (cold). Book direct to Mr. Dunford, Bear Hotel, Chippenham, on or before May 15th. General business meeting 2.30 p.m., St. Catherine's Schoolroom. Important business. Motions proposed include deletions to Rules I. and III. and additions to Rule XIII. and III. of branch rules. Copies and proposers may be had upon application. Tea 1s. per head, Bear Hotel. Some principal officials retiring and do not seek re-election. Please notify me for tea on or before May 18th.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

NORFOLK GUILD.—General meeting will be held at Pulham Market on Whit Monday, May 20th. The ring of bells at Pulham Market (8) and St. Mary, Pulham (8) will be available. Dinner at the King's Head, St. Mary, Pulham (2s. 6d. per head), at 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Members requiring dinner to notify the secretary not later than Thursday, May 16th, in order that the host will have the number specially to provide for. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, May 20th. The Central Committee will meet at 10.45 a.m. in the Parish Hall (near the church). Service in the church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, when the preacher will be the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough. Lunch at the Royal Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Applications for lunch tickets must be made not later than Monday, May 13th, to the general secretary, with remittance, 2s. 6d. The bells available are Kettering (10) throughout the day, and Burton Latimer (8), Rothwell (8), Desborough (8), Weekley (6), Isham (6) and Barton Seagrave (5) after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Gedding-ton, near Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Whit Monday, May 20th. The towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' will be open from 2 till 3.30 and after the meeting. The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Special service in St. Peter's Church, at 4 p.m. A meat tea will be provided in Parish Hall, adjoining church, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members. Those intending to be present should notify honorary general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 14th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Whit Monday. Service in St. Peter's Church at noon. Dinner at Clapp's Restaurant 1 p.m. Towers open: Tiverton, Bickleigh, Calverleigh and Washfield. All ringers welcome.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gresford on Whit Monday, May 20th. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Service 3 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Tea 4.30 p.m.—W. Cathrall, 20, Ffordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, May 20th. Service in Cathedral Ladye Chapel, 12.15. Dinner at Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2/6. Dinner tickets from Mr. A. W. Davis, 102, Rylands St. Business meeting after dinner. Towers available Cathedral (10) 10.30 to 11.30, 6.30 to 8.30; All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6) 10.30 to 12, 3 to 6. Other 8 and 6-bell towers in neighbouring villages during afternoon.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Marshland Branch.—District meeting at Terrington St. Clement on Whit Monday. Ringing at 11 a.m. (8 bells). Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at King William Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. Numbers must be sent to me not later than Thursday, May 16th.—W. G. Cross, Hon. Branch Sec., 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. (Founded 1879. Jubilee 1929.)—The 30th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 20th. 11 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. 12 noon: Meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.15 p.m.: Lunch at Corn Exchange. Admission by ticket only, members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. Applications, with remittance, to be sent to Mr. E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, not later than Wednesday, May 15th. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Boreham (8), Broomfield (6), Springfield (6). Private bus service will be provided between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. to enable ringers to visit the various towers. No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—The next meeting will be held at Louth on Whit Monday, May 20th. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service in the church at 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Appleby's, Aswell Street, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. A. Drewell, 41a, James Street, Louth, not later than first post, Saturday, May 18th. The bells have been rehung, and a good attendance is hoped for. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.,

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit Monday, May 20th. The bells of the Cathedral (10, tenor 21 cwt.) are available for ringing from 11 to 2, 3.30 to 4.45 and 6 to 9 p.m. Services in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Those intending to be at lunch please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, May 15th. Annual business meeting to follow, and it is hoped that members will turn up in good numbers and make this meeting the success it deserves.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Sawston (8) on Satur-

day, May 25th. A good attendance is requested. Election of district ringing master, etc. Those requiring tea please notify by 22nd.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Longstanton, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Church of St. Paul, Bentley, is situated on the main Brentwood-Ongar Road, 3 miles from Brentwood, 4 from Ongar. Buses leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) at 3, 3.30 and 4 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Clifton, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 25th, instead of on the 18th, as previously arranged. A plain tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, to all who notify me by Thursday, May 23rd.—Miss D. E. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 25th. Tower open 2.45. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, May 22nd.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, May 25th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. As Mr. Cowper, 88, Melbourn Road, Royston, is arranging the tea will all members who require tea notify him? A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Ofley, Hitchin.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stowmarket on May 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me by Friday, May 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PUDSEY.—On Sunday, April 28th, at the Church of St. Laurence, for evening service, 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major, 384 Superlative Surprise Major, and 192 London Surprise Major: P. Cordingley 1, S. Ward 2, J. C. Booth 3, R. Myers 4, W. Barton (conductor) 5, J. W. Baxendale 6, J. E. Procter 7, J. Ambler 8. All members of the local company.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. Collins 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, J. Kent 4, S. Stilwell 5, C. J. Tricker 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, H. Gash 8.

EXETER.—On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Thomas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: W. Bailey 1, J. Hosgood 2, W. Howe 3, H. G. Lewis 4, C. Routley 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, A. Goad 7, W. A. Wills (first quarter-peal) 8. Arranged for the ringing of 4th, who hails from Hope, North Wales.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on April 28th, for matins, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman in 47 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, J. Armstrong 2, J. E. Miller 3, D. Ovington 4, W. Pickworth 5, H. Miller 6, S. Wade (conductor) 7, A. G. Crane 8. An innovation occurred at this service, so far as Southgate is concerned, i.e., the collection was for the bellringers of this church.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On April 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): B. F. Calcott 1, C. Rollings 2, G. H. Sentance 3, G. Heley 4, C. E. King 5, A. G. Matthews 6, A. J. Smith (Luton) 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On Sunday, April 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original): F. Taylor (conductor) 1, W. Legge 2, A. Drake 3, F. Priddle 4, C. Taylor 5, H. Barton 6, J. Bennett (London) 7, B. Sibbick 8.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 21st, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Walker 1, F. Day 2, F. Bennett 3, J. Boacher 4, N. Harding 5, G. Grover (conductor) 6. First extent of Surprise Minor by a local band for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Cross, on Sunday, April 21st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Avis 1, F. Tester 2, P. Marchant 3, B. Saunders 4, A. Richardson 5, F. Weller 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, C. J. Hart 8. First 504 by ringers of treble, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, April 14th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: T. R. Flint 1, F. Keech 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, J. Brown 6. 18 bobs by C. Severn. Recently, 720 Stamford Surprise Minor: H. Reader 1, T. R. Flint 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, F. Keech 5, J. Brown 6. First of Stamford on the bells and by all the band.

SHEFFIELD.—For Sunday evening service, on April 14th, at St. Marie's R.C. Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: J. Tuke 1, R. Harrison, sen., 2, W. Bugar (conductor) 3, Cyril Harrison (first quarter-peal in any method) 4, J. A. Dixon 5, G. Holmes 6, T. Lee 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, in 40 mins., on Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Rivett 1, W. A. Martin 2, A. F. Petrie 3, P. C. Elliott 4, P. S. Steers 5, P. C. Davies 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, R. A. Fosdike 8.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, April 7th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, Hitchin, Herts, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung in 52 mins.: Rev. R. F. R. Routh 1, T. R. Scott 2, A. Symonds 3, G. T. Croft (conductor) 4, G. Wolfe 5, E. J. Newell 6, C. V. Hare 7, H. W. Day 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, at St. May's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: J. Ottaway 1, S. Hillier 2, E. G. Swift 3, W. A. Swift 4, R. Swift 5, F. Green (conductor) 6.

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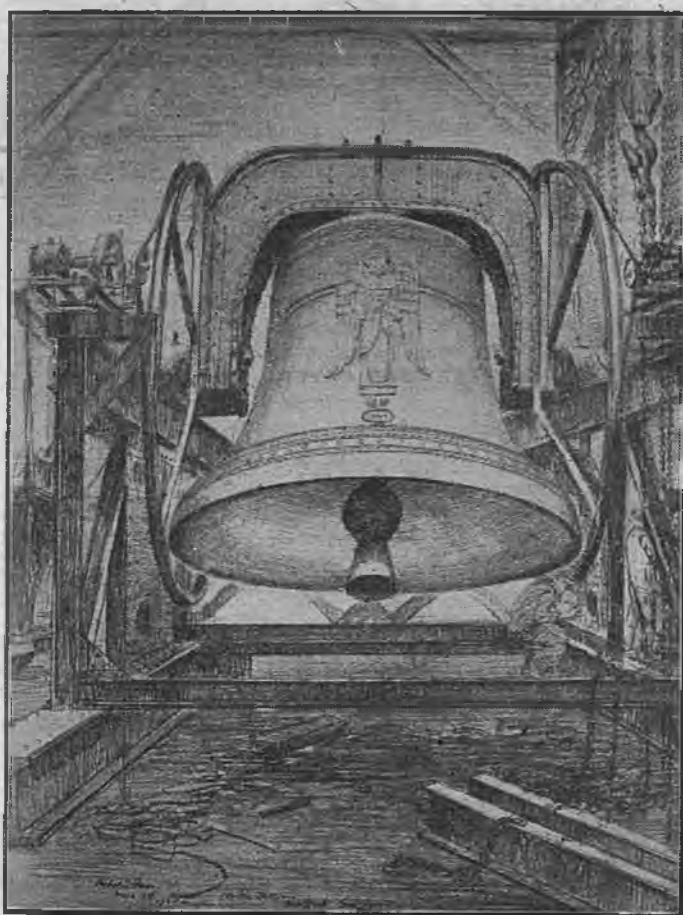
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The interest of the Exercise will centre next week upon Chelmsford, where on Monday the Essex Association will celebrate its jubilee and on Tuesday the Central Council will assemble for its annual meeting. Each, in its own way, is an important gathering. The Essex County Association has for fifty years been among the most virile of the territorial organisations, guided by energetic and tactful leaders, with the result that it established and has continually maintained a foremost place in the Exercise. The jubilee celebration will doubtless draw together a big gathering of members and friends, and it is largely as a compliment to the association that the Central Council fixed upon Chelmsford as the venue for this year's meeting.

The Council seems likely to have quite a full day's sitting on Tuesday. In its agenda are items which may make the session a fairly long drawn out one, and one or two of the subjects will doubtless provide interesting debates. Not the least controversial is the Methods Committee's report round which we may expect to get the main arguments in regard to what shall in future be recognised as a peal of Doubles and Minor. If, however, that should fail in this purpose, then the motion in the name of Mr. Whittington should not fail to bring a clash of opposing views. The old standard of a peal on five and six bells has been challenged, and the Council will be asked in the report to recognise a new condition, and, in the motion, to reaffirm the existing standard. The Council, in brief, will be asked whether it will accept in a peal on five or six bells the single extent, or a medley of extents as the unit of truth.

The whole Exercise is awaiting a decision on this point, and we have no hesitation in saying, despite the claim made by the Methods Committee that their proposal is 'in harmony with the traditions and usage of the Exercise,' and that 'tradition' will be 'ample safeguard against any excess,' that no step that has ever been taken in regard to fixing the standard of a peal has been so retrograde in its principles as this proposal of the Methods Committee will be if carried. Instead of raising the standard, it will open the door to all sorts of jiggery-pokery by unprincipled conductors—and unprincipled conductors have been known in the Exercise. And for what is the Council asked to do this? To justify the inclusion in the Minor Collection of certain compositions of which, up to now, no one but the composers and the committee have had a good word to say? If in their construction these particular compositions have anything to recommend them, they have the vital disadvantage of introducing a

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principle which can lead, despite all the committee's assurances, to the introduction of 'fantastic arrangements,' and even the committee could not tell us where the line could be drawn. It is for the Council to draw the line, and we shall be surprised if they do not do it emphatically by ruling out such compositions as the Law James London and Morris arrangement of Doubles.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

HENRY PRING 1	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
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GEORGE R. PYE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE 12

Composed by FREDR. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. The visitors to Bristol desire to express sincere thanks to Messrs. W. A. Cave and H. Pring for arranging this peal, and regret that the former was unable to take part in it.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

MADRICE SWINFELD 1	RICHARD C. BELTON 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDES 7
CHARLES ALLSOP 3	JAMES S. HUTCHEY 8
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	E. HARRY STONELEY 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	JAMES GEORGE 10

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First touch on ten bells.
† First peal of Caters.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILLES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS 1	WILLIAM ATTERBURY 6
THOMAS LAW 2	FRED HOPPER 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	JOHN T. HENSMAN 8
EDDIE J. HOBBS 4	HORACE SMITH 9
ERNEST SIBLEY 5	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is shortly leaving Northampton for Coventry.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6017 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT 1	THOMAS HEMMING 6
CHARLES WEBB 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 8
JAMES GEORGE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS 9
JOSEPH PIGOTT 5	ALFRED HAGGETT 10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Josephine J. Addison and Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who is a member of the King's Norton band, with the best wishes of the ringers. It was also the anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise rung at the same church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY S. RICHOLD Treble	SAMUEL EVANS 5
THOMAS CADGE 2	SAMUEL FORD 6
ERNEST AMBROSE 3	THOMAS CHINERY 7
* BERNARD ADAMS 4	ROBERT GOWERS Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by E. AMBROSE.

* First peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH AND OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CITY CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM BLAKE Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 2	VICTOR BENNETT 6
SAMUEL HOUSLOW 3	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 7
RICHARD POST 4	GEORGE HORWOOD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

First peal on the bells and first peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Smith, 'father' of the Oxford Society, and to Mrs. Horwood, mother of the tenor ringer.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 29, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

* JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal in a Surprise method. This composition (author's number 66) is now rung for the first time. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the above tower. Arranged for the ringer of the fourth.

DERBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

* SIDNEY PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 5
WILFRED H. BUXTON 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
WILLIAM A. PARSONS 3	JOHN W. GLRW 7
† JOHN VICARS 4	ARTHUR SHERWOOD Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. R. B. Chambers, J.P., B.A., churchwarden 1897 to 1919, also to the late Mr. J. H. Powell, churchwarden 1914 to 1920.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERIC WARD Treble	PERCY MASSAM 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	ALBERT WORMOLD 6
HARRY WARD 3	HAROLD L. JONES 7
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY ... 4	GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY

First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK J. TOMPKINS ... Treble	GEORGE W. HELEY 5
ALFRED KING 2	ARTHUR J. SMITH 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 7
EDWARD B. CHAPPELL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

First peal in the method in the county and for all except the ringer of the 3rd. Rung as a welcome home to the Rev. Sawford Dye and Mr. Dye from their honeymoon, and as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th on completing 25 years' faithful service in this belfry.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. BIDNELL Treble	A. KAY 5
E. S. RUCK 2	C. FRANKLIN 6
R. J. BIRCH 3	H. PARKES 7
E. G. BUESDEN 4	* A. SWAN Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being perfect. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Freight for having everything ready.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST F. POPPY ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
WILLIAM STANNARD 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE 6
CHARLES STANNARD 3	ANTHONY PRICE 7
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (Author's No. 356).

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal in the method on the bells. The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Druke was elected a life member of the above Guild prior to starting for the peal.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* HEZEKIAH THORPE ... Treble	† ERNEST THORPE 5
* MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2	† JOHN W. SMITHSON 6
JOHN THORPE 3	* ALBERT SMITHSON 7
J. HENRY BOWER 4	† FRANK SHACKLETON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT SMITHSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal as conductor, also first peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in May, 1928. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Tom Chown (an old member of the local company), the late Mr. W. T. Chown (son of the above, who was a member of the local company several years ago), and the late Mr. T. G. Jones, who was a sidesman at the above church for 40 years.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
HARRY BARTON	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	HENRY JENNINGS	6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

First peal of Cambridge in the Isle of Wight, also by Messrs. Barton and Jennings.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
STAFFORD H. GREEN	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
JACK M. CRIPPS	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	KEITH HART	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
WILLIAM WELLING	Treble	FRANK CORKE	5
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ...	2	ARTHUR HARDING	6
*ALBERT R. G. TWINN	3	WILLIAM HENLEY	7
EDGAR HANCOX	4	WILLIAM HONOR	Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 79th birthday of Mr. Tom Beadle, the worthy veteran of the local band.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH).

AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY CASHMORE		Tenor 27 cwt.	
... ..	Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	5
*EDWIN YATES	2	FREDERICK C. CASE	6
LEONARD A. SMITH	3	THOMAS E. READ	7
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS	4	ALBERT J. GREEN	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Jim, third son of the conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY		Tenor 15 cwt.	
... ..	Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN	5
ERNEST G. GARRARD	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ...	6
GEORGE H. CROSS	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
*JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	RONALD H. BULLEN	Tenor

Composed by T. R. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Major. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th were elected members of the association previous to starting.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

TONY PRICE		Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.	
... ..	Treble	JOHN W. T. WRIGHT	5
ALFRED BACON	2	*FRED WIGMORE	6
*ARTHUR WIGMORE	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	7
TOM GREENACRE	4	*BERT GOGLE	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by T. PRICE.

* First peal on eight bells. Arranged for B. Gogle, and as a birthday compliment to E. Barker.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERNEST BENNETT		Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.	
... ..	Treble	*RICHARD E. JONES	5
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.	2	LIONEL CLOUGH	6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN.	3	TOM WILDE	7
WILLIAM FERNLEY	4	JOHN W. HARTLEY	Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWIN F. PIKE		Tenor 20 cwt.	
... ..	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
*HERBERT E. DAY	2	JOHN T. KENTISH	6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE M. KILBY	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Day is of Hitchin, and this peal was arranged on his behalf.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.		Tenor 22½ cwt.	
HARRY HARGREAVES	Treble	WILLIAM PROCTER	5
*THOMAS JACKSON	2	*ARTHUR EXTON	6
*JAMES SMITH	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
H. BERTRAM POTTS	4	*HAROLD BIRTWELL	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. All are service ringers at the above church with the exception of the conductor.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE LIVERSIDGE VARIATION.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
J. HENRY WRIGHT	Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON	5
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN.	2	FRED COTTON	6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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GAYTON, NORTHANTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's.

PERCY AMOS Treble	ERNEST LAMBERT 4
JAMES W. HAYNES 2	FRANK BURGESS 5
GEORGE PARKER 3	THOMAS WISE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM GARTRY Treble	MRS. J. BRAY 4
GEORGE BLANCHARD 2	*FRANK LORD 5
CHARLES H. BIRD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SAMUEL THOMPSON Treble	JOHN BASS 4
†SIDNEY G. THOMPSON 2	HAROLD V. COOPER 5
WILLIAM GIBBS 3	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. V. COOPER.

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

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

*CYRIL SHARP Treble	HARRY WOODING 3
TOM FOWLER 2	ALBERT MINNEY 4
†HARRY PETTIT Tenor	

Conducted by H. WOODING.

* First peal. † First peal on five bells. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Pettit and the conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE ST. CHURCH OF MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with different callings.

*J. WILLIAM LOMAS Treble	*M. EDWARD WATSON 4
C. HENRY WEBB 2	*WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
TOM ATKINS 3	*ALFRED E. WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by TOM ATKINS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells, which were augmented from three to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and opened on May 12th, 1928. First peal on the bells by a local band.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Tuesday, May 7th, 720 Double Court: M. White 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, R. C. Sharpe 4, S. Forwood 5, T. Price (conductor) 6. Arranged for the tenor ringer, who hails from Shouldham, Norfolk.

SHOULD NONCONFORMISTS RING AT CHURCHES?

A SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD DISCUSSION.

In delightful spring weather, the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at that beauty spot, West Lulworth, which, as usual, proved a great attraction. The world-famous Lulworth Cove is close by this old country village, encompassed by hills, and the Cove is one of the most remarkable features of the coast. It is a fairly-like inland sea, almost shut out from the ocean proper, and guarded by two projecting spurs of rock which form the Pillars of Hercules of this miniature Mediterranean.

Two motor coaches brought the majority of the ringers, one starting from Bournemouth and picking up en route a total of thirty. Another starting from Weymouth did likewise, and arrived via Bere Regis with a party of 32. Both coaches passed through most of the 'Hardy country,' and enabled the visitors to see Lulworth Castle, with its circular towers at each angle; the front of the mansion, which is ornamented with heraldic shields and allegorical statues of music; and also Bindon Abbey, a Cistercian monastery founded in 1172.

The bells, a light ring of six, were available from 2.30 p.m., and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. Job), and the Rev. H. L. Phillips (late chairman of the Wimborne Branch) gave a short and excellent address. Colonel Robson (churchwarden) read the lesson.

Subsequently high tea was served in the Church Hall, where between 80 and 90 ringers and friends sat down as the guests of Col. Robson.

A short business meeting followed. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Vicar was voted to the chair. Five new members, including two ladies, were elected.

The Secretary reported he had been in communication with the authorities at Milton Abbey for their summer meeting, and he was pleased to say they could hold it there in June. This announcement was received with applause, and carried unanimously, no meeting having been held at Milton for a number of years. The Secretary also called attention to the annual festival to be held at Bridport on May 11th, and to further meetings which would be held during the summer at Wyke Regis, Abbotsbury and Frampton, with an occasional practice.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch) proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Col. Robson (who had provided such a sumptuous feast), and to the organist and choir. He reminded them that the late Rev. W. P. Schuster, who was Vicar of West Lulworth, was formerly the general secretary, and had done such good work for the whole Guild. He would have loved to see such a meeting as that.—Mr. Dance seconded, and Mr. Hewlett, endorsing what had been said, paid a special compliment to Mrs. Ironmonger and her party of ladies who had done so well for such a large gathering.—Both the Vicar and Col. Robson replied.

The business being ended, the Vicar called on Col. Robson to give a talk on the subject of Nonconformists taking part in ringing, under the heading of 'Unity of the Churches and Ringing.' Col. Robson made an eloquent speech, and was listened to with the deepest interest. He took a very broad view of his subject. He is churchwarden at his church, and a practical ringer. He said we had heard a lot of talk of our empty churches and the falling-off of our bellringers, and parishes not able to get ringers to ring the bells. Even at his own church they could only ring three bells. It was 'Ding, dong, bell,' a shame on the village. Unfortunately, the doctor had ordered the Vicar not to ring again. Why should there not be unity of the churches, and why not have Nonconformists come and ring the bells? The churches belonged to the people. If clergy could preach in other churches and chapels, why should not ringers from other denominations ring the bells in the church? When recently in Scotland, where there was no Church of England, he found he could say his prayers in the other church as well as in his own. In conclusion, he asked, 'Why are we short of ringers?' He knew one thing was apathy, and he was pleased that two of the number who had joined the Guild that day were going to be ringers at his own church.

The Vicar, who followed, said the question was a deep one. They must ring the people to church, and they must make bellringers out of their churchmen.

Mr. Burton, who agreed with Col. Robson's broadminded view, said they wanted more of it in the church. He knew one church where Nonconformists rang for the service and then went to their own chapel to worship. He was a member of the choir, as well as a ringer at his church, and sometimes the choir went to the churches of other denominations to assist in the music. Why, therefore, should not ringers of other denominations ring the bells of the church? They rang for God, and not for the churchpeople only.

Mrs. Ironmonger (who was formerly a ringer) said a lady who used to ring with them was a Nonconformist, and she eventually got confirmed and came to the church and proved an excellent member.

The Rev. H. L. Phillips, Mr. Dance and the secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) took part in the debate, which proved very interesting.—Col. Robson was thanked for his talk, and the Vicar for conducting the meeting.

NEW BELLS AT WOKING.

TREBLES DEDICATED BY THE BISHOP OF GUILDFORD.

Since the year 1884 the Parish Church of St. Peter, Woking, Surrey, has had a ring of six bells. They were originally cast by William Eldridge in the neighbouring town of Chertsey, where for a long period there was a flourishing offshoot of the foundry first established at Wokingham. The fourth was recast in 1766, and the tenor in 1887, and to these six bells two trebles have been added. The augmentation has been carried out as the result of the efforts of the local ringers, who launched the scheme and collected all the money. They are fortunate in having among their number Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., who is also churchwarden, and he has done a great deal towards the successful outcome of the scheme. The new trebles, which have been tuned to blend with the old bells, are hung in the pits and fittings of the former trebles, which have been hoisted into a new iron frame built over the old. A perfect 'splice' has been effected, and an admirable circle obtained for the ropes in the ringing room. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon an excellent job. Each bell is inscribed, 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo,' and with the names of the Vicar and churchwardens. The work done up to the present has cost about £200, but it is hoped to raise a further sum to enable the rehanging of the rest of the peal to be carried out.

The dedication was performed on Saturday by the Bishop of Guildford. The church was full almost to capacity, a considerable portion of the congregation being ringers from every part of the diocese. The old six bells were rung prior to the service, at which the Bishop was accompanied by the Rev. J. G. Bruce, Rector of Worplesdon, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain, the other clergy present being Canon G. Askwith (Vicar of Woking), Archdeacon R. Irwin, and the Rev. P. Bradshaw (curate of St. Peter's, Woking). The Guildford Diocesan Guild's special form of service was used, with the introduction of suitable dedicatory prayers. It opened with the singing of Psalm 150, followed by a short lesson read by Archdeacon Irwin, and the Magnificat. The congregation stood during the dedication of the bells which followed. The Woking Parish Church bellringers, followed by the Rev. P. Bradshaw, Admiral T. P. Walker and Mr. F. C. T. Mann (churchwardens), Archdeacon Irwin, the Bishop of Guildford and the Rev. J. G. Bruce, proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the ropes of the two new bells were presented to the Bishop by the churchwardens. After the words of dedication and a prayer that the bells might continually call together faithful people to praise and worship, the ropes were handed to the conductor, and while the Bishop and clergy were returning to the chancel, the bellringers rang a few 'rounds' on the bells. After the hymn, 'Unchanging God Who livest,' the Bishop gave an address, and during the closing hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' an offertory for the bell fund was taken, and amounted to £14 6s. At the conclusion of the service a Diocesan Guild band rang 504 Stedman Triples.

THE JUSTIFICATION FOR BELLS.

The Bishop took his text from Isaiah xl. 3, 'A voice that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight a highway for our God.' He said a church building itself and all its adjuncts, however great their beauty might be, were only means to an end. They were to help us to realise the glory of worship, the beauty of the Divine presence, and the great compelling thought that our very best was all too poor for the worship of the majesty of God. To give less than our very best to His service was not only unworthy of Him, but unworthy of us. All the adjuncts of the church should reflect that great truth. Yet how easy it was without any means of grace to forget that and to miss our chances, and how often we did miss them. We were always missing our chances, and he thought this was particularly true of our church bells. They ought never to be sounded without prayer. He believed he was speaking to many bellringers, and he would say to them, Don't miss your chance. Don't ring your bells without praying as you ring. They may be a voice crying in the wilderness to those who hear them—that most wonderful cry which could fall on human ears, so searching and so full of appeal: 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight a highway for our God.' Otherwise, what justification was there for the bells of the church? It was not the mere music; they meant something spiritual. The bells were a call to the human race and all who heard to prepare the way of the Lord, and as we listened we should pray that the message might go home into life after life and soul after soul. Never was there a time when the bells and the bellringers should be so much at work, because the habit of public worship had decayed, and decayed very sadly indeed. We should not have so much to deprecate and deplore, or be anxious over if all of us, when we heard the bells, prayed, to accompany them. It was a solemn thing, the Bishop added, to come to a service like that. It involved an issue of deeper spirituality and more real religion, and it could not leave them unaffected, unmoved and unchanged.

BIG TEA PARTY.

Subsequently, the Church Hall was filled for a big tea party, which numbered about 220, and included subscribers to the bell fund and the ringers. Admiral Walker presided, and he was supported by the Bishop of Guildford and Mrs. Greig, Archdeacon Irwin, Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. F. C. T. Mann (churchwarden), Mr. G.

Milner Walker, J.P., Mr. Walter C. Ryde, K.C., Mr. Price Williams (chairman of the Urban District Council), Mr. E. A. Young (secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. A. L. Ryde, Mr. A. A. Hughes (of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (secretary of the Guildford Guild), etc.

After tea, Admiral Walker referred with pleasure to the fact that the Vicar, Canon Askwith, had got on so splendidly following his illness that he had actually been able to take part in the dedication service (applause). The Chairman also expressed deep appreciation of the fact that the Bishop had come amongst them to dedicate the bells in the church. They thanked him also for his inspiring address. They now had, he said, a good ring of bells. It was not quite complete, but a ring of eight was infinitely better than a ring of six. Referring to visitors that day, Admiral Walker said they had one with them whose father was Bishop Titcomb, who was Vicar of Woking fifty years ago. They also had Mr. Ryde, K.C., who was captain of their old bellringers 30 or 40 years ago. Admiral Walker added that Sir John Simon, who formerly resided in the parish, was prevented from attending owing to the general election. This showed what old associations a parish with bells had. Sir John Simon was there for about six months, and remembered the place mainly on account of the bells.

A CHEERFUL CROWD.

The Bishop of Guildford said a company of bellringers seemed as cheerful a crowd as one could find oneself with. He had had some very interesting and cheery meetings since he had been Bishop of Guildford, and one that stood out was the great meeting of bellringers at Croydon last year, when ringers from every part of Great Britain gathered in their thousands. More and more he felt that one of the revivals of church life which was most welcome and likely to be most powerful, was that among the bellringers. He felt they had a great source of strength and a great ministry as important as any. Therefore, when he was asked to come to a gathering of that kind he did not come with the idea that he was paying them a compliment or doing them a favour; he came with the utmost possible pleasure and a sense of privilege to share in the comradeship and fellowship with men who were working together for the same purpose that he was working, to increase the Kingdom of God. The Bishop added that he and his wife would go away with a feeling that they had spent a profitable and delightful afternoon and evening in their company (applause).

PRESENTATION TO ADMIRAL WALKER.

Mr. W. H. Edwards, the secretary of the Woking Parish Church ringers, paid a tribute to Admiral Walker's work in connection with the new bells. He felt sure they would never have got the new bells without Admiral Walker, and the local band of ringers very much appreciated what he had done (applause).

At the request of Mr. Edwards, the Bishop presented Admiral Walker with a gold badge in the form of a bell as a token of the local ringers' appreciation. The Bishop said the badge was given by the ringers in a spirit of real affection to one who had won respect and regard by the whole-hearted way in which he threw himself into the life of the parish and especially the bellringing (applause).

Admiral Walker suitably acknowledged the ringers' kindness, which, he said, had taken him 'flat aback.'

The Rev. P. Bradshaw voiced the thanks of the assembly to the churchwardens and their wives and the other ladies who had helped in the provision of the tea. He also thanked the local band of ringers for arranging the decorations, especially mentioning the miniature bells hanging over the tables.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith reminded the company that the addition of the two treble bells was not the end of the scheme to restore the Woking bells. It was desired to have the other six rehanged, and if Admiral Walker was as enthusiastic in this as he had been already, this would soon be accomplished. Admiral Walker wanted more money for the rehanging of the old bells, and among the things he had done to augment the bell fund was to have replica models of the two new bells cast. The bells were suspended over the tables, and they were for sale.

Afterwards touches were rung on handbells, much to the interest of those who had seen nothing of the kind before.

The Woking Parish Church band who rang during the dedication service consisted of J. Brackley, Admiral Walker, A. P. Osborne, W. H. Edwards, F. Foot, H. Greenhill, T. Strudwick and C. Coles. Mrs. Edwards and D. Munday were spare ringers.

Touches on the bells were rung throughout the evening. There were 'rounds' for those who could do nothing more, and the methods ranged up to London Surprise Major.

THE LATE MISS NELLIE JOHNSON.

The death of Miss Nellie Johnson makes one think of Henry Kirke White. Her short life was full of poetry. One regrets that it was not her privilege and delight to have taken part in a peal of Stedman 'in hand.' What a happy home circle is broken! We loved her in life; let us not forget her in death.

If worth, if genius, to the world are dear,
To Nelly's shade devote no common tear.
Her worth on no precarious tenure hung;
From genuine piety her virtues sprung.

C. F. W.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE ALLDER, OF BURNHAM.**A BUCKS PIONEER.**

One of the old South Bucks ringers, who began ringing on the original peal of five bells in the 'seventies, passed away on Sunday, April 28th, in his 71st year, after a few weeks' confinement to his house—George Alder, of Burnham.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on May Day, his children and friends in attendance, and the service being conducted by the Vicar. There was a large display of floral emblems, one in the shape of a bell, with carnations and laurel leaves, sent by the Burnham ringers inscribed: 'In kindly and grateful remembrance from some of his old friends and fellow-ringers.'

George was ever an outspoken man, in business, sport or bellringing. On the football field for years his shrill, clear voice earned him the nickname of 'Piper,' which clung to him to the last. He was a clever builder, and never hesitated to take on any difficult job below ground or upon a roof, and he would climb about a high roof without fear like a cat.

For nearly 50 years he has acted as steeplekeeper at St. Peter's tower, and he frequently took out a bad-going bell. He spent many hours doctoring up the bearings and fittings, thus saving the church-wardens some expense.

He was a member of the College Youths, the Middlesex Association, and the Oxford Guild, and had rung peals in most of the standard and Surprise methods on eight bells. He was also one of the earliest members of the Berks and Bucks Association of ringers formed in 1878, and took a hand with the writer in the practices at Boyne Hill and Farnham Royal held from 1878 to 1882.

Of a generous, impulsive good nature, his death breaks the chain of half a century—round ringing to method, the old school and the new—and his willing and obliging disposition regarding the tower and bells ('his' tower he always called it) at all times will be sadly missed by those who enjoyed the combined practices there for the past 20 years, when the Surprise methods were tackled by so many ringers in the Burnham district with success.

In the evening, after the funeral, the local ringing company, with Mr. W. H. Fussell's help, rang two touches with muffled clappers, conducted by the Rev. Percy Nott. Half-pull could not be attempted, but well-struck changes in the same old way that George began his ring with, 'Stoney,' marked his end. It is hoped later to ring a muffled peal for him as a farewell from his fellow-churchmen.

W. H. F.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, April 27th, about forty being present. Ringing commenced at 2.45, and continued until 4.30.

At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Beddard) first said that he hoped those present would kindly consider themselves as his guests. He went on to deliver an eloquent address on the history and uses of bells from the earliest times, tracing their development from the rude wooden instrument which was used in their stead at the beginning, and mentioning particularly four principal uses to which the bells of the church have been put for many ages—the sacring and passing bells, the Angelus and the curfew.

A collection on behalf of the Benevolent Fund amounted to 10s.

At the Parish Hall, a capital tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. This was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman.

Mr. S. S. Vince, of Lower Beeding, and Mr. A. E. Andrews, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, were elected new members. All the officers of the division were re-elected, viz.: Hon. secretary, A. D. Stone; Committee of Advice, K. Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler.

A discussion then arose as to the advisability of arranging combined practices of the whole division. This, the meeting considered, would not be practicable, supporting the view that the grouping together among themselves of adjoining towers for practice would be found more successful.

The holding of divisional meetings on Wednesdays instead of Saturdays was then discussed, it being decided that one meeting this year should be held on a Wednesday, as a trial, Mr. Keith Hart kindly offering to act for the hon. secretary at this meeting.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Rickman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and most instructive address, and for his generous hospitality, coupling with this the name of the organist. This was enthusiastically received, and the Vicar, in his reply, again referred to the great pleasure it had given him to welcome those present.

Ringling was again resumed and continued until close on nine o'clock, the methods during the afternoon and evening ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Superlative Cambridge and London Surprise. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Bolney, Burgess Hill, Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Keymer, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Seaford, Shoreham and Southover (Lewes).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Stedman Caters at King's Norton on Saturday was rung on the 26th anniversary of the record peal of London Surprise at the same church. Mr. Harry Withers, who on the former occasion took down the figures of the peal as rung, on Saturday again appeared from somewhere and presented the band with figures of the composition they had just completed. On this occasion he had taken down the sixes of the turning course!

Mr. George Williams asks us to thank his many friends who have sent him birthday congratulations and good wishes.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 16,608 of Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society at Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, on May 18th, 1883. The peal occupied nine hours and forty-eight minutes, and was conducted by Mr. Sam Wood. It is interesting at this date to recall the names of the men who set up the record of that day, for, in the words of the footnote to the peal, 'This is the longest peal ever rung in any method by one set of men.' The ringers were Thomas Moss, James Adams, James Wood, jun., Samuel Wood, Benjamin Broadbent, Joseph Mellor, George Longden and John Thorp.

Thurstans' famous four-part, still recognised as a 'masterpiece,' was rung for the first time on May 18th, 1846.

On May 19th, 1777, a peal of 11,080 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch by the College Youths.

The South-West tower of York Minster and its ring of ten bells was destroyed by fire on May 20th, 1840.

The celebrated 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, was rung in 8 hrs. 16 mins. on May 21st, 1888. It was conducted by Mr. W. T. Pates, and among those who took part were Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Canon G. F. Coleridge. The late Mr. C. H. Hattersley was also in the peal, and used to say it was the finest struck peal he ever took part in.

Next Tuesday is also the anniversary of that wonderful achievement, the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark, rung by the College Youths in 1923.

Thirty years ago next Wednesday was rung the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington, and the same day is the anniversary of a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, exactly a hundred years earlier. This was the first peal of Stedman Triples outside Norwich.

A correspondent who has been much interested in the recent achievements of Mr. James George, would like to ascertain something of the doings of ringers at the other end of the scale. Who has been the youngest ringer to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, or Surprise Major? To publish the names and ages of these youthful ringers might be an incentive to the juveniles to conquer such things at a still earlier age.

JOHN MURRAY HAYES.

RECOLLECTIONS OF A GIANT OF THE EXERCISE.

Mr. F. E. Dawe writes: I can quite appreciate and fully corroborate Mr. C. F. Winney's remarks about the peal of Treble Twelve in at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on April 29th, 1884—45 years ago. Mr. Winney and I both took part in it, and it was as he describes, a very different proposition in those days, for when a band was made up it was always agreed to meet at the church 'on the off-chance of the tenor going well!' This was usually expected in dirty weather, when cold, damp, fog and rain prevailed—especially the two latter!

I have known bands meet there and then not go up, in anticipation of a 'rough time.'

During the progress of the peal in question (which was a good one), and which Hayes called, there were many anxious looks. All frequently scrutinised Hayes, and the same thought must have pervaded the mind of each of us, 'Can human being last the time?' He did, and I well remember being the first to speak to him immediately on setting the tenor, and his reply was, 'Yes, Frank, I had to keep the furnace going at full blast, and very little water in the boiler!'

I think most of our older friends will agree with me in saying that John Murray Hayes, a stonemason by trade, was certainly one of the three or four strongest men in the ringing Exercise during the last 70 years.

I remember him being accosted by some men with a weight-lifting machine by 'Try your strength, sir,' and Hayes replied, 'Well, I've been doing that all day.' Whereupon he had a pull, and the indicator went right round the clock face as far as it could go!

Amongst many other notable performances, Murray Hayes rang the tenor to the famous 15,840 Treble Bob at Bethnal Green 61 years ago.

At an occasional convivial gathering it was a rare treat to get him to sing 'Tom Pearce's Old Mare' with a rollicking chorus concerning 'Uncle Tom Cobley and all,' which could be relied upon to 'bring down the house.'

Yes, 'Jack' Hayes was a good, honest, open-hearted creature, always ready to do a good turn for all, and never cherishing evil thoughts of anyone. I wish more of his calibre existed now. I rang fully 50 peals with him.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MORE MONEY WANTED FOR WAR MEMORIAL.**

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Bridport (which was revisited after a lapse of 18 years) on Saturday, and was largely attended. A service was held at St. Mary's Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. S. H. Viggars (Rector). The lessons were read by the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, Kington Magna, Gillingham, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Archdeacon of Sherborne (Bishop Joscelyne), one of the vice-presidents. Church bells, he said, were as sermons in wrought iron; they summoned the people to higher thoughts and issued a general call to useful service.

A luncheon, attended by about 160 members and friends, was served at the Greyhound Hotel. The chair was taken by the Rev. R. Hugh Gundry, of Shroton Rectory, Blandford, Master of the Guild, who was supported by Bishop Joscelyne, the Rev. S. H. Viggars, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Canon Hutchings (Beaminster), the Rev. C. Carrow Cox, president, West Dorset Branch (Lyme Regis), Messrs. W. S. B. Northover (Bridport), Frank Bugler (Beaminster), Martin Stewart (Ferndown), and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, hon. secretary of the West Dorset Branch. Others present included the Rev. J. C. Phillips (Bournemouth), the Rev. E. H. H. Lee (Whitechurch Canonicoorum), and the Rev. A. B. Hutton (Loders).

Luncheon over, the toast of 'The King' was duly honoured.

At the business meeting a statement of accounts was submitted by the Rev. F. L. Edwards. It was shown that the balance in hand amounted to about £90. This was reported to be the highest credit balance on record, but the Secretary reminded his hearers that he foresaw heavy expenditure in the near future, and that this money would be all required. Fifty pounds was on deposit, and so earning a small amount by way of interest.—The report was adopted on the proposition of the Rev. C. C. Cox, seconded by Mr. J. B. Benger (Dorchester).

On the proposition of Mr. Stewart, the officers were re-elected en bloc, as under, and thanked for their past services: Master, Rev. R. H. Gundry; hon. secretary and treasurer, Rev. F. L. Edwards; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. T. H. Beams; hon. auditors, Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Wimborne, and Mr. H. R. Hopkins, Kington Magna.

The Master, returning thanks for his re-election, said he was proud to hold the office he did. He had been a ringer for about 50 years, and ringing was one of the keenest joys of his life. He would gladly continue to do all in his power for the good and welfare of the Guild and its members. He again repeated a previously made appeal to branch secretaries that they should advise him of their meetings in order that, whenever possible, he might be present. He particularly asked that such notice should be given him of the proposed dedication of bells after rehanging or the addition of new bells.

The General Committee was elected as follows: The appointed officers of the Guild and of branches; the Rev. C. Wood, the Rev. R. E. P. Gorrington and Messrs. J. R. Jerram and E. B. Barter.

Mr. T. Hervey Beams, presenting a statement of accounts relating to the War Memorial Fund, said the amount paid in to the hon. treasurer was £120. In addition they had £3 17s. in the bank and about £2 14s. in hand (the amount taken up in a collection at that day's service). The expenses incurred—mainly for printing—amounted to £3 17s. They were still a long way short of the amount required, and, although they had till their jubilee year, 1932, in which to raise the balance, it was his fervent hope that every member would do his best to have the fund completed and done with at the earliest possible moment. He would not be satisfied until the money was raised.

Mr. W. S. B. Northover also deprecated the slow way in which the money was coming in. It was a debt they owed, not to the Guild, but to the memory of their fellow-members who went down in the war, and he thought it was incumbent upon them to see to it that the money was raised with the least delay. The amount due was about £80, and he proposed that £30 of the balance they had in hand as a Guild be voted to the Memorial Fund.

The Master agreed that the money should be raised as soon as possible, but he queried whether their Guild funds, raised for an altogether different purpose, could be put to that use. He did not think it was right or fair to make the memorial a charge upon their funds; that memorial was originally intended to be a personal contribution from the members.

Messrs. Edwards and Cox agreed, the latter expressing the hope that the susceptibilities of those members who had not contributed would be touched as a result of the comments made that day. The matter was then allowed to drop.

The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to Bishop Joscelyne for his attendance and words of encouragement, to the Rector of Bridport for taking the services for them that day and the use of his church and bells; to Mr. Beams and his local committee for the excellence of their arrangements; to the incumbents of surrounding churches for the use of their bells, and to Mr. Walter Trump, who had so successfully maintained his high reputation as a caterer.

Ringing took place during the day at Bridport, Beaminster, Bradpole, Whitechurch, Burton Bradstock, Litton Cheney, Loders, Netherbury, and Symondsbury, where the bells were rung.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**TRURO BRANCH MEETING AT PERRANZABULOE.**

A well-attended meeting of the Truro Branch of the Diocesan Guild was held at Perranzabuloe on Saturday, May 11th, when there were about 50 present from St. Mabe, St. Gluvias, Gwennap, St. Agnes, Illogan, Truro Cathedral, and the local band. The bells, a nice ring of six, tenor 9½ cwt., hung last June by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were raised at 2.30 p.m. and kept going until nine o'clock, except during the interval for service and tea.

The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. Father Boyd (Vicar), the lessons being read by the Rev. Father Skrine (curate). The Vicar took an unusual text, for he based his remarks on the words which one often sees on a brass plate outside the front door of a house, namely, 'Please do not ring unless an answer is required.' He said that ringing was an outward ceremony for a form of worship, which required the combined efforts of a band who should not turn their ringing into a mere pastime.

After tea it was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Gluvias, an invitation having been received from Mr. Nicholls, who said his Vicar very much wished the next meeting to be held at that place. The last Saturday in September was decided upon as the date. It is, however, possible, that an earlier meeting will be arranged during July at St. Mabe, to create local interest in the rehanging and augmentation of the present ring of five, which are hung anti-clockwise. The Vicar is quite keen on this project, and the local ringers are confident that the money would be forthcoming if a start were made. It is thought, therefore, that this would be a good way of supporting the local band in their hope and desire.

NEWBURY BELLS RESTORED.**REDEDICATION SERVICE.**

The rededication of the bells of Newbury Parish Church was performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw on Sunday afternoon, April 28th, when about 700 people attended, including the Mayor and Corporation of Newbury. The Church Lads' Brigade led the civic procession from the Municipal Buildings to the church. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. R. Majendie). Bishop Shaw gave an interesting address on the use of the bells, remarking that Newbury bells were recast 125 years ago at the local foundry, Aldbourne, Wilts. The bells have now been retuned and hung on ball bearings in a steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, to whom great credit was due.

About 95 ringers were present from all parts, and were afterwards entertained to tea in the Parish Room.

The Bishop offered his congratulations to the parish on accomplishing its purpose so thoroughly.—The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) expressed his great satisfaction at what had been done. It was a special feature of this scheme that although the bells had been retuned and rehung, their character had not been destroyed, and they were the same old Newbury bells.—Mr. R. T. Hibbert, secretary of the Guild, spoke of his boyhood acquaintance with Newbury bells, and it was a great delight to hear them ringing again, and to know that they are now safe.

Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain of the tower) thanked the Rector and the committee for their efforts in raising the fund for restoration. The collection on behalf of the bells fund amounted to £12 10s. 9d. The Rector said the collection would now clear the debt of restoration, and thanked Mr. A. A. Hughes for the splendid work his firm had done.—Mr. Hughes suitably responded. The bells were kept going in the evening until nine o'clock.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.**

The following is the Council's statement of accounts for the year ending May 21st, 1929:—

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.
Balance in bank	...	26 15 6
Cash	...	1 7 0
Subscriptions	...	14 12 6
Interest on stock	...	5 0 0
Total	...	£47 15 0

EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.
Loss on sales, etc.	...	3 9 0
Hon. Secretary's expenses	...	2 10 0
Peals' Analysis Committee's expenses	...	5 2 6
B.B.C. Committee's expenses	...	2 1 6
'Ringing World'	...	2 1 9
Balance in bank	...	33 7 6
Less cheque not yet presented	...	17 3
	...	32 10 3
Total	...	£47 15 0

E. ALEX. YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

WHAT SHALL CONSTITUTE A PEAL?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the Methods Committee's Report and your leading article and the other correspondence which has followed it. With a great deal of the report and of Mr. Trollope's letter in your issue of May 3rd, I agree, but there are one or two points on which my views differ very considerably from those of the Methods Committee, and as I know that I am by no means alone in my opinions, I would like to try and express some of them here, in order that the Exercise, and particularly those members of the Central Council who have to decide what is to be done about it on Whit Tuesday, may have both sides of the question before them.

First of all, let me say that I do not want to take up an extreme view and refuse to listen to any arguments that do not agree with it; I readily admit that the whole business is a most complicated problem, and that many reasonable arguments can be, and have been, put forward on both sides. But it must also be said that a lot of unreasonable arguments have also appeared, and that there has been (as someone has already said) 'much muddled thinking' on the subject. It has been my aim and object in expressing my views to face the facts and to follow them out to their logical and reasonable conclusion.

I have said in these columns that I value and respect the opinions of Mr. Law James, and I say the same of his two colleagues on the Methods Committee, but I cannot remain blind to the fact that their collected views (as expressed in the report and in their individual letters) would bear much more weight with the Exercise and the Central Council if they showed a little more sign of consistency. In the issue of May 3rd there are laid out before us four definite examples of occasions on which members of the Methods Committee have flatly contradicted each other, and in some cases themselves as well. This is not by any means a complete list of their contradictory statements, and I would like to mention just one or two more. The Report says: 'The claim has been made that this arrangement (i.e., Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Minor) does really consist of seven true and complete extents on the grounds that if we count rounds at the start there are 720 true rows, then another 720, etc. We cannot accept this as sound argument.' Nor can I! But who was it that made this claim? Was it not the Rev. H. Law James himself, who half a column lower down signs the report that contains this statement? If anyone doubts this, I ask him to look at the issue for January 18th, page 41, and read the second paragraph of Mr. James' letter, ending with the words, '... so that each of the seven is true and complete.' Mr. Law James can hardly deny that he has been the chief advocate of counting rounds (in certain cases) as the first row of a touch or peal and not the last. When I asked him to reconcile this policy with the Central Council's rule that 'a peal must start from and end with rounds,' he replied (at the second time of asking) that it was a 'natural law which cannot be altered.' And now the Report tells us that 'it is contrary to the tradition and usage of the Exercise, and contrary to the nature of change ringing, to count rounds at the start as a change.'

I have said that I agree with a great deal of the Report. I certainly agree with its producers in hoping that the Council will accept the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge as a true performance. A lot has been written about 'juggling with truth' and the meaning of 'true and complete,' etc. Surely, a great deal of this is irrelevant to the main issue. The point the Exercise is trying to decide is not whether any individual 720 (or sequence of 720's) is true and complete or not, but what it is going to accept as a true performance, so that then it can bring its rules into line with this.

I think that we must all agree with the Methods Committee in regarding the Bankes James arrangement as made up of two round blocks of 2,160 changes and one ordinary 720. If it is going to stand, it must be regarded in this light and not as seven separate 720's. It is in their next point that I differ so entirely from the view expressed in the report, which says, 'We do not consider it of any particular importance that this block appears so nearly to consist of three true and complete extents.' That is where I, and I believe a great many others with me, disagree entirely. The leading article on April 26th suggested that the committee wanted the Central Council to admit as a peal of Minor any composition in which each of the 720 rows appears seven times, no matter in what order, and this desire was denied by Mr. Trollope in the next issue. Now I do not wish to read into the Report anything that is not there, but I do honestly think that the writer of the leading article was to a certain extent justified. It certainly appears that the committee advocate allowing a certain amount of scope in the arranging of the block of 2,160 changes, provided that each of the 720 rows appears three times. They particularly say that they consider the fact that in Mr. Bankes James' arrangement the 2,160 is so nearly three successive true 720's of no importance. This is where I think the majority of the Exercise will find it so hard to agree with the committee.

Now I have advocated letting in this composition as an exception, and I drew up a rough outline of the main points of the policy which embodies this. I am aware that this is an original, and perhaps bold, policy to put forward, but there is really a great deal to be said for it, and I do urge the Exercise to consider it. After all,

it is an exceptional case. Time, practice, and experience have proved this. The arrangement is habitually rung to Cambridge Minor, but not (to my knowledge) to Kent or Plain Bob. Why? Surely because there is a need for it in Cambridge, and not in the other cases. I ask those who think deeply about this matter to consider very seriously this question, and I want to lay great emphasis on it: 'Is it a reasonable thing to alter the whole basis of five and six bell peals for the sake of one (or, if you like to include Mr. Morris' Doubles, two) compositions? Some people may say that there are other compositions at stake as well, but I would remind them that practically everyone who has expressed his views on this subject, not excluding the members of the Methods Committee, have, when it has come to arguing in detail, gone straight to Mr. Bankes James' peal of Cambridge Minor.

In the policy which I put forward in my last letter I would, however, like to make a slight modification, and that is, substitute for suggested resolution (iv.), 'That in the case of Treble Bob methods in which not more than one (or 4, or 7; I leave this important point for the consideration of others) essentially different 720's are obtainable, a round block of 2,160 changes may be substituted for any three successive 720's, provided that this block consists of three blocks of 719 true changes joined together by the three members of the missing Q set.'

I submit that this is a reasonable and logical line of action to take, and that it satisfies the desire of the majority of the rank and file of the Exercise, which is to admit the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor and exactly similar compositions without opening the door to all kinds of peals of Minor in which we may substitute for three 720's a block of 2,160 containing all sorts of repetitions, provided that each row only appears three times. Whether this latter is really what the Methods Committee want the Exercise to allow or not, I do not know, but in spite of Mr. Trollope's contradiction of this in his last letter, it is certainly what they appear to advocate in the Report.

I am aware that this letter contains a certain amount of adverse criticism of the members of the Methods Committee. May I repeat, in conclusion, that I respect all that they have written, and agree with a great deal of it, and that what I have written has been in no unfriendly spirit, but because I feel very strongly that that part of the policy which they appear to advocate, which I have dealt with above, is not in the best interests of the Exercise.—Yours, etc.,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

'ROUNDS' FIRST OR LAST?

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Severn's letter in your issue of April 26th, I am sorry to note that he seems deliberately to have misquoted me. I think that my letter of April 12th could not have been plainer, on two points at least.

First, that a peal '... shall COMMENCE and end with rounds ... that it shall consist of 4,999 different rows AND TWO ROWS OF ROUNDS....' Does this look as though I have joined his 'majority' in that rounds shall be the 'LAST ROW OR CHANGE'? You will excuse the capitals; they would appear to be necessary.

Secondly, that I did not wish to quote a 'majority.' I have no right to speak for anybody but myself in letters which appear over my name; the views of the Leytonstone company would be expressed over the signature of its hon. secretary, and not through one of its members. And, unless the opinions of a very goodly number of ringers have personally been canvassed by Mr. Severn, he, too, has no right to talk of 'majorities.' My letter of April 12th said this in a gentler way.

I wrote therein of 501 opinions. I will go further, and say that it is doubtful if Mr. Severn could name five men who have given him a perfectly logical reason as to why the Bankes James five thousand of Cambridge Minor should be considered false. A number object to it because the extents do not run round; others because it does not conform to the existing rule that a peal shall commence FROM ROUNDS. Mr. Severn says this 'from' is immaterial to him. Quite! It is the basis of his objection to the peal.

We all have our different opinions, and none of us is more correct than another in a case of this description. We (in the form of the Central Council—bless 'em) have got to agree as to which view shall be considered correct, and no talk of falsity on a split straw will help to decide the question. The peal has come, and, I hope, to stay, but if the Central Council decide otherwise, sensible men will abide by its decision. Personally, I hope it will decide for the Cambridge and any others similarly constructed, and against the London, although I must admit the truth of Mr. Drake's past arguments on the question of 'splicing' as applied to the latter. I am not going to endeavour to justify my inconsistency in supporting extents in spliced methods, while I am against peals in spliced extents. I cannot!

I am obliged by Mr. Severn's kindly advice on conducting London, out of his experience of forty years. This I shall carefully note. He has, however, missed my point with regard to the setting out of his figures; but, as I said, it was merely a piffing example of following tradition, and it is not worth further explanation.

Writing of London, I wonder if Mr. Severn would object to my ringing this method with 164235 as a plain lead-end, with second's-

place bobs—would the 720 be 'legitimate'? Or would his doughty champion (Mr. W. Willson) describe it as an abortion, a monstrosity, or a what not? In my meagre experience of four-TEEN short years I have rung the extent many times—legitimately!

I object to Mr. Drake's definite statement that a method must be varied by two kinds of call only. The 22-Surprise-method peal rung at Chigwell (which, Mr. Severn may recall, I had the honour to conduct) contained calls that were neither bobs nor singles; but I do not think Mr. Drake means us to take him too literally in this respect.—Yours faithfully,
GEO. L. JOYCE.

81, Salisbury Avenue, Barking, Essex.

May 4th, 1929.

A DEFINITE LINE.

Dear Sir,—In their report, the committee seem to have made out their case and put it clearly before us so that we can vote on it, yes or no, quite easily.

With regard to your article on it, when you say there should be 'no juggling with truth,' this does not seem a very happy use of words: whereas when you say in the same sentence that we have to decide whether to 'insist upon the extent of a method as being the unit of truth,' you seem to have expressed the matter very happily. To me they seem to be an unpleasant way and a pleasant way of saying the same thing—not, as you put it, opposite things. At any rate, to ring more than a single six-score, or a single 720, is to repeat rows, and if we call such lengths a peal, we are juggling with truth—most certainly—although it is not a nice way of putting it.

At the same time, I do not like the constant repetition of the appeal to the tradition and usage of the Exercise. Our forefathers, it would seem, deliberately refused to have anything to do with splicing. It two methods were to be rung together they made them into a combination or 'Union,' and rang them as a new method from beginning to end. The practice of splicing has grown up in the last twenty years, and is a new thing, and we need not pretend that it has anything to do with the traditions and usage of the Exercise. It is better to face the fact that it has not, and that being a new thing it requires new regulations.

Theoretically I would support those who object to 'juggling with truth,' and those who would 'scrap the lot.' But in practice I am afraid I have not the courage of my opinions, and dare not lay such a proposition before the Council. I will challenge those who speak so boldly on this matter to table such a proposition, and I will support it. But it must be understood that 'no juggling with truth' means that no peal of Doubles must exceed 120 changes, and none of Minor shall exceed 720. Also that 'scrap the lot' makes all splicing illegal. For if we are to favour one kind only, the splicing of extents must come before the splicing of methods.

The conclusion of the whole matter is this. The Methods Committee have drawn a definite line and given their reasons for it. We may not agree with that line, but at any rate their opponents have drawn no definite line. They are not yet agreed where the line should be drawn, and they have given no reasons for their objections. All they say is that one does not like this, and another does not like that. This will not do. Either we must have a definite line drawn somewhere, and reasons given that we can all work on, or we must take one of the two extremes, of absolute truth, or absolute variety.

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE FINAL JUDGES.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the report of the Methods Committee that is to be submitted for debate at the coming meeting of the Central Council. In the meantime, however, I would like to add a few personal comments in the shape of a brief summary of the 'going-off' course, and the various 'turning courses' that have occurred, as 'the trend of opinion' has forced the leading critics to repudiate their original contentions and subordinate to the irreconcilable truths revealed in reasoned argument.

Most of your readers are aware that primarily an attack was made upon my arrangement of Grandsire Doubles. This, the critics sought to discountenance, but at the same time still continue to recognise the Rev. E. B. James' arrangement of Cambridge S. Minor. I replied in the issue of 'The Ringing World' on December 14th last, pointing out the irrationality of such argument, quoting the ruling of the Central Council which requires that on all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.

The critics, then realising the futility of their argument, continued by admitting that even Mr. James' Cambridge Minor was 'threatened' with expunction. I contend that, if the rule quoted above be adhered to, not only Mr. James' Cambridge, but most decidedly all arrangements in this category must be dealt with alike.

Incidentally, the criticism comes from exponents of the art whose activities are not limited to the narrow margin of exploration open to the five-bell ringer, and under these circumstances a large number of the Exercise (particularly the five-bell ringers), will echo Mr. J. T. Dyke's sound query, 'If you must destroy, what are you going to substitute?'

As the committee aptly remark in their report, it is the five and six bell ringers who must be final judges in this matter, and, in
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BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting was held at Shelley on Saturday, May 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and the local men were present in force to welcome one and all. Members attended from Wath, Felkirk, Royston, Penistone, Huddersfield and Elland. Tea was enjoyed at the local inn. Mr. A. Nash (president) presided at the business meeting.

The coming Central Council meeting failed to attract a delegate. A summer 'rally' was voted out for this year, and the Roylands-waine Cup contest, to be held on June 15th, will do away with a monthly meeting and allow full and free endeavour at that annual event.

The Secretary (Mr. C. D. Potter) sprang a surprise on the meeting by stating that Dr. Horne, Old Hall, Shelley, having been told of the high position held by Shelley ringers in the association in winning the shield twice in succession, and otherwise standing high in the estimation of the association and churchpeople, he desired to entertain them to a dinner. This was accepted with delight, and the secretary was requested to write to Dr. Horne, thanking him for the honour.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Vicar, churchwardens and local ringers for the splendid arrangements made for the meeting. Further ringing followed at Shelley and Kirkburton, and completed a happy meeting.

DEVON GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH MEETING.

Staverton is a pretty village on the banks of the River Dart, a few miles from Totnes. Its church is a fine edifice, and its well-built tower contains a fine-toned ring of six rehung by Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, in 1927. At the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. E. D. Drake-Brockman) the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held their quarterly meeting here on Saturday, May 11th, and ringers attended from Brixham, Paignton, Collaton, Cockington, Torquay, Buckfastleigh, Exeter, Crediton, Kenn, Clyst St. George, Talaton, Swindon, etc., as well as some of the local ringers.

The bells were kept going to Grandsire Doubles during the afternoon, and a service followed, conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mr. A. F. Searle, and at the subsequent business meeting Mr. F. J. Luxton, of Torquay (chairman of the Branch) presided.

Kingsteinton was chosen for the next meeting to be held on Saturday, October 12th. One life member and one unattached performing member was elected.

The Chairman expressed regret at the impending departure of Rev. L. W. Browne, of Collaton, a member of the branch, but expressed pleasure at his new appointment.—The reverend gentleman suitably replied.

The Chairman also expressed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for so kindly inviting them to Staverton, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address, also to the organist.—The vote was acknowledged by the Vicar.

The company afterwards returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. The tit-bit of the evening was a well-struck touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor, which was favourably commented upon, and which delighted the Vicar. Some of the visitors also wended their way to Dartington on their return home, and rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Diocesan Guild was held at Havant on Saturday, April 27th, and over 40 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Havant, Hambledon, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Shedfield, Swanmore, and Titchfield, with visitors from King's Somborne, Rogate, and Ryde.

By permission of the Rector (the Ven. H. N. Rodgers), the bells were available during the afternoon and evening. The Guild's service was held in the church, at which the Rector officiated and preached. A tea which he kindly provided was partaken of in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Archdeacon being unanimously voted to the chair. It was decided, subject to consent, to hold the next meeting at Bramshott on Saturday, July 27th.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and for providing the tea, and to the lady who had presided at the organ during the service.

After the meeting the members paid a further visit to the tower until 7.30 p.m. During the afternoon and evening the methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Major, also Grandsire Caters, and Stedman Triples on handbells.

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conclusion, I appeal to such as it may concern to give the matter more than passing attention.
LESLIE W. C. MORRIS.
Leeds, Yorkshire.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on May 23rd, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

A JOINT MEETING of the Surrey Association (North-Western District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Leatherhead District) will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow in the Church Room. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper and A. R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill (6) on Saturday, May 18th. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Appleton on Saturday, May 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. — Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stand Church, Whitefield, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells ready 4 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Mr. Knight's Restaurant, Lombard Street, 5 p.m. Half railway fares, 1s. 6d.—A. W. Groves, Amhurst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cotton on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Mendleshams bells (6) also available. Tea 5 p.m.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested; all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting, May 18th, at Whitechapel. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service. Tea (at kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting at 5 p.m. Also St. Botolph's, Aldgate (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (8), if required, 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. — J. A. Waugh, 8, Fuller's Road, Woodford.

A JOINT MEETING of the Winchester Diocesan Guild (Andover Branch) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Newbury Branch) will be held at Highclere, Hants, on Saturday, May 18th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. Good bus service from Newbury (five miles).—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. Seers, Hon. Dis. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting is arranged to be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. Business: To discuss a joint meeting with the Bedford Association.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham, Whit Monday, May 20th. St. Paul's (8) and St. Andrew's (8) available from 10 a.m. Other bells available by arrangement. Service 12 noon, St. Andrew's Church. Luncheon 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. (cold). General business meeting 2.30 p.m., St. Catherine's Schoolroom. Important business. Motions proposed include deletions to Rules I. and III. and additions to Rule XIII. and III. of branch rules. Copies and proposers may be had upon application. Tea 1s. per head, Bear Hotel. Some principal officials retiring and do not seek re-election. Train leaves Bristol, Temple Meads, 9.35 a.m. Cheap return fare 3s. 1d.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—The next meeting will be held at Louth on Whit Monday, May 20th. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service in the church at 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Appleby's, Aswell Street, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. The bells have been rehung, and a good attendance is hoped for. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORFOLK GUILD.—General meeting will be held at Pulham Market on Whit Monday, May 20th. The ring of bells at Pulham Market (8) and St. Mary, Pulham (8) will be available. Dinner at the King's Head, St. Mary, Pulham (2s. 6d. per head), at 1.30 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Whit Monday. Service in St. Peter's Church at noon. Dinner at Clapp's Restaurant 1 p.m. Towers open: Tiverton, Bickleigh, Calverleigh and Washfield. All ringers welcome.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Marshland Branch.—District meeting at Terrington St. Clement on Whit Monday. Ringing at 11 a.m. (8 bells). Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at King William Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. — W. G. Cross, Hon. Branch Sec., 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Gresford on Whit Monday, May 20th. Bells (8) available 1 p.m. Service 3 p.m., to be followed by meeting. Tea 4.30 p.m.—W. Cathrall, 20, Ffordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Hereford, Whit Monday, May 20th. Service in Cathedral Ladye Chapel, 12.15. Dinner at Booth Hall Hotel, 1 p.m., 2/6. Dinner tickets from Mr. A. W. Davis, 102, Rylands St. Business meeting after dinner. A revision of the Guild Rules will be submitted for adoption. Towers available Cathedral (10) 10.30 to 11.30, 6.30 to 8.30; All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6) 10.30 to 12, 3 to 6. Other 8 and 6-bell towers in neighbouring villages during afternoon.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Whit Monday, May 20th. The towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' will be open from 2 till 3.30 and after the meeting. The Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Special service in St. Peter's Church, at 4 p.m. A meat tea will be provided in Parish Hall, adjoining church, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tea 2s. 6d. (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit Monday, May 20th. The bells of the Cathedral (10, tenor 21 cwt.) are available for ringing from 11 to 2, 3.30 to 4.45 and 6 to 9 p.m. Services in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. Annual business meeting to follow, and it is hoped that members will turn up in good numbers and make this meeting the success it deserves.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kettering on Whit Monday, May 20th. The Central Committee will meet at 10.45 a.m. in the Parish Hall (near the church). Service in the church of SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon, when the preacher will be the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough. Lunch at the Royal Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. The bells available are Kettering (10) throughout the day, and Burton Latimer (8), Rothwell (8), Desborough (8), Weekley (6), Isham (6) and Barton Seagrave (5) after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. (Founded 1879. Jubilee 1929.)—The 50th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 20th. 11 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. 12 noon: Meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.15 p.m.: Lunch at Corn Exchange. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Great Waltham (8), Boreham (8), Broomfield (6), Springfield (6). Private bus service will be provided between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. to enable ringers to visit the various towers. No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Sawston (8) on Saturday, May 25th. A good attendance is requested. Election of district ringing master, etc. Those requiring tea please notify by 22nd.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Longstanton, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Church of St. Paul, Bentley, is situated on the main Brentwood-Ongar Road, 3 miles from Brentwood, 4 from Ongar. Buses leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) at 3, 3.30 and 4 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Clifton, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 25th, instead of on the 18th, as previously arranged. A plain tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar, to all who notify me by Thursday, May 23rd.—Miss D. E. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 25th. Tower open 2.45. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, May 22nd.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, May 25th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. As Mr. Cowper, 88, Melbourn Road, Royston, is arranging the tea will all members who require tea notify him? A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me by Friday, May 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, May 25th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, May 25th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, after service. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, 21st.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Aldington (by kind invitation of the Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Long) on May 25th. Mrs. Slingsby's 92nd birthday party. Bells available 2.30 p.m. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at Winterbourne. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service (probably) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend, advising me not later than May 20th.—G. Way, 12, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, May 25th. Tower open 2. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea must notify E. A. Webley, Faringdon, early in the week.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Dean of Lincoln. Tea, 4.45, in the Parish Church Institute, for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. Members free. Non-members 1s. 9d. Bells (8) available 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Tea can be had at Hutchison Café, Market Place. All ringers welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe St., Derby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) ready early. Will all ringers please make own arrangements for tea? A good attendance is requested.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—A meeting will be held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, May 25th. Church of St. Giles' (6 bells, tenor 12 cwt.). Available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at The Crispin at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. each. Please send names in. Reports available. Subscriptions due. Members from other districts cordially invited.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must inform me on or before Wednesday, May 29th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea (usual terms) and meeting to follow. Please advise me of tea requirements not later than May 29th. A nice summer outing, lovely bells and pretty country!—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, June 1st. Meeting at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Institute. Service at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's, Portsea. Tea at 5 p.m. in Institute. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (8), 12 to 2 p.m. and during

the evening, St. Mary's (8), during afternoon (if meeting finishes early) and evening. Numbers for tea by May 29th to Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Petham (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. So that arrangements may be made for tea, will those intending being present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, June 6th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup Contest.—Open to all towers in above association. Will be held on Saturday, June 15th. It is hoped all will join at once. The last practice day is June 1st. Draw 2.45. First band to compete at 3.15. All ringers and friends are invited. Tea will be provided in Parochial Church Room, 1s. 6d. each. It is essential for number to be sent to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, before June 12th. The village is purely agricultural, and no other accommodation for tea exists.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Amersham on Saturday, June 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The meeting at Stowmarket is cancelled.—H. Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**ANOTHER TOWER GAINED IN NORTHERN DIVISION.**

A very successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Great Easton on May 4th, about 50 members and friends attending from Braintree, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Dunmow, Stebbing, Maldon, Stapleford, Royston, Barley, Melbourn, Trumpington, Chelmsford, Springfield, Bardfield and Writtle. Methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise were rung. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. E. T. Widrington), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) reading the lesson. Afterwards the ringers sat down in the Parish Hall to an excellent tea kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Widrington, Mr. H. S. Woodcock and the local ringers and their wives.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) was in the chair, supported by the district secretary (Mr. W. Arnold), the Rector, Mr. C. H. Howard and Mr. H. S. Woodcock.—Three honorary members, one life member, and 13 ringing members were elected.

Mr. Howard gave a short account of the work of the association since it was formed, for the benefit of the new members from Great Easton.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Colne Engaine on July 6th.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector, Mr. Woodcock, and the local band for the hearty welcome they had given the association on their first visit to Great Easton.—To this the Rector responded, saying it had been a pleasure to him, and that all ringers would always be sure of a good welcome when they visited his parish. Some then found their way back to the tower, while others rang courses of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major on the handbells. The association has thus gained another new tower with its twelve new members, who are making good progress with the help of Mr. H. W. Smith and other friends from Dunmow.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Souter 1, S. Moss 2, H. Meadows 3, W. Stiff 4, G. F. Honeywood 5, Charles Honeywood (conductor) 6.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: C. Collins 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. Kent 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, C. J. Tricker 5, Gunr. R. Martin, R.G.A., 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

WINGHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Butcher (first quarter) 1, J. Sharp 2, P. Branford (first quarter inside) 3, J. Eagles 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, W. Whitehead 6, L. Honess 7, H. Gardner 8.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 5th, for evensong, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Garner 1, J. McCluskey 2, E. Clarke 3, C. Otter 4, H. Arrand 5, E. Cooper (conductor) 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, May 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Smart, sen., 1, T. A. Doick 2, C. S. Greenfield 3, A. Holden 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, S. Picton 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for Mr. T. A. Doick, who was on a visit to Pulborough.

WITHEYHAM, SUSSEX.—For morning service, on Sunday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ladd 1, H. D. Whyte 2, G. F. Tizzard 3, N. Kingswood 4, F. N. Gurr 5, E. J. Oliver 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, E. J. Ladd 8.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Brant 1, J. Phillips 2, H. Worsfold 3, W. Shorter 4, G. Walmsley 5, F. Goddard 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

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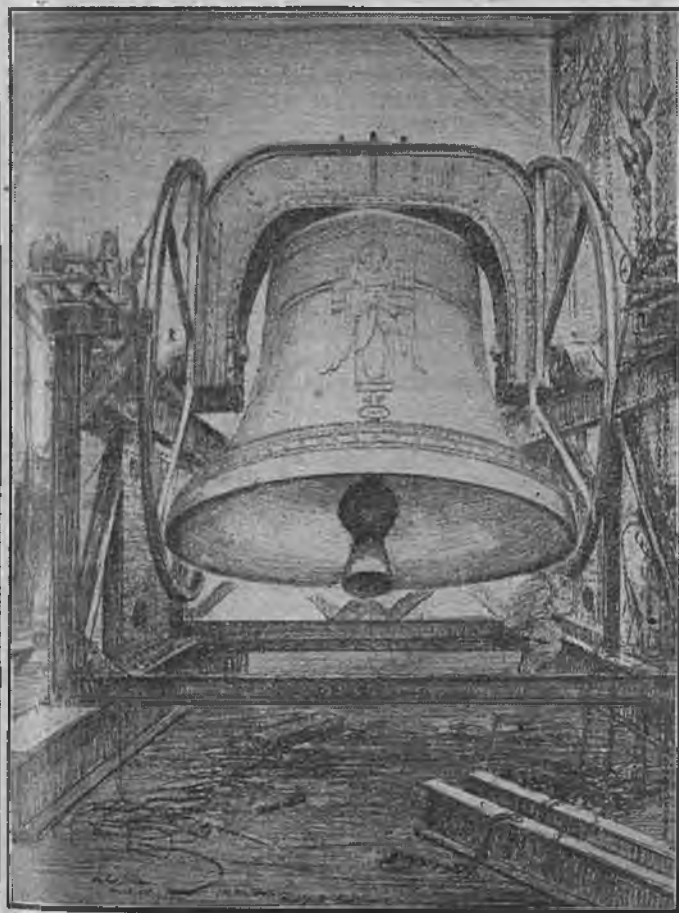
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Founded on Whit-Monday, 1879, the Essex County Association celebrated its jubilee this week, and the large and enthusiastic gathering which assembled at Chelmsford on Monday was a striking testimony to the continued vitality of the organisation after an existence of fifty years. The association was established at a time when belfry standards were at a low ebb—change ringing was practised at comparatively few churches, the conditions in many towers were little short of a disgrace and the status of ringers generally was about on a par with the neglected state of the belfries. It was in the seventies that the spirit of reform began to reveal itself—a spirit which, once it became manifest, spread rapidly in the course of a couple of decades. Led by a few earnest clergy and ringers who realised the responsibilities and the possibilities of their office, the movement quickly gripped the imagination of thinking men in the Exercise and the outcome was the modern county and diocesan associations which we have to-day.

It was uphill work, however, in those early years, and it was not all ringers, nor all clergy, who welcomed the reforming zeal of the new organisations. That such a movement was necessary is plain from a statement of the objects of the Essex Association set out in 'Church Bells,' in referring to the first anniversary meeting. 'The object of the association,' it said, 'is not only to cultivate and improve ringing and to rescue our belfries from the state of neglect into which they have very generally fallen, but to make ringers feel that we look upon them as helpers in Church work and, by associating with them in these friendly meetings, raise their tone of self respect and thus promote order, moral tone and reverence in belfries and in the service of the bells.' We have gone a very long way since those days and, speaking generally, we can say that the objects for which these associations set out fifty years ago have been very largely accomplished. The practice of change ringing has been put upon a vastly wider basis; neglect has been swept away from the majority of our towers—if unhappy examples can still be pointed to they are the more striking because of the vast improvement which has been generally effected—while most complete of all has been the uplift in the moral tone in the belfries, the reverent observance of the belfry as part of the Church and the recognition of the ringers' office as a department of church work.

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Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH LOVETT Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 6
WILLIAM HEATH 2	ALFRED FARNELL 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM PAGE 8
GEORGE POPNELL 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
HARRY PAGE 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

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GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALEC ROCK	Treble	WALTER ROSE	5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND	2	JOSEPH J. CAUSON	6
JOHN AUSTIN	3	JOHN F. BALLINGER	7
CHARLES MARTIN	4	GEORGE H. WALTERS	Tenor

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On Wednesday, May 8, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHARLES BUTCHER	Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	5
†JAMES BILEY	2	WILLIAM BAXTER	6
WILLIAM LOUD	3	†NORMAN V. ANDREWS	7
†CHARLES RAISON	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	Tenor

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Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK	Treble	WILLIE AARON	5
JAMES PARR	2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE	6
JOHN CAVANNAGH	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	7
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MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	*ARTHUR PASHLEY	7
ALFRED G. WALLACE	4	REV. W. P. WRIGHT	Tenor

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*CHARLES RICHARDSON	2	JOHN KING	6
†ALBERT W. BODDINGTON	3	THOMAS R. HENSHER	7
GEORGE EITE	4	GEORGE BASFORD	Tenor

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Tenor 10 cwt.

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*THOMAS W. LEWIS	2	CYRIL TANSSELL	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. 200th peal for the association by Messrs. R. G. Knowles and W. Ranford, and R. G. Knowles' 100th peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Holt, mother of the conductor.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

AMOS SMART	Treble	*HENRY STAPLETON	5
JOHN J. MAWBY	2	WALTER PERKINS	6
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	7
CHARLES W. CLARKE	4	*WILLIAM STOCK	Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal of Stedman. J. J. Mawby was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*GEORGE HUGHES	Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	WALTER FARLEY	6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD	3	CYRIL WINWOOD	7
WILLIAM GREEN	4	*FRANK WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung within the octave of the Ascension.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	JAMES SPALDING 5
GEORGE CURSON 2	CHARLES SAYER 6
EDWIN GOATE 3	ROSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

COSELEY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ROBERT PICKERING 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
*JOHN PERRY 4	WILLIAM BAYLISS Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* 150th peal. Rung on the eve of the day and Sunday School sermons.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
JAMES BILBY 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD G. COWARD 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED REYNOLDS Treble	ALBERT L. DUNN 5
JOHN BASS 2	WILLIAM J. SMITH 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE 4	*HORACE LAWTON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

* First peal. The conductor's 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Pagett, who has been a chorister at St. Thomas' Church for 62 years, and a ringer 52 years. Also for Mr. A. Dunn, whose birthday was on the above date.

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

*THOMAS ROGERS Treble	JOHN BRESE 5
ERNEST JONES 2	THOMAS HAMMOND 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
†G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

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

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 25th peal. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Michael's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Wacey 1, G. Beeston 2, F. Springham 3, H. A. Wacey 4, R. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, E. Ansell 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor. Also rung in honour of Princess Elizabeth's birthday.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	OWEN H. GILES 7
FREDERICK G. COLE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

Arranged for Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND KENDALL Treble	HARRY WILDE 5
ARTHUR SKELTON 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
ALBERT PICKLES 4	HAROLD PEARCE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BOSWELL Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER 5
*KENNETH C. TAYLOR 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
†HERBERT R. PICKERING 3	ROBERT PICKERING 7
JACK W. TAYLOR 4	THOMAS E. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

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

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY Treble	*ALBERT HANCOCK 5
WALTER BOTTOMLEY 2	HARRY CHEW 6
REGGIE NOBLE 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
FRANK JAGGER 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOE GREENWOOD.

* First peal.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JOSEPH BAILEY 6
EPHRAIM W. RANDS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
SAMUEL PINDER 4	RICHARD C. BELTON Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE OLLIVER Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
*KENNETH SNELLING 2	*CECIL NICE 6
*NELSON ELLIOTT 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
*REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB AND CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

THOMAS E. SONE... ..Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	ALBERT RELFE 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	TOM SANDERS ... ..Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

In this peal the methods are changed in each consecutive lead throughout, and is the first peal rung on this plan. The 2nd is never in 5th's or 6th's place, and the 3rd never in 6th place at a course end.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN MALYAN ... ..Treble	FREDERICK J. SPICER 5
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 6
THOMAS J. HULL 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
SYDNEY R. GARDNER 4	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Rung after the dedication of a lych gate, erected by Mr. W. C. B. Giddins, Vicar's warden, in memory of his son.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY

The conductor's 200th peal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GUILD OF ST. AMBROSE RINGERS.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ARCHIBALD WILTSHIRE ...Treble	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 5
†MISS BERTHA JORDAN 2	*FRANK SKIDMORE 6
EDWIN J. BROWN 3	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE 7
†ALFRED KNIGHT... .. 4	*WILLIAM STAFFORD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

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

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

DAVID HUGHES ... ..Treble	ERIC H. LLOYD 5
LESTER L. GRAY 2	JOHN COOKE 6
JOHN BRESE 3	THOMAS ROGERS 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

This is the first peal rung in the method, and first touch in the method by all the band. The method is No. 34, and the composition No. 16, of the Central Council's Collection.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

ROBERT HOWARD... ..Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Quickest peal on the bells.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*STEPHEN PARRY... ..Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT 4
JAMES INGHAM 2	†ALBERT BUCKLEY 5
†HAROLD HAMER... .. 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. Rung after meeting short for Major.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.)

*B. T. JEANS ... ..Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 4
*EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER 2	*WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
*HENRY SEALY 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor. Ringers of treble, 2nd, and 3rd from Ash Prior, remainder from Taunton.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Witness: ALBERT WIFFEN.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 81, BEECH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B.

FREDERICK PAGE... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
*WILLIAM JACKSON 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS (Birmingham).

* First peal of Stedman in hand. First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells in the county and by the Guild.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROPOSAL TO PRINT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

The annual meeting at Lincoln on 'Fair Saturday' was the most successful one held since ringing at the Cathedral tower was stopped some years ago owing to the dangerous state of the fabric. Happily this state of things exists no longer, and the full peal of twelve bells was opened by the Guild on December 15th last. With such an attraction, a larger attendance was assured, and visitors from as far afield as Sheffield and Birmingham were in evidence. By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter the bells were available earlier than in former years, and from 1.45 until 3.30 the ringing chamber was crowded. Many also took the opportunity of climbing the tower to inspect and admire the unique internal arrangements. Nothing has been omitted to render these as perfect as possible. The lower parts of the louvres have been blocked up, and the only exit for the sound of the bells is near the top of the tower. An ample opening in the roof itself has also been provided. The tower might well be an outstanding example for architects, and, indeed, for any person or body of persons who have anything to do with the installation of a peal of bells. The sound of this beautiful peal can be heard at long distances in the city and the surrounding country, and yet in the immediate vicinity is so pleasantly soft and melodious that residents who formerly suffered greatly from the clanging and vibration now say that they actually look forward with pleasure to the ringing of the bells.

At the close of the afternoon's ringing a well-attended service was held in the morning chapel, when the address was given by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln. A large company sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall, and the business meeting immediately followed, the Dean of Lincoln taking the chair.

The officers were all unanimously re-elected, namely: President, the Dean of Lincoln; Master, Rev. H. Law James; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Stokes; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley.

In thanking the meeting for their re-election, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. Linley both referred to their long connection with the Guild, ever since its formation 30 years ago. They congratulated the Guild on the great progress that has been made during that time, and emphasised the fact that whereas in 1899 there were only two or three centres where change ringing was practised, now the art had spread practically to all parts of the diocese. The Master especially referred to the great achievement of the past year, namely, the accomplishment of the peal of London Surprise Major at Waddingborough in December last, the first for the Guild, and the first peal in the method by all the band.

The most important matter before the meeting was the consideration of the proposal to print a large report for next year, to include lists of members' names under the respective towers, and other matter which was deleted after the war on account of the great expense of printing. After some discussion a resolution was passed authorising a committee (formed of representative members from each branch) to meet and investigate the whole matter, with power to decide the form in which the next Report shall be issued.

After the meeting, the towers of the Cathedral and the two six-bell towers (St. Botolph's and St. Peter-at-Gowt's) were again visited. Naturally the Cathedral was again the centre of attraction, and a variety of methods were rung on the twelve, as well as a fine course of Cambridge Royal on the ten and a well-struck touch of London Surprise on the magnificent back eight.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the South-Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Great Waltham on May 11th, there being 23 members present from Great Baddow, Braintree, Chelmsford, Bromfield, Springfield, Maldon, Writtle, Dunmow and Greenstead Green. Service was conducted and an address given by the Vicar, who spoke about the bells of his own church. The 6th bell is 600 years old. The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association). Ten at the Six Bells Inn was followed by the meeting, over which Mr. George Green (District Master) presided, supported by the Master and Mr. A. Saunders (North-Eastern District) and Dr. Spencer Phillips. One new hon. member and one ringing member were elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting on July 13th at Sandon, which is a three miles' bus ride from Chelmsford. Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for giving the association the use of the bells, and for his splendid address; also to the organist and to Mr. Davis for having everything in readiness. The members again visited the tower, where Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich to Cambridge Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE BUST OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

'The Builder' newspaper has had a review of some of the Royal Academy exhibits, and its critic, Mr. T. P. Bennett, F.R.I.B.A., writes of the bust of the hon. secretary of the College Youths as follows:—

'W. T. Cockerill, Esq. A bust by Miss Muriel B. G. Hiley is a very clever piece of modelling by a very good artist. This essay in portraiture would appear to pave the way to real success in the near future.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BRADLEY CHURCH AND BELLS.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, North Bradley, on Saturday, May 4th. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and service was afterwards held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. F. O. Poulter). The lesson was read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), and Mr. Wheeler was organist. Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. The Chairman extended a welcome to Mr. Coward, of Mere, Wilts, Mr. Woodroffe, of Stratton, and Mr. Knapp, of Swindon, and congratulated Mr. S. J. Hector on his first peal of Superlative. He also referred to the death of Mr. J. D. Roberts, the respected organist of Seend Parish Church, who was a great friend of the ringers, and was always pleased to welcome the branch to Seend.—Those present stood in silence as a token of respect.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, he referred to the Vicar's leaving, and on behalf of the branch wished him 'God-speed.' The Chairman also thanked the organist, and those who prepared the tea.—The Vicar suitably replied.

The annual Report of the Guild was handed to those present.

Ringers, including those mentioned, were present from North Bradley, Bratton, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Holt, Trowbridge and Rowde, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Cambridge Minor was also attempted.

The church at North Bradley was formerly attached to the Monastic Church at Edington. It consists of clerestoried nave and aisles and two chapels. In the fifteenth century the church was remodelled, the clerestory added to the nave, the north chapel erected, and the chancel aisles, porch and tower rebuilt. Both north and south chapels retain their ancient roofs. The octagonal font is a very fine one, of Perpendicular date, having the symbols of the four Evangelists, and the instruments of the Passion carved upon it. The tower, too, is worthy of Somerset. One wonders if John Stafford, Archbishop of Canterbury, whose family lived at Southwick Court, and who was, before his translation, Bishop of Bath and Wells (temp. Henry VI.) having anything to do with the rebuilding. He certainly built the north chapel, because it contains the tomb of his mother, Emma (d. 1446).

There are six bells. The tenor, approximately 14 cwt. (cast by John Wallis), has the inscription, 'Prayed be Thy Name, O Lord. I.W. 1591.' The front five bells were cast by Thomas Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, Somerset, in 1748, the fifth having the inscription, 'Mr. James Werratt and Mr. Thomas Pepler, Churchwardens, 1748. T. Bilbie Fecit.'

A brass plate in the ringing chamber records that they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, in 1893, at the cost of £160.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 11th, and was attended by nearly 50 members. The heavy going of the bells was not conducive to good striking, but good practice was obtained in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major. The young band that Mr. F. White has formed also had good practice in rounds, and received valuable hints from members as to managing their bells.

The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. C. Swingler), who is an hon. member, assisted by the curate (who is learning to ring). Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ, and the Vicar gave an excellent address. Capt. E. R. W. Lewis (one of the churchwardens) was also present at the service.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by Capt. Lewis, Mr. F. White, etc.—Over a dozen new practising members were elected, including the newly-formed local band, and Capt. Lewis was elected an hon. member.

The District Secretary announced that the next meeting would be held towards the end of July at Westerham.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting, to Mr. Pitman for his services at the organ, and to Mr. F. White for making the arrangements, and to Capt. Lewis for his attendance, and replied to, and the members adjourned to the tower.

BISHOP WITNESSES RINGING.

The Lord Bishop of Sherborne preached at evensong at Bratton, Wilts, on Sunday, May 5th, and after the service visited the ringing chamber, where he shook hands with all the ringers, saying it was a great pleasure to visit the church at which his old school friend was Vicar. His lordship remained while the ringers rang 120 of Stedman Doubles, after which, at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. S. Collett), he gave his blessing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Andover District was held at Amport on Saturday, May 4th, when 18 members were present from Andover, Highclere, King's Somborne, St. Mary Bourne, North Stoneham, Woolton Hill and Winchester, with a very welcome visitor from Swindon. During the afternoon and evening good use was made of the ring of six bells, touches of Grandsire, Bob and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor being rung.

A splendid tea was enjoyed in the Church Hut, and the business meeting followed. The Vicar of Amport, who was voted to the chair, extended a hearty welcome to the Guild. He said that he was sorry that his own ringers were not present, but in the near future he hoped that they would take their place in the fellowship of the Guild.

It was decided to hold meetings at Laverstoke on June 29th and Andover on October 5th, also a combined practice at Andover on June 12th.

During the evening a party went over to Thruxton and rang various touches of Doubles on the old ring of five bells, which badly need the attention of a bell hanger.

A very successful meeting of the Alton District was held at Froyle on Saturday, May 11th, when 28 members were present from Binsted, Blackmoor, Selborne, Froyle, Fareham, North Stoneham and Winchester. During the afternoon and evening good practice was had in various methods on the ring of six bells.

After the service, the party were very kindly entertained to tea by Sir Hubert Miller at the Shrubbery House. At the business meeting which followed, Rev. E. Eyres presided, supported by Rev. B. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Read and others. Sir Hubert Miller, Bart., was elected a life member, and four members of the Froyle band were elected members of the Guild.—It was decided to hold meetings at Privitt on September 21st and Selborne on November 23rd.

Votes of thanks were passed to Sir Hubert Miller and the Vicar of Froyle.

HESTON.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: C. Gash (first quarter of Triples away from tenor) 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, H. Payne (Harlington) 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, S. Stilwell 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne and to Mr. L. Mannering, who is in India.

A JOINT MEETING IN SURREY.

A joint meeting of the North-West Branch of the Surrey Association and the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Ewell on Saturday, but the attendance proved disappointing, only twenty-one ringers being present. The following towers were represented: Croydon (St. John's), Ewell, Woking, Leatherhead, Ealing (Christ Church), St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Guildford (Cathedral), Dorking, Banstead, Mitcham (Parish Church), 'Balham-in-the-Fields,' 'Beddington Cathedral,' 'House of Commons Church,' and 'Chelsea Abbey.' The Leatherhead District secretary would be glad to know something regarding the situation of the four last-named, as he has only a hazy notion as to their whereabouts. The almost total absence of ringers from the locality was commented upon, no members being present from either of the Epsom towers. Ringing commenced on the nice peal of eight at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., and was continued after the tea.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Ewell, the Rev. E. C. Usherwood, who, after welcoming the members to his church, proceeded to give an interesting address on the uses of church bells, and reminded his hearers that they were primarily a call to prayer.

A bountiful tea was partaken of in the Church Room, the Vicar presiding. The tea was so bountiful in fact, that in spite of the presence of certain members who have notoriously large appetites, plenty remained after all had been satisfied.

This being a friendly meeting, no business was transacted, but the Leatherhead District Secretary (Mr. A. R. Pink) called for a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his interesting address and for his presence amongst them that evening, to the organist who kindly stepped into the breach at the last minute, to all those who had waited upon them at the table, and to Mr. C. E. Read, of Ewell, for making all the necessary arrangements. This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar said how pleased he was to be present, and hoped to listen afterwards to their further efforts on the bells.

With regard to the ringing done during the day, although numbers were few, the standard was high. The meeting opened with a course of London Surprise, which augured well for that which was to come. Other methods rung were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative Cambridge and Bristol. Much attention was devoted to 'splicing,' and touches of 'spliced' included Grandsire and Stedman, London and Cambridge, Superlative and Cambridge, several members ringing their first touches of 'spliced' methods. Ringing was kept up till 9 p.m., when the members departed to their other 'duties,' having voted the meeting a success, despite the small attendance.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has now over two hundred towers affiliated, and over two thousand members.

The opening of the bells at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia, took place on May 27th, 1862.

It was on May 28th, 1787, that the first peal of Stedman Caters was rung. This was by the College Youths at Horsley Down, London, and last year the same composition was rung by the society.

Next Tuesday is also the anniversary of the Bristol Surprise record (15,264) rung in 9 hrs. 49 mins. at Hornchurch, Essex, in 1912.

The same date is the anniversary of the first Surprise peal rung out of England—Superlative Surprise Major at Bray, Ireland.

The first Surprise peal in Wales was rung the next day (New Cambridge at Bangor), after the ringing of the only peal ever rung on the sea (Stedman Caters), which was accomplished during the crossing between Dublin and Holyhead. It is not often that three peals of such historic interest are rung in two days. There are four men ringing to-day who took part in all three of these peals, which were rung in the year 1901.

His many ringing friends will join in congratulating Mr. Fred Chamberlain, of Cardiff, on conducting his first peal since his serious accident three years ago last February. As Mr. Chamberlain had to stand throughout practically on one leg, his pluck will be greatly admired. It is a triumph over severe disability. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the peal was the first of Stedman Caters by all the band and by resident ringers of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

SHOULD NONCONFORMISTS RING AT CHURCHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest that point in your current number. Though I am the son of a colonel, who was a great churchman, I entirely agree with Colonel Robson in admitting Nonconformists to take a rope. This is a day of much talk about reunion of Christians. Why not take this small step towards it? Some say that Nonconformists separated from the Church; if so, there are faults on both sides. Is it not our place to hold out a friendly hand? Let any readers who love their Bibles read, for instance, Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. They need go no further than the first chapter, especially the third verse, to see the broadness of Paul's mind. Let us take a hint from that.—Yours truly,

W. E. PITMAN.

Canterbury.

GIFTS TO MARSDEN BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As captain of the Marsden Parish Church bellringers I have just received four certificates of membership, two framed, one of which is an engraving by Bartolozzi (the College Youths' certificate) and several works on bellringing and numerous copies of peals. These were articles that our late friend, Mr. Joseph Edwin Sykes, of Ainsley House, Marsden, well known to many ringers, had desired should be handed over to the custody of the belfry of St. Bartholomew's, Marsden. I was pleased to receive these useful gifts on behalf of the ringers from Mr. J. E. Syke's brother, Major Frederick Sykes, of Marsden.—Yours faithfully,

H. SHAW.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS OF BOB MAJOR.

Mr. H. W. Gayton writes that a peal of Bob Major (5,056 changes) in the Beds Association Report for 1927, and a peal of 5,120 Bob Major in the Beds Association and the Peterborough Diocesan Reports respectively for 1928, are both false, the trouble in each case being identical, viz., a lead in each half repeating at the B leads. Mr. Gayton has brought this to the notice of the hon. secretaries concerned, so that the peals may be withdrawn from the records.

Mr. A. Craven's composition published in 'The Ringing World' of April 5th is also false as it stands.

IN CORNWALL.

Notice of a peal attempt, which was successful and has already been recorded, was included in the usual Sunday notices by the Vicar of Perranarworthal, Cornwall. Unfortunately, however, he instructed his congregation that this would take place exactly a week earlier than the actual date.

Notices of this kind certainly give those who dislike prolonged ringing a chance to 'go out' for the evening, but on this occasion, if any left, they went prematurely.

Mr. A. R. Pink, of Dorking, who conducted this peal, had the misfortune of standing in attempts that failed for Grandsire Triples at St. Kea, Bob Minor at St. Erme, and Grandsire Triples at Phillack, on the previous Thursday, Friday and Saturday respectively.

This 'minor' tour in humble methods concluded with a splendid peal at Truro, Cathedral on the 3rd inst.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. TUESDAY'S MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Central Council was held in the Cathedral Hall, Chelmsford, on Tuesday, and was attended by 78 members. Canon G. F. Coleridge (president) presided, and a welcome was extended to the members by Canon Morrow (the Sub-Dean) and by the Mayor of Chelmsford.

The statement of accounts was adopted. It showed receipts amounting to £21 9s. 6d., and expenses amounting to £16 5s. 6d., thus increasing the balance in hand from £26 15s. 6d. to £31 19s. 6d.

The receipts from the sale of publications was £6 5s. 3d., but there was a loss of £3 9s. on this account.

The Librarian's report was adopted, and it was resolved that the pamphlet on the 'Preservation of Bells,' which was out of print, should be revised and reprinted.

Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. James George and Mr. H. W. Wilde were re-elected hon. members, and Mr. W. A. Cave was elected an hon. member.

After new members had been presented to the president, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. A. Young) reported the loss by death during the year of three members, Mr. J. D. Drewett, Alderman R. B. Chambers and Mr. R. Holloway, and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect. He also reported that the Standing Committee had considered the question of general ringing on the day of national thanksgiving for the King's recovery, and it was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to His Majesty with a record of the peals that are rung in connection with the event.

The Roll of Honour had been completed by the addition of six names, and Mr. Carter's ringing machine was having a new motor put to it. It was hoped this machine would be available for demonstration by November.

The Peal Collection Committee's report was brief, Mrs. Fletcher stating that the Rev. H. G. T. Richardson was now proving the peals of Treble Bob with the tenors parted.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the Literature and Press Committee's report, which commented upon the generally satisfactory nature of press references to bells and bell-ringing, and added a word of warning that careful watch should be kept on any legislation promoted to deal with noises, in order that nothing should creep in which would be detrimental to the ringing of church bells. The report asked that the members of the legal profession on the Council be asked to keep an eye on legislative measures of this nature and be prepared to take such action in conjunction with the Standing Committee as emergency might demand.

A sub-committee which has been revising the 'Rules for a Local Company' had, it was reported by Mr. E. W. Elwell, practically concluded its labours, and a new edition would shortly be printed.

As was expected, the report of the Methods Committee (published in 'The Ringing World' of April 26th) aroused great controversy. Its acceptance was moved by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope in reasoned speeches.

Mr. W. Willson moved to refer it back for the deletion of the Morris and Pitman arrangement of Grandsire Doubles, the Bankes James Cambridge Surprise Minor, and the Law James London Surprise Minor, on the ground that they were 'hopelessly false.'—Mr. James George seconded.

The debate was interrupted by the luncheon interval, and during the afternoon a number of members took part, and on a division the amendment was carried by 30 votes to 29 on a second count.

On being put as a substantive motion, however, Mr. Willson's resolution was defeated, and a deadlock was thus arrived at. At the suggestion of Mr. Trollope it was eventually decided to print these compositions in an appendix with a note that their publication did not commit anyone to the opinion that they were suitable to be used in a peal.

This suggestion was adopted by 44 votes to three.

The Peals Analyses Committee's report, already published, was adopted, on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. Williams.

Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. A. T. Beeson having resigned from the committee, Mr. James George and Mr. G. R. Pye were added to it, and the committee were thanked for their valuable work.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report (also already published in these columns) was adopted on the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and the committee were entrusted with the preparation of a revised edition of the book on the preservation of bells, which will include the committee report on acoustics of towers.

The Records Committee's report, presented by Mr. T. H. Beams, was adopted, as was also an important and valuable report presented by Mr. F. A. Milne for the Legal Committee on 'The Law Affecting Church Bells.'

The Rev. E. S. Powell suggested that the motion should read: 'The Council then came to the motions on the agenda, and another important discussion centred round that moved by Mr. R. Whittington and seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling: 'That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively before beginning the next 720 or 120.'

The Rev. E. G. Powell suggested that the motion should read: 'That the Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor any composition in which each 720 is not true and complete, and which does not start from and end with rounds.'—Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded.

Eventually the proposer and seconder withdrew their motion in favour of the amendment, but an amendment moved by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, was put, that further consideration of the matter be deferred until a future meeting.—The amendment was declared carried by 34 or 35 votes to 24, and was then adopted as the substantive motion.

In the absence of Mr. Elwell, who had had to leave early, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed: (a) 'That honorary members pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum'; (b) 'That associations in future pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum.'—Rev. C. A. Clements seconded.—The first part (a) of the motion was defeated, and the second portion (b) was carried.

The following motion, proposed by Rev. H. Drake and seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, was also approved: (a) 'The Council asks each association to appoint a consultant to the Advisory Committee or Committees in its area'; (b) 'The Council asks each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to Parochial Church Councils, to Diocesan Conferences and to the Church Assembly.'

On the proposition of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and supported by the hon. secretary, it was resolved that the rules of the Council be amended in order to provide that the notice and agenda of each annual meeting of the Council be published at least eight weeks, instead of twelve weeks, prior to such meeting.

On behalf of Mr. Walter Ayre (who was unable to be present owing to illness), Mr. E. A. Young moved: '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.'—Mr. J. George seconded.—The motion was negatived, the opinion of the meeting being that this was a matter best left in the hands of the associations themselves.

Next year's meeting falls to be held in London, and, amid applause, the Council learned that the hon. secretary had been able to secure (subject to no unforeseen circumstances arising) the use of a room at Lambeth Palace for the meeting.

Mr. James George made a suggestion that the Council should undertake the publication of a complete directory of ringers, and was informed by the president that a matter of this kind could only be discussed upon a formal resolution, which he told Mr. George must appear on the agenda.

A vote of congratulation to the president on his recovery from his illness, and of thanks to him for the admirable way in which he had presided over what was at times a difficult meeting, was passed on the motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Mr. T. Faulkner, and the meeting concluded at 5 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Mayor, the Sub-Dean, Mr. Howard and the members of the Essex Association for the arrangements made for the comfort of the members.

Afterwards the members and their friends were entertained to tea at the County Hotel by the Essex Association, and in the evening, after ringing at the Cathedral, there was a social gathering at the hotel.

A full report of the proceedings will appear in subsequent issues of 'The Ringing World.'

YOUNG RINGER'S DEATH.

The S. Nicolas' tower, Guildford, has lost a valued ringer by the death of Sidney Stedman Radford at the early age of 16 years.

The funeral took place on Monday, May 20th, and was attended by a number of ringers, a touch of Grandsire Triples being rung at the graveside, and afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples half-muffled on the S. Nicolas' tower bells. The deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Septimus Radford, his father, who has been steeple-keeper for 35 years at this tower.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, May 4th. It had originally been decided to hold this meeting at Thurlough, but this arrangement had to be altered at the last minute owing to a death in the parish. Over 30 members, however, were present at Milton Ernest from the following towers: Bedford, Cardington, Thurlough, Keysoe, Riseley, Harrold, Turvey, Clapham, Bromham, Kempston, Wilden, Roxton, Milton Ernest, Sandy, Higgleswade and Olney, Herts, and methods ranging from Grandsire to London Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A pleasant feature of the meeting was the election of eight new members, and another was the number of young ringers present. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Copple on June 1st.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.—At St. Edward's Church, on April 10th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Watkins 1, A. E. Jones 2, J. J. Price (first quarter as conductor) 3, T. F. Preece 4, W. J. Beniams 5, G. C. Abley 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

MONDAY'S CELEBRATION AT CHELMSFORD.

FIFTY YEARS OF PROGRESS.

The jubilee celebration of the Essex Association at Chelmsford on Whit Monday brought together a large number of members from all parts of the country, and representatives of many other associations attended to show their interest in the proceedings and to extend their congratulations to the association upon the interesting event. The association was founded on Whit Monday, 1879, at Writtle, by the Rev. J. B. Seaman, who was then priest-in-charge of that parish. The preliminary meeting held at Writtle Vicarage on May 9th, 1879, was attended by representatives from six neighbouring parishes. At this meeting a set of rules was drawn up, and it was decided to circularise every incumbent, churchwarden and band of ringers attached to towers of five bells and upwards in the county inviting them to Writtle on the following Whit Monday. The inaugural meeting was attended by clergy, churchwardens and forty-seven ringers from fifteen parishes, and the association was duly launched. Of those present at that first meeting only six are known to be alive to-day, viz., Messrs. W. Hawkes (Springfield), W. Bearman (Bocking), F. Rudkin, T. Edwards and T. Watson (Braintree), and B. Keeble (Romford). Messrs. Rudkin and Hawkes are still members of the association. The Rev. J. B. Seaman, who convened the preliminary meeting, was appointed the first hon. secretary. He held office for four years, and resigned on going to Manitoba to join his son there. He was succeeded by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, who held the position until 1886, when the Rev. T. L. Papillon was elected. During his term of office, the association made great strides, and by 1901 the membership had increased to 532. The county was then divided into four divisions, each with its own District Master and Secretary.

At the same time another new office was created in the appointment of a Master for the whole association. To this position the Rev. T. L. Papillon was elected, and held office until 1909, when he left the county. The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, who had acted as assistant secretary since 1890, was appointed to succeed Canon Papillon as hon. secretary and treasurer. He remained in office until 1921, when the present esteemed secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. J. Pitstow, was elected. During the time the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre held office the association increased in numbers and usefulness under his able guidance. Upon the resignation of Canon Papillon Mr. C. H. Howard was appointed Master, and has held office up to the present time.

To-day there are in the county 3 rings of twelve bells, 3 of ten, 45 of eight, 63 of six, and 60 of five, making a total of 174 rings of five bells and upwards. Of these, 93 are in union with the association.

A revival in the restoration of bells has taken place in the county during the last twenty years, in no small measure due to the advocacy of the Master, and a great many augmentations and re-hangings are due to the association's efforts and influence. Among them is the ring of 12 for the Cathedral to which the association gave the treble bell, being the first association of ringers in the county to make such a gift. At this time, when the association is celebrating its jubilee, the membership is the highest yet attained. It exceeds the record of last year by 24, and is made up as follows. Hon. members 89, resident ringing members 780, non-resident ringing members 215, making a total of 1,064.

A WORK OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE.

Monday's gathering was both large and successful. Members were present from all districts and most of the affiliated towers. In addition there were many members of the Central Council from distant parts of England who had arrived for the proceedings on Tuesday, and something approaching 300 ringers must have visited Chelmsford to share in the celebration, which officially began with service in the Cathedral. The building was well filled, and the singing was led by the organ. The association's customary form was used, and the sermon was preached by the newly-enthroned Bishop of Chelmsford, who, as president of the association, met the members for the first time. He expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of them, and in taking a prominent part in that service, which was a kind of annual consecration and rededication of the work in which they were engaged. They were, he said, a people who practised and preserved an art intimately associated with the romantic, sentimental and profoundly religious moments in the lives of the community, and a people who were doing a work of tremendous importance in our national life to-day. They were living, he said, in days when every institution and every society was being challenged with the question, 'What is the good of it?' The test of value in these days was generally the test of crude gain. They could say quite truly that bellringers were not essential to life; that they did not increase the national income, or make any contribution to the increase of exports or imports. They could not pass any financial tests, and in the spirit which prevailed in many directions to-day they might say there was no place for the bellringer—let him go. But that, he thought, was

a mistake of the most serious kind. There were certain embellishments and adornments in life which were absolutely essential. Who could deny that life to-day would be infinitely poorer if it were shorn of the multitude of things that had no value in £ s. d.? He looked upon bellringing as one of those adornments and embellishments of life, one of the things which beautified worship, and he said without hesitation that if an art of that kind were banished from among them, their moral and spiritual life would be so much the poorer. The work in which the ringers were engaged was a beautiful and gracious contribution to life to-day, and he hoped the day would never come when worship would be robbed of the art of the change ringer. In giving the ringers a message, the Bishop quoted an inscription to be found on a bell at Colchester: 'Different in size, in note, and weight, both small and great we harmonise.' That was a thought which he would ask them to carry away with them. They were all different in size, in note and in weight—different in moral and physical and intellectual weight—but could it be said of them that, small and great, they harmonised? Were they each making their contribution towards the common stock, which was essential if there was to be harmony among them? They had each a contribution to make to the common stock; a contribution for the common well-being; but if it were made by them all, then, 'different in size



MR. C. H. HOWARD.

Twenty years Master of the Essex Association.

and note, both small and great, we harmonise.' If the bells they rung taught them that priceless lesson, their lives would be enriched and blessed by the dignified work in which they were engaged.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After the service, at which a collection was taken for the association's bell restoration fund, the members adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where the Bishop presided over the annual business meeting, and was supported on the platform by Canon Morrow, the new Rector and Sub-Dean of Chelmsford, the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard), the hon. secretary (Mr. F. J. Pitstow), and four of the original members of the society, Messrs. W. Hawkes, W. Bearman, F. Rudkin and T. Edwards.

The Master extended a welcome to the Bishop and the Sub-Dean, and, having expressed the association's deep regret at the death of Canon Lake, the company stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Bishop thanked the members for the honour they had done him in electing him as president. He said he could not but feel, as

he looked round that gathering, what a fine body of people they were. To find so many ready to turn up at the annual meeting was a most impressive thing. It was particularly pleasing to see so many young men among them, apparently determined to carry on the fine tradition associated with bellringing. In carrying on this work, these young men were doing something of great value, and he congratulated them and the association as well (applause).

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, and under the able guidance of the Bishop was disposed of with commendable dispatch.

The report and balance sheet were first adopted.

STILL SCOPE FOR EXPANSION.

In his annual report the Master remarked that even with the present record membership of 1,064 there is ample scope for increase. A considerable number of towers, especially in the outlying villages, are not yet affiliated, and change ringing is not yet practised. He appealed to those more fortunate members in the parishes where the art is firmly established to pay visits during the summer months to some of those towers, a word of encouragement, and, where possible, to offer their services as instructors, and so give their less fortunately placed fellow-ringers an opportunity to acquire the art.

The Master also commented upon the number of belfry improvements that had taken place during the year, and remarked that the fifty peals rung, although rather less than the previous year, made a very creditable list. The peal of Superlative Maximus at the Cathedral, and New Cambridge and Kent Surprise Major at Harlow Common were each the first in the method by the association. The peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in twenty-two methods at Chigwell Row by the Leytonstone band was a very remarkable performance requiring great concentration of mind, and deserved special mention. The association was again indebted to W. Keeble for his indefatigable services as conductor in 19 peals in nine different towers. Quite a number of young members had been piloted by him through their first peal, or first peal in a Surprise method, during the year. The financial statement was quite satisfactory. Including the balance in hand from last year, the total income from all sources in the general secretary's account amounted to £70 15s. 5d., and expenditure to £35 17s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand of £24 17s. 9d. The balance of the Bell Restoration Fund was gradually increasing. Grants of £2 2s. to Elmdon, £3 3s. to Great Bardfield, and £2 2s. to Saffron Walden had been made, leaving a balance in hand of £21 15s. 10d. The reserve fund had increased from £178 14s. 3d. to £186 6s. 7d.

A large measure of the association's success was due to the excellent services rendered by the officers, and for the ready co-operation given by the clergy, without whose assistance it would be almost impossible to continue, and the association tender to them their grateful thanks. Encouraged with such a past record, the Master appealed to the members to go forward with renewed effort, strengthened by the spirit of brotherhood and fellowship, determined to accomplish even better results in the future, ever remembering the responsibilities of their office of summoning the people to public worship.

MASTER'S 21st ELECTION.

The Master was unanimously elected for the twenty-first time with applause, on the motion of Mr. T. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Butler.

Mr. Pitstow was re-elected hon. secretary, and heartily thanked for his past services, the Master mentioning the long connection which the Pitstow family had had with the association, and the work which they had done for it.

The five members, to act with the officers on the committee, were re-elected, viz., Dr. Spencer Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner and F. Dench. A vacancy on the peal committee, caused by the death of Mr. F. Pitstow, was filled by the election of Mr. G. L. Joyce, the other members (Messrs. T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye and W. Keeble) being re-elected, as were also the association's representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. C. H. Howard, G. R. Pye, W. J. Nevard and E. J. Butler, for the triennial term commencing in 1930.

The auditors, Messrs. W. H. Theobald and G. W. Faulkner, were re-elected, some amusement being caused by the suggestion that their salary should be doubled. Eventually they were elected at the same salary as heretofore, but, as the Bishop pointed out, this did not matter one way or the other; the amount was the same—nothing.

A number of new members were elected, including Canon Morrow, the Rev. H. V. Riess (Vicar of Harwich), as hon. members, and Messrs. C. H. Jennings (Weymouth), W. H. Shaker (Manchester), and J. Hunt (Taunton) as life members.

Mr. T. Edwards, one of the foundation members, expressed his pleasure at being present at the jubilee meeting, and recalled the formation of the association and some of his experiences in ringing in those early days in the Braintree district.

Mr. Faulkner invited the association to hold a meeting at Barking in September in connection with the tranksgiving which was then to be held to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the church.

At the suggestion of Mr. L. Wiffen the Master undertook that the committee should consider the question of making a contribution to the Canon Lake memorial.

Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), who had arrived during the meeting, extended congratulations to the association upon celebrating its jubilee. He could, he said, go back to the time when the association was founded. One of the prime movers was a dear old friend of his, the Rev. H. A. Cockey. They were undergraduates together at Oxford, and both learned to ring there. Mr. Cockey began by helping to form a county association, and if he had been alive he would have been a leading spirit there that day, and would have been overjoyed at that large assembly of ringers, properly taken notice of by their Bishop. He wished them all success in the future, and hoped by the time they kept their second jubilee their numbers would not only be doubled but, rather, trebled or quadrupled (applause).

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for preaching to them, to Canon Morrow for the use of the Cathedral and the bells, and to the other incumbents of neighbouring churches who had placed bells at their disposal.

Canon Morrow replied, and promised that anything he could do to further the interests of the association in the tower of the Cathedral or in any other way he would be pleased to do for them.

Luncheon was afterwards served in the Corn Exchange, when over 250 sat down. The chair was taken by the Bishop, who was supported by the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford, Canon Morrow, Mr. C. H. Howard, Rev. Canon Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. W. Pye (Master of the Middlesex Association), Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Mr. T. Faulkner, Mr. W. J. Nevard, Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. Black, etc.

MAYORAL THEORY OF THE FIRST BELL.

The Bishop proposed the toast of 'The King,' and the Mayor submitted 'The Church,' in which he was both grave and gay. He often had wondered, he said, who invented the bell, and he had come to the conclusion that a Mayor must have had something to do with it. As they had recognised, Mayors were pretty good people in turning up at feasts (laughter). In primitive times Mayors and councillors, when they assembled to dine, often prepared their meals in a pot over a camp fire, and in that he saw the discovery of the bell (laughter). He could imagine some Mayor having had a good dinner round the camp fire, and, at the conclusion of the meal, taking up his mace and tinkling the pot which had contained his dinner, with the mace. He thus discovered the soloist quality of a hemispherical measure (laughter). Having got their bells, they got campanologists, and hence mayors and bellringers' luncheons seemed bound up together (laughter). The Mayor went on to voice appreciation, on behalf of the public, of the manner in which the ringers devoted themselves to their work in the cause of the Church. Bells, he said, were the voice of the Church: they touched and searched the hearts of young and old, and their speech and meaning was manifold.

The Bishop replied to the toast, and Canon Morrow proposed 'The Essex Association,' referring to its magnificent growth, which he attributed largely to the untiring efforts of Mr. Howard (applause). Canon Morrow proved that he was no stranger to a belfry, and caused amusement by relating an experience in West Ham belfry many years ago, when he and a friend, who rose to a high position in the Navy, were both swung up by the tenor bell, and had their heads knocked together in the process.

Mr. Howard, replying to the toast, disclaimed the credit given him for the success of the association, and said it was due to the excellent officers which the association had had during its whole history. Mr. Howard briefly reviewed the progress of the association, and referred to the fact that a great many bells in Essex had been restored through the efforts of the association. They had succeeded in stopping the pernicious practice of 'clocking,' which had cracked so many ancient bells, and added that much greater care was taken of bells than used to be the case. Wherever there was a band of change ringers they would find that the bells were properly cared for, which proved that the association was fulfilling a valuable duty. The association had on many occasions been the means of getting bells rehung where they would not otherwise have been touched. At such towers they usually held a meeting and put before the authorities the need for improvement, and they usually found that they were well supported. The Master went on to refer to the interest and enthusiasm which many of their members maintained, and spoke of the fact that Essex had produced some of the finest ringers and composers known to the Exercise. They were particularly fortunate in having had among them the Pye family, who began their ringing at a five-bell tower, and had become the most remarkable family of ringers in the country (applause). The spirit of brotherhood which existed among ringers was, said Mr. Howard, largely responsible for the success of all their associations. There was no stronger brotherhood existing in any branch of the Church more than existed among the ringers of to-day (applause).

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BICESTER BRANCH'S RECORD MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bicester Branch was held at Ambrosden on Saturday, May 4th, 43 being present, including Rev. W. O'Rieley (chairman), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Guild Master), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary), Rev. C. E. Edwards (Piddington), Rev. Oake (Ambrosden), and representatives of Bicester, Islip, Middleton, Stoney, Launton, Caversfield, Piddington towers, and visitors from Tring, Burford, Oxford, Abingdon and Heyford. Several excellent touches in various methods were rung in the afternoon, after which the Guild service was conducted by Rev. Oake, a particularly interesting sermon being preached by Rev. Dr. Busher (Rector of Charlton-on-Otmoor), from the 122nd Psalm words, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord.'

After the service, the party adjourned to the Vicarage, where an excellent repast was waiting. At the meeting which followed, the branch chairman (Rev. W. O'Rieley) extended a welcome, and said how pleased he was to see so many present. It was easily the largest number at a branch meeting.

The hon. secretary gave his report, which was considered highly satisfactory. The balance sheet was next presented, and was adopted.

Rev. Oake next spoke of the work that had been carried out at Ambrosden, the ring of six bells having been augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles, and said how very much he had to thank Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, for his invaluable services during the carrying out of the scheme. The branch also accorded to him their appreciation of all the time and energy he had spent to make the alterations a success.

Rev. O'Rieley was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch with acclamation.—The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. A. Clifton, was re-elected, and the representatives on the Guild Committee (Mr. F. Sharpe and Mr. F. Neale) were also re-elected.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. Wright each gave an interesting address. Two new members were elected (one honorary and one ringing member).

Votes of thanks were passed to Rev. Dr. Busher for his address, Mrs. Oake for her services at the organ, and Rev. Oake for all his trouble in arranging the meeting and tea, and making the whole proceedings a great success. Later there was some excellent ringing on the bells.

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'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. Black, was responded to by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

MASTER'S SERVICES RECOGNISED.

An interesting presentation to the Master was then made by Mr. T. Faulkner, who, on behalf of the members, handed to Mr. Howard a handsome silver tea and coffee service. It had been said in 'The Ringing World' last week that the Essex Association was a virile association, and that the officers were tactful and energetic. Not the least tactful and not the least energetic, proceeded Mr. Faulkner, had been their Master, and they desired to give him some slight recognition of the tact and energy which he had shown in the work of the association for many years. That gift was a tangible token of their affection and regard. That day he entered upon his 21st year as Master. He (Mr. Faulkner) proposed him on the first occasion, and he was thankful to have been there to propose him on the 21st (applause). Mr. Howard had been one of the most kindly and complacent Masters of any association in any part of the country. He had made them feel that he was not their Master but their brother (applause). Whoever had suggested the form of the present must have had a thought for Mrs. Howard and the sacrifices she must have made in sparing her husband to do so much for the association. He hoped Mr. and Mrs. Howard would use this service, and every time they used it would remember that it was a present from the ringers of Essex in appreciation of what they had done for the Essex Association. The teapot was inscribed, 'Presented to Charles H. Howard by the Essex Association in appreciation of his services as Master, 1909-1929.'

The gift was handed to Mr. Howard amid cheers, followed by the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow.' The Master had to acknowledge that he had been taken completely by surprise. He expressed his gratitude for the gift, and said that as long as the association required his services it would be his endeavour to serve them as faithfully as he had done in the past.

This concluded the speech making, and the members dispersed to the many towers in the district, where they enjoyed ringing throughout the rest of the day. The twelve bells at the Cathedral were the centre of attraction, but private cars and specially chartered buses took visitors to Writtle, Widford, Galleyswood, Great Baddow, Great Waltham and Boreham, which all have peals of eight, and Broomfield and Springfield, which have rings of six.

The day was one of the most successful and enjoyable in the long history of the association.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 30th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Sawston (8) on Saturday, May 25th. A good attendance is requested. Election of district ringing master, etc.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Longstanton, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. The Church of St. Paul, Bentley, is situated on the main Brentwood-Ongar Road, 3 miles from Brentwood, 4 from Ongar. Buses leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) at 3, 3.30 and 4 p.m. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Clifton, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 25th, instead of on the 18th, as previously arranged. A plain tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—Miss D. E. Lewis, Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 25th. Tower open 2.45.—George Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, May 25th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. As Mr. Cowper, 88, Melbourn Road, Royston, is arranging the tea will all members who require tea notify him? A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome. — Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., The School House, Offley, Hitchin.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — District meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, May 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The monthly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Aldington (by kind invitation of the Rev. G. S. and Mrs. Long) on May 25th. Mr. Slingsby's 92nd birthday party. Bells available 2.30 p.m. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, May 25th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, after service. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, May 25th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th, at Winterbourne. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service (probably) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, May 25th. Tower open 2. Service 3.30.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Dean of Lincoln. Tea, 4.45, in the Parish Church Institute. Bells (8) available 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. Tea can be had at Hutchison Café, Market Place. All ringers welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe St., Derby.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 25th. Bells (8) ready early. Will all ringers please make own arrangements for tea? A good attendance is requested.—P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—A meeting will be held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday, May 25th. Church of St. Giles' (6 bells, tenor 12 cwt.). Available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at The Crispin at 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. each. Please send names in. Reports available. Subscriptions due. Members from other districts cordially invited.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Amersham on Saturday, May 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than May 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 25th. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: Dean of Lincoln. Tea, 4.45, in the Parish Church Institute. Members free, non-members 1s. 9d. Bells (8) available 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must inform me on or before Wednesday, May 29th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea (usual terms) and meeting to follow. Please advise me of tea requirements not later than May 29th. A nice summer outing, lovely bells and pretty country! Cheap trains from Baker Street, and other Metropolitan Stations.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, June 1st. Meeting at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Institute. Service at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's, Portsea. Tea at 5 p.m. in Institute. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (8), 12 to 2 p.m. and during the evening, St. Mary's (8), during afternoon (if meeting finishes early) and evening. Numbers for tea by May 29th to Mr. F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Willington (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Cople bells are not available for this meeting.—J. T. Newington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 1st. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at disposal of ringers early. Meat tea will be provided at Cooke's Café at 5 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. to 4.50 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. R. Peel, Vicar of Cuckney. Please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, number for tea. Members from kindred associations will be heartily welcomed.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secretaries.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Bagshot on June 1st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea, in Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. F. Nye, Lynhurst, Bagshot, before May 30th.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those only notifying me by Wednesday, May 29th.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea (9d. per head) only to those notifying me by May 29th. Reports (6d.) may be obtained. A good attendance requested.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Rowde bells (6) also available afternoon and evening. Bus service from Devizes to Rowde (2 miles), Bromham (4 miles).—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broughton (8 bells) on Saturday, June 1st. Tea will be provided for all who notify the Rev. J. B. Frith, The Rectory, Swynnerton, near Stone, Staffs, before May 29th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Bolsover, June 1st. Bells will be open early. Tea, at 5, to all who let Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, know before the 30th. Entries will be received for ringing contest to be held at Ecclesfield in July.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dallington, Northampton, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 2.30, service 4.15, tea at 5 o'clock. Business important. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 28th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Kingston, near Corfe Castle, on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing from 3, service 4.30, tea 5.15.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Petham (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. So that arrangements may be made for tea, will those intending being present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, June 6th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting to follow. Archdeacon Howson will be present. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting and notify

me before Tuesday, June 4th, of their intention of doing so.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup Contest.—Open to all towers in above association. Will be held on Saturday, June 15th. It is hoped all will join at once. The last practice day is June 1st. Draw 2.45. First band to compete at 3.15. All ringers and friends are invited. Tea will be provided in Parochial Church Room, 1s. 6d. each. It is essential for number to be sent to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, before June 12th. The village is purely agricultural, and no other accommodation for tea exists.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—Practice, Wednesday nights, from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Annual outing on Saturday, June 22nd, to Stratford-on-Avon, in conjunction with the parish outing. Train leaves Paddington Station at 11.28 a.m. Fare 5s. Will all members desiring to attend please advise secretary at once?—W. Pennington Bickford, M.A., Rector; F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The meeting at Stowmarket is cancelled.—H. Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford, Woodbridge.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GOSPEL OAK.—At St. Martin's Church, on Whit Sunday evening, 720 changes of Bob Minor: A. Harwin 1, R. Newman 2, F. Bonfield 3, E. Young 4, E. Bonfield (conductor) 5, A. Bonfield 6. Rung to commemorate the dedication of the new Vestry Hall by the Bishop of Willesden. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

KNIGHTON, RAD.—On Whit Sunday, May 19th, at St. Edward's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. W. Watkins 1, R. H. Jones 2, A. E. Jones 3, T. F. Preece 4, W. T. Gough 5, S. Evans (conductor) 6, G. C. Abbey 7.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, G. J. Winter 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, H. Acock 5, J. Smith (first quarter-peal in the method) 6.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, May 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Bullock 1, W. Idle 2, W. J. Norton 3, C. J. Choct 4, F. Digby 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, A. C. Darnell 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8. This was arranged for Mr. W. Idle, of Dowsbury, Yorkshire.

DUNSTABLE.—On May 5th, for matins, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. B. Chappell 1, C. Rollings 2, G. H. Sentence (longest length of Surprise) 3, A. V. Good 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, April 28th, for the industrial service, 1,056 Superlative Surprise Major: R. C. Kersey 1, Tony Price (longest length) 2, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 3, A. Keeble 4, F. J. Smith 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

REIGATE.—On Sunday, April 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): G. Stemp 1, Miss J. M. Melville 2, C. Kippen 3, M. Northover 4, A. Bashford 5, J. Foster 6, G. F. Head (conductor) 7, H. Hooper 8, W. Claydon 9, A. Cheasley 10.

HORNSEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 14th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (42 Singles) in 28 mins.: G. W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, F. G. Symonds 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6.

LYMINGE.—On April 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. Sheppard 1, A. Webb 2, E. Hobden 3, G. Webb (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, A. Tanton 5, J. Sken 6, J. Reeves 7, R. Webb 8.

FELSTED.—On Sunday, April 7th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, for matins, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. E. Haslen 1, F. Jacob 2, A. H. Farrow 3, H. Ebert 4, W. T. Farrow 5, J. Wood (conductor) 6. First in the method and by the local band, and first as conductor.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.—An Sunday, April 7th, at Brookfield Church, for service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Knott 1, A. Barnes 2, E. Seddon 3, E. Mawby 4, J. Fearnhead 5, H. Gaskill 6, C. Ollier (conductor) 7, G. Eaton 8. All except the ringer of the 2nd are service ringers at the above church. Longest length in the method for the treble, 2nd and 4th ringers.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, April 7th, for sung Mass, 720 Norbury Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins.: H. Ward 1, A. G. Wood 2, P. Massam 3, A. Wormald 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 7th, before matins, 720 London Surprise, 720 Norwich Surprise. Before evensong, 720 Wells Surprise, 720 Southwell Surprise: L. Camp, G. Camp, F. Wright, H. Wright, C. Harrington, E. Sitch, A. Bradley (conductor).

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's, on Sunday, April 7th, for morning service, 1,264 of Bob Major: F. W. Thornton 1, A. James 2, G. James 3, T. I. Knight 4, P. J. Spice 5, G. Huxley 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, E. Mounter 8. It was intended to ring this quarter by the local society, the Bromley Youths, but Mr. F. W. Thornton, of Greenwich, paid an unexpected visit, and one of the Bromley Society kindly stood out to allow him to ring.

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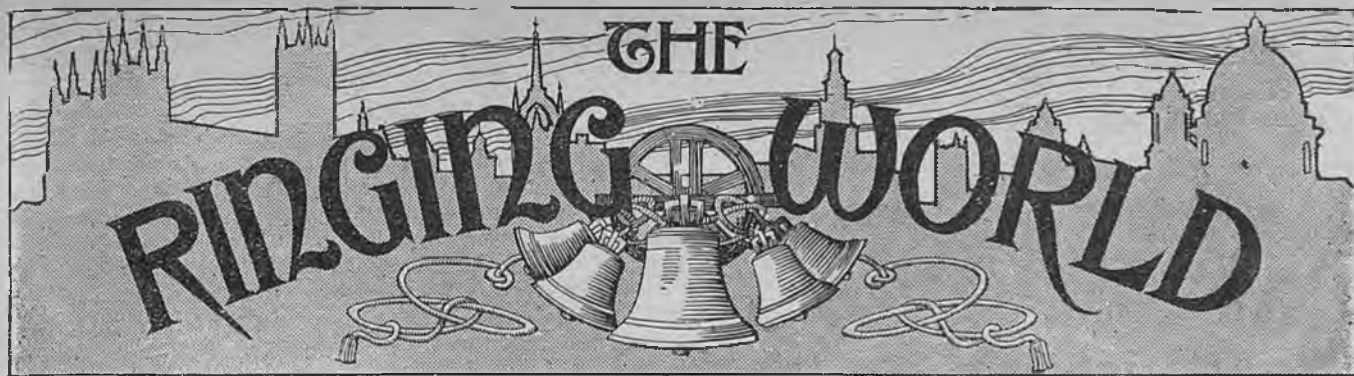
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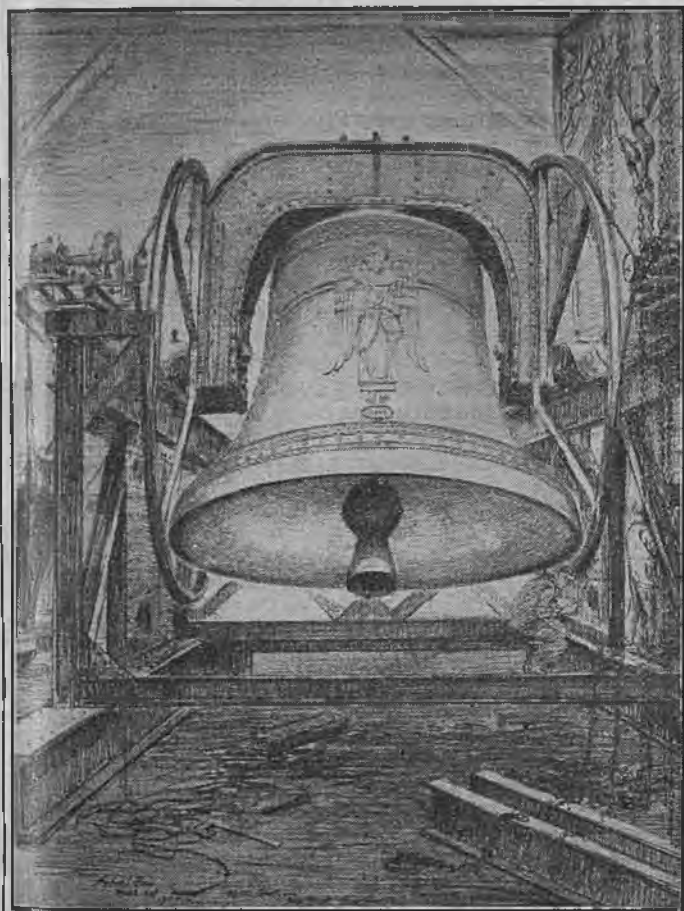
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THE SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Quite as important as anything that happened inside the Central Council last Tuesday, was the step taken by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Monday, when it was decided no longer to be affiliated to the Council. The main ground on which this drastic action was taken was, if we have comprehended the position correctly, that the Council does not recognise the right of any association to instruct its representatives how to vote on any question; in other words, that representatives go to the meetings of the Council as free agents unfettered by any wishes which may have been expressed by those who send them and who, in many cases, pay their expenses. The difference of opinion which has led to this secession has, in the case of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, been somewhat aggravated by other grievances, but we say without hesitation that it is a matter for great regret that such an important organisation should have withdrawn upon any pretext without having first made an effort to remedy what was thought to be wrong.

A vital principle is involved in this matter. There are many who hold that it is useless for a member to go to a meeting with his hands tied, to vote as directed, without having first heard all sides of the question. They argue, and it must be admitted not without reason, that it is waste of time and money for a man to attend a meeting to vote, when the way in which he shall use that vote has already been decided for him and that it is a slight upon his intelligence not to allow him to use his discretion. On the other hand, there are those who hold just as strongly that the Council cannot retain a commanding position in the Exercise unless it is the interpreter of the wishes of its constituent bodies and, for this to be effective, it must accept the principle that 'those who pay the piper shall be allowed to call the tune,' at any rate in all important matters. Among those who take this latter view is the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, as represented by a majority at the annual meeting.

The action of the association in withdrawing from the Council must, we think, bring this question to a head. Obviously it cannot be allowed to remain where it is, for the retirement of the association may have a damaging effect. It is not a question of apathy, or loss of interest which has caused the Gloucester and Bristol organisation to drop away from the central authority; it is a direct challenge to a policy which has been pursued since the Council was inaugurated, and it cannot be ignored. It is a pity, as we have already said, that the association renounced its connection with the Council, before taking

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steps to test the opinion of the Exercise, as might very
opportunistically have been done through a resolution passed
by the Council last week, to bring the subject before all
the associations during the coming year, when the trien-
nial election of members takes place. But the Gloucester
and Bristol Association has now taken action and has
thus forced a position which calls for immediate con-
sideration by those who value the Central Council for the
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which it exerts throughout the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 8
CHARLES H. KIPPEN ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 9
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 10
HORACE BELCHER ... 5	RUBEN SANDERS ... 11
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 6	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 8
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
ALBERT W. COLES ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ERNEST RICHARDS ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 6
GEORGE POPPELL ... 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 7
*EDWARD COWARD ... 3	†NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 8
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WILLIAM LOUD ... 5	*EDWARD J. ROWE ... Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters inside. Messrs. G.
Popple and W. Williams hail from Bedwelty, Mon, and were elected
members before starting.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DENNIS R. MORRIS ... Treble	†CYRIL TANSSELL ... 6
†WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 8
†FRANK LAWRENCE ... 4	GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 9
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 5	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of
Royal as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK 3	RICHARD WHITE 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 9
GEORGE DENT 5	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.
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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Wednesday, May 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER FRIGHT Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	HARRY PARKES 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving the town. The conductor has now rung a peal on every ring of eight in the district.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 16, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
*SAMUEL WARD 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
*J. CECIL BOOTH 3	*JOSEPH E. WATERHOUSE ... 7
*J. ERNEST PROCTER 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Vicar of the parish, Canon W. T. Forster, M.A., who died on May 11th.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOBBALL Treble	*WILLIAM GREEN 5
HARRY HILL 2	SIDNEY CARTWRIGHT ... 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... 4	ALBERT PRESTIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* 50th peal. The conductor's 125th peal. Rung as a compliment to the leader of the Netherton company, Mr. Albert Prestidge, and Mrs. Prestidge, on the 22nd anniversary of their wedding.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE FLINTHAM Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	HAROLD L. PASK 6
JOHN WALDEN 3	*HAROLD WALKER 7
*HAROLD MARCON 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal in the method on the bells. A thanksgiving peal for the recovery of His Majesty the King, also rung for the Whitsun festival.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HAROLD HUMFREY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
JACK HONEY 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JOHN NOBES 4	*F. W. BUNCE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Triples.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH H. COX Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

A. BATTIN Treble	W. P. TICKNER 5
C. TRIBE 2	*C. W. PLAYER 6
F. BURDEN 3	K. PATTENDEN 7
W. LAMBERT 4	C. BALLARD Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

* 200th peal. First peal as conductor.

PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES ARMSTRONG Treble	FRED HARWOOD 5
JAMES MILLER 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

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On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. Treble	WILLIE PROCTER 5
JOHN WINDLE 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN. 6
EDWARD GREEN 3	FRED W. RISHWORTH ... 7
VERNEY BAIRSTAW 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's TEN-PART.		Tenor 25 cwt. in D flat.	
*RALPH HORTON	Treble	THOMAS DAVISON	5
HAROLD FLEWELLING ...	2	†HERBERT MARSH	6
JOHN TROUT	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
SYDNEY WILTSHIRE ...	4	†WILFRED E. PAULL ...	Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY WILTSHIRE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung, and first peal in the tower since 1907. Mr. J. Trout was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
MISS NOEL COWTHORNE ...	Treble
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ...	2
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	3
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	4
JOHN THORPE	5
ARTHUR PASHLEY	6
WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
SIDNEY F. PALMER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal was arranged to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal, which was rung on May 19th, 1879, at St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk, it being the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN P. BARKER	Treble	JAMES E. BURLS	5
*NICHOLAS McNEVIN NEWBY	2	WILLIAM ROBINSON	6
*WILFRED BOLTON	3	ARTHUR STEDMAN	7
EDWIN JENNINGS	4	THOMAS METCALF	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

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

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ...	Treble
GEORGE WHITING	2
GEORGE PRYKE	3
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	4
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	5
GEORGE BENNETT	6
GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
ERNEST E. LANHAM ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH.

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

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.	
CHARLES H. WEBB	Treble
JOSEPH B. FENTON	2
*WILLIAM A. STOTH	3
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ...	4
ALFRED BALLARD	5
†GEORGE WILSON	6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	7
ERNEST MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal in the method. † Elected a life member of the M.C.A. previous to the peal. The ringer of the treble hails from Croft, 2nd and 6th from Rugby, 3rd from Coventry, 4th from Burbage, 5th Sloney Stanton, 7th Anstey, tenor Leicester.

COLCHESTER.—For morning service, on Whit Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Double Court: G. Dent 1, H. T. Pye 2, G. Williams 3, G. Rashbrook 4, W. J. Schofield 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.	
ALPHAUS J. BERRY	Treble
*ANTHONY PRICE	2
ERNEST F. POPPY	3
FRANK L. FISHER	4
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	5
LESLIE G. BRETT	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WM. J. GROOM.

* First Surprise peal.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
DAVID WHITING	Treble
ALBERT G. HARRISON ...	2
ALPHAUS J. BERRY	3
ERNEST F. POPPY	4
*FRANK CLARKE	5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	6
WILLIAM STEGGALL	7
CECIL W. PIPE	Tenor

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

* First peal of Double Norwich. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
*THOMAS J. FOWLER	Treble
†WILLIAM E. TAYLOR	2
*JAMES MARR	3
*ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ...	4
JESSE ELDRIDGE	5
WILLIAM WALKER	6
GEORGE MARTIN	7
GEORGE GILBERT	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. E. Taylor, and also as a wedding compliment to Mr. Fred Gilbert (brother of Geo. Gilbert).

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN.	Treble
JOHN WINDLE	2
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW	3
WILLIAM AMBLER	4
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH	5
ROBERT W. JENNISON, JUN.	6
VERNEY BAIRSTOW	7
MILLIGAN HARRISON ...	Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Arranged for F. W. Rishworth, of Perry Barr, Birmingham.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S, Tenor 16 cwt.	
SERG. ALBERT LAWRENCE, Herts Constabulary	Treble
DET. CONST. H. J. POOLE, Leicester City Police	2
*P.C. WALTER CLAYDEN, Reigate Borough Police	3
P.C. CYRIL PEASE, Metropolitan Police	4
*P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY, Metropolitan Police	5
SERG. HAROLD G. JENNEY, Leicester City Police	6
INSPR. WILLIAM BOTTRILL, Metropolitan Police	7
P.C. WILLIAM T. BEESON, Surrey Constabulary	Tenor

Conducted by Det.-Const. H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Metropolitan Police Force. It was the first peal in any Surprise method rung by a band of police officers.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HINTLESHAM.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY J. MEE Treble	GEORGE BENNET 4
CHARLES E. MEE 2	EDGAR RIVERS 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	FRANK ROLFE Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

G. Pryke and G. Bennett from Otley, Suffolk, the rest are members of the Sproughton company.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HARRY DOW Treble	GEORGE MASON 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	NORMAN GEARY 5
JEFFERY GEARY 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal and first attempt. Great credit is due to all the band for ringing such a well-struck peal, as the bells are in a bad condition.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*EDWIN BROMLEY Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
JOHN WHEADON 2	GEORGE BURT 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Surprise.

THORNDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, May 17, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

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 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM BURROWS Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4
JAMES BETTS 2	DAVID WHITING 5
ALPHAS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Minor.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, 720 Kent, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON Treble	TONY PRICE 4
WILLIAM BUNN 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged for Mr. Tony Price.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT HOWARD Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

The ringers of the 2nd and 4th were elected members of the Essex Association previous to starting for the peal, ringers from Dunmow and Great Easton kindly attending to support the election. At the conclusion of the peal, tea was generously provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Widdrington.

Four peals rung during Whitsun week-end by members of

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYMINGE, KENT.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Edburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES,

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ARCHIBALD KAY Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen, Hackington,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*FREDERICK R. WELLER ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Surprise.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	HARRY PARKES 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mildred,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Surprise on this grand peal of bells.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

Preaching at the service prior to the annual meeting of the Sussex Association at Brighton on Whit Monday, the Rev. W. J. R. Allen (Vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd) said the ringers were doing the highest service to the Church when they rang the bells.

'They were, he said, helping the Church to carry on in the task of seeing that the world did not forget Jesus Christ. 'All the time they hear the bells they must think,' he added.

The service, which took place at Brighton Parish Church of St. Peter, was preceded by the ringing of a number of touches at the towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'. Ringing continued at these towers after the meeting, and later in the evening the bells of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Dyke Road were available.

A meat tea, served by Morleys, Brighton, followed the service, after which the general meeting was held.

The Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, who presided, referred to the fact that since the last meeting the association had lost through death three of its principal officers. Before proceeding to the business he suggested they should pay a tribute to the memory of their president, the Bishop of Chichester, one of the vice-presidents, the Bishop of Lewes, and their highly respected hon. treasurer, Mr. Ellman Brown.

The Hon. Gen. Sec., Mr. A. D. Stone, associating himself with the Master's remarks, observed that it was exactly 11 years ago that day when Mr. Ellman Brown became hon. treasurer of the association. 'The association has lost an officer, and the hon. secretary has lost a friend,' concluded Mr. Stone.

The meeting stood for a few moments as a mark of sympathetic respect.

FINANCES.

The financial position, it was stated, was good. Notwithstanding an increased expenditure on rail fares, a useful balance of nearly £4 was shown on the year's work. At the same time members were receiving the maximum benefits compatible with sound finance. The Benevolent Fund continued to be of assistance to members, and hope was expressed that by collections at meetings—the fund's sole source of income—the balance would steadily increase until a total of £100 invested capital was reached. Several new towers had become affiliated, and the co-operation of every member was urged in this direction. 'We make no apology,' concluded the report, 'for reminding members once more than our first duty is to maintain the level of service ringing in our individual towers at the highest possible standard and to spare no pains to attain this end by punctual and regular attendance.'

The general account showed a balance of £116 8s. 4d. from receipts of £179 6s. 6d., and the balance from general account and reserve and benevolent funds totalled £237 10s. 11d.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The Bishop of Chichester was re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were reappointed with the addition of the Bishop of Lewes. Mr. J. T. Rickman was re-elected Master, and he also agreed to fill the office of hon. treasurer. Mr. A. D. Stone, who was again elected hon. secretary, expressed satisfaction at the financial position of the association. Mr. F. Bennett was re-elected as hon. peals secretary, and the hon. auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and R. J. Dawe, were re-elected.

Mr. J. T. Rickman was appointed representative to the Central Council.

It was decided to again hold the annual meeting at Brighton next year.

RAIL FARES.

Some discussion resulted from Mr. G. F. Norris' proposition that rail fares be increased from half-fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to half-fare, maximum 5s. He contended that 1s. 6d. was not sufficient to help in journeys to outlying districts, and suggested that an increase might bring other towers into the association.

The Hon. Secretary asked where the money was coming from. He did not think it would bring other towers in. Practically all those with bands were affiliated.

A representative of the Kent Association said they only paid half-fares to a maximum of 2s. once a year for district meetings. He did not think, for a membership fee of 2s., they should stand a chance of getting back 8s.

An allowance up to 1s. 6d. per member is made for 12 divisional meetings, while for the annual meeting the allowance is up to 2s. 6d., with 1s. 3d. for tea.

After the Chairman had read a letter from Mr. F. B. Tompkins, one of the vice-presidents, expressing the opinion that it would be a mistake to alter the present satisfactory position, Mr. Norris withdrew.

The question of making a grant to Holy Trinity, Rudgwick, whose bells were stated to be cracked and unringable, was raised. The Hon. Secretary pointed out that the association had no fund from which such a grant could be drawn.

Mr. Rodgers was thanked for having instructed the Rogate band.

The following towers were represented: Aldrington, Angmering, Battle, Brighton St. Peter's, St. Nicholas and the Good Shepherd, Burgess Hill, Billingshurst, Chichester, Crawley, Cuckfield, East-

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IRISH ASSOCIATION.

CERTIFICATES OF PROGRESS TO BE ISSUED.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held at Drogheda on Whit Monday in glorious weather. About seventy members attended from Bangor, Holywood, Arklow, Bray, Dublin (four towers) and the local tower. By 10 a.m. the bells of St. Peter's were set swinging, and were kept going till late in the evening, except for the usual intervals, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman being the methods rung. Several of the Northern members got their first touch of Triples (Grandsire), in which they acquitted themselves very creditably.

Luncheon was partaken of at the Central Hotel, followed by the business meeting in the Church Hall, kindly lent for the purpose. The president, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., occupied the chair.

The report showed that most of the members had been 'putting their backs into it' during the past year, and although no peals had been recorded, several branches could now ring Bob Minor who only about a year ago were ringing call changes.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. W. B. Allman, A.M.; secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff; treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson.

Arklow was selected for the next annual meeting, and Mr. Murphy was elected to attend the Central Council meeting in London next year, with an invitation for that body to visit Dublin in the near future.

It was also decided that the association rent a space in 'The Ringers' Directory.'

Regarding a proposal for a second trophy for progress in change ringing, in addition to the shield presented to the society gaining the highest percentage of bells rung for Sunday services, it was decided to issue framed certificates to any society in union which showed progress under the following heads: First 120 Doubles by society; first 720 Minor by society; first 720 Minor by society, in a new method; first 1,260 Triples, etc., by the society; first 5,000 by the society; and subsequent peals in a new method; for a record length by association if over 6,000, such diplomas to have room for a number of subsequent additions.

The challenge shield, in making its first visit to Dublin, was presented to Christ Church Cathedral Society, who obtained 100 per cent., Bray and Arklow being very close on their heels. Mr. R. Lynch, who received the shield for his society, returned thanks.

A substantial tea was provided by the Drogheda ringers, after which Mr. Murphy proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. W. B. Allman for the use of the bells and the Church Hall, to the Drogheda ringers for so kindly providing the tea, and to the ladies who assisted.—Rev. W. B. Allman suitably responded.

Then, while some of the members visited the various places of interest in the neighbourhood, others kept the bells going till motor and train time brought a very successful gathering to a close.

DEVON GUILD.

SUGGESTED FOUNDERS' COMMEMORATION DINNER.

The annual general meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Tiverton on Whit Monday, and attracted an exceptionally large attendance of 226 members and friends. The glorious bells of St. Peter's Church started their music at 10.15, and at noon a service was held, conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. E. Chapman), who gave an inspiring address of welcome, exhortation and thanks. The large party were well catered for at Clapp's Cafe for dinner, after which the business meeting was proceeded with, the Rev. E. S. Powell, chairman, presiding.

Sympathy was expressed with the family of the late Mr. E. Munday, whose sudden death a day or two previously deprived the Tiverton band of one of their oldest members.

The annual report and financial statement for 1928, as published, was adopted, and the officers were re-elected as before.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, and Miss Hanson, branch secretary, for the excellent arrangements made, was duly acknowledged.

A proposal to hold an annual founders' commemoration dinner was referred to a committee consisting of the branch secretaries and officers of the Guild to ascertain the views of the bands severally on the subject.

Exmouth was selected as the place for holding the next annual meeting.

Two life members and nine performing members were elected. Subsequently parties were made up to visit Bickleigh and other neighbouring towns, and Tiverton bells were kept in operation up to 7 p.m.

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bourne St. Saviour's, East Grinstead, Heathfield, Hensfield, Hastings Christ Church, Blacklands, St. Clement's, Hartfield, Lindfield, Pulborough, Ringmer, Seaford, and Worthing, also non-resident members.

A collection taken at the service for the Benevolent Fund amounted to £1 1s. 6d.

The hon. secretary greatly regrets tea could not be provided for all. About 45 were expected according to replies, but 76 were present, and 62 of these were provided for.

NORFOLK GUILD. THE REORGANISATION.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Pulham, St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Whit Monday, when, by the kind permission of the Rectors of St. Mary-the-Virgin and St. Mary Magdalene, the two rings of eight bells were placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon was served at the King's Head, Pulham St. Mary, Mr. G. P. Burton presiding in the absence of the president. He was supported by Messrs. C. E. Borrett, A. L. Coleman (hon. secretary), and a small number of representatives from Norfolk and Suffolk.

The toast of 'The King' was proposed by the chairman and duly honoured.

The secretary brought before the meeting Mr. Charles S. Tuthill's notice with respect to the appointment of an adviser to the Guild on matters pertaining to church bells and belfries.—After a short discussion, it was resolved that the secretary should endeavour to obtain an interview with the Archdeacon of Norwich on the subject and of the possibilities of a representative on the Church Fabrics Advisory Committee for the Diocese.

The Secretary read notice of an amendment to Guild Rule I., handed in at the annual general meeting on April 1st last, viz., 'That Rule I. as regards the title of the Guild be altered in accordance with the referendum.' A short debate followed, whether the word 'Association' or 'Guild' be used in the amended title of the Guild. Mr. C. E. Borrett proposed, and Mr. W. L. Duffield seconded, 'That the notice of the result of the referendum as regards the change of the title of the Guild be ratified, subject to the recommendation that the word "Guild" be substituted for the word "Association" in the amended title, and the matter to come up at a subsequent general meeting of the Guild for ratification.'—The motion was carried nem con.

A sub-committee was appointed to make recommendations for the grouping of the eleven existing districts into three divisions, and it was resolved that a report of the sub-committee be sent to the district secretaries. The following members were appointed to serve: Messrs. C. E. Borrett, F. R. Borrett, G. P. Burton, A. L. Coleman, with the president ex-officio.

The Secretary moved the election of five new members and the re-election of one member and the transfer of three members to life members (non-resident), and these were all duly elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. E. W. Field and to the Rev. R. Stacey for the use of their bells, and also to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. P. Brice for their genial hospitality and hearty welcome, which more than compensated for the small attendance of members.

HISTORIC PEAL RECAST AND REHUNG. REDEDICATION OF BIDEFORD BELLS.

The Bishop of Exeter on Friday afternoon, May 17th, dedicated at St. Mary's Church, Bideford, the peal of eight bells which have just been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, extra metal having been added to make a heavier ring.

The inscriptions which were on the old bells have been copied, and the announcement added that the bells were recast in 1929. The fifth bell has been recast and rehung at the cost of the Nonconformists of the town, through the initiation of the Mayor, Mr. H. W. Fulford, and the bell is inscribed to that effect.

The inscription on the tenor bell, which weighs 17 cwt., records the fact that it was recast and rehung by public subscription in 1929, and bears the name of the Rector, Rev. W. E. Manning, and the churchwardens, Messrs. W. Ascott, F. R. Robertson and J. Street. The total cost of the restoration is approximately £1,000, and the whole of this amount was raised by the day of the dedication.

During the recasting, the church was loaned an ancient bell by the Bideford Corporation, taken from the local museum.

The official ceremony was attended by the Mayor and Corporation in State, and the Lord Bishop, in his address, congratulated the people on their gift, and more especially as it had not come from one section of the populace. His lordship recalled that at Bideford the bells were not merely used for calling them to worship, but were used in olden times to warn the town in the time of pirates. At one time, he thought, Lundy was the rendezvous of such pirates. He supposed one of the occasions when those bells were used was on the historic night of the invasion of the Armada. Then those bells had clashed with joy when the news came that the Armada had been absolutely destroyed, and that England was safe from the Inquisition.

Following the service there was a public tea and a dance, and the bells were rung by eight visiting hands of ringers, all of whom were loud in their praises as to the tone and 'go' of the peal.

A special feature of the restoration is the treatment of the tower roof to the designs of the bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co. A most wonderful effect has been produced, resulting in the bells being heard over a very large area, and reports came in late on the night of the dedication day that the bells were distinctly audible at villages five miles away, which had never before heard any sound of Bideford bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. D. Boreham 1, J. Kimber 2, R. M. Kimber 3, H. Stratford 4, F. G. Biggs 5, John Evans 6, R. Biggs (conductor) 7, J. Evans 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

St. Clement's Youths, attached to the famous Church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand, have just joined the Central Council. The report of a peal at Creswell, Derbyshire, has been sent without the date.

Twenty years ago to-day a peal of 11,040 Double Norwich Major was rung at Leiston.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 14,031 Stedman Caters rung on handbells at Guildford in 1912. The time occupied was 7 hrs. 3 mins. The previous longest length on handbells was 13,440 Rob Major rung at Pudsey on June 5th, 1911.

The first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham was 5,324 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's on June 3rd, 1773.

Bow bells were rung for the first time as a peal of ten on June 4th, 1762.

The 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Debenham in 10 hrs. 32 mins. on June 6th, 1892.

THE BELLS OF EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

Some few years ago the bells of this very fine old church were tuned and rehung and a new treble added, making a good peal of six. Not long afterwards hopes ran high for the completion of the octave, as the Vicar of the parish at that time promised to give the bells. But alas! death called him away from Edenham. It was found later that he had bequeathed a sum of money to provide the bells, but once again hopes vanished, for owing to some difficulty arising word came that the money for the bells would not be forthcoming.

The parish is now tackling the job, and with this object in view a bazaar, etc., was held last Whit Monday, and a sum of £50 was realised. There is a band of ten Sunday service ringers who will be grateful if any kind friends, who are interested in their effort to improve the peal, will help them to raise the next £50 or £100 by sending donations to Arthur I. Holmes, hon. treasurer of the Bell Fund, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs. All contributions, large or small, will be gratefully acknowledged.

FIRST PEAL IN YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The rule books of the Ancient Society of College Youths (1912, page 13; 1928, page 14) state that in 1787 the society visited York and rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, and two days previously rang Treble Bob at Halifax, and these are recorded as the first peals in the county. There is a peal board at Sheffield, dated March 8th, 1785, recording a peal of 5,120 Union Treble Bob (eight in), and the band who rang this also rang on November 30th, 1787, 6,018 'Cambridge Surprise.'

Can any of your readers tell me if the 1785 peal is the earliest complete 5,000 in Yorkshire?—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A successful monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Clifton, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 25th. About twenty members and friends journeyed there in delightful weather, the following towers being represented: Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Shilton, Willoughby and the local band. Tea was provided by the Vicar (Rev. E. P. Hindley) and Mrs. Hindley, and was much appreciated. It was partaken of in the Vicarage garden.

The five bells of the church were kept going during the afternoon and evening to touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, some of the local band being shepherded through their first 120.

F. G. NEWMAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged £18 18s., Mr. W. H. Fussell 3s., Messrs. John Taylor and Co. £1, Mr. Geo. Thompson 2s., Mr. Robert Green 2s. 6d., Anonymous 10s., Mr. Jas. George 2s. 6d., Mr. A. B. Peck 2s. 6d., Mr. W. Willson 5s.; total, £21 5s. 6d. Contributions should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham S.W.4.

ODDFELLOWS' DATE TOUCH.

At St. Mary's Church, Eccleston, Lancashire, on Sunday, May 26th, a date touch of 1,929 changes, comprising 489 Plain Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble-Bob Minor, was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins.: Bro. T. Barker 1, Bro. H. Nelson 2, Bro. H. Lucas 3, Bro. F. Rigby (conductor) 4, Bro. H. France, P.P.G.M., 5, Bro. G. Bradley, P.P.G.M., 6. This touch was rung before afternoon service in connection with the centenary celebrations of the 'Loyal Orphans Protection' Lodge, of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows.

THE KING'S RETURN TO WINDSOR.

At the Parish Church, Windsor, on May 15th, for the homecoming of His Majesty the King, 223 Grandsire Triples before arrival, 504 Grandsire Triples after arrival: T. Smith, R. Gale, W. Phipps, F. Knight, A. Bateman G. Barkus, L. Stilwell (conductor), G. Adecock.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE ATTENDANCE AT CHELMSFORD.

The third session of the thirteenth Council (37th annual meeting) was held in the Cathedral Hall, Chelmsford, on Whitsun Tuesday. The following representatives were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes and T. Faulkner.
 Bath and Wells Association: Mr. J. Hunt.
 Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman.
 Cambridge University Guild: Mr. E. M. Atkins.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. C. A. Clements, Messrs. E. W. Ellwell, R. D. Langford and R. Sperring.
 Devonshire Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. F. J. Davey.
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Messrs. T. T. Goffton and W. H. Barber.
 Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake and Mr. T. R. Dennis.
 Essex County Association: Messrs. C. H. Howard, G. R. Pye, W. J. Nevard, and E. J. Butler.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, W. Shepherd and R. Whittington.
 Hertford County Association: Mr. F. W. Elliott.
 Kent County Association: Messrs. E. Barnett, sen., and T. Groombridge, sen.
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.
 Lancashire Association: Messrs. H. Chapman, W. H. Shuker and P. Crook.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Revs. H. Law James and H. T. Parry, Messrs. R. Richardson and J. T. Brown.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Bolton.
 London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker.
 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.
 Midland Counties Association: Messrs. W. Willson and J. H. Swinfield.
 Norfolk Guild: Messrs. A. L. Coleman and G. P. Burton.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. J. Evans and F. W. Hopgood.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. W. Milford, R. G. Black, F. Hopper and T. Tebbutt.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Beams and S. Hillier.
 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.
 Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. C. Mee, C. J. Sedgley and S. H. Symonds.
 Surrey Association: Mr. C. Dean.
 Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. A. J. Pitman.
 Truro Diocesan Guild: Mr. W. H. Southeard.
 Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. H. Argyle and F. W. Perrins.
 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. Williams.
 Worcestershire and Districts Association: Mr. J. Salter.
 Hon. members: Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Griffin, C. F. Johnston, H. W. Wilde, J. H. B. Hesse, C. F. Johnston, J. George, J. S. Goldsmith, W. A. Cave and E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary and treasurer).

The chair was taken by Canon Coleridge (president) who opened the proceedings with prayer. At the outset, Canon Morrow, Sub-Dean and Rector of Chelmsford, and the Mayor of Chelmsford were present to welcome the Council, and the President, referring to this fact, said they had hoped to have the Bishop with them, but unfortunately he was prevented by other engagements. Had it not been for these, nothing would have given him greater pleasure than to welcome the Council to the diocese.

Canon Morrow, who extended a welcome to the members on behalf of the Church, said that during the past twenty or thirty years the whole personnel of the ringers had practically changed. The whole idea of ringing had been placed on a much higher level, and this was due to the labours of the organisations which that Council represented. Anything they could do in Chelmsford to make their visit a happy one they would be pleased to do (applause).

The Mayor gave a hearty welcome to the members on behalf of the city to what he described as one of the most beautiful of English counties and one of the 'hubs of the universe,' of which they were very proud. As the members of the Council would have seen for themselves on the previous day, the art which they particularly represented was flourishing in that county with the rest of things. He hoped the Council's session would be as happy and successful as good welcome could make it.

The Council then turned to the business of the day, and after confirming the minutes of the meeting at Hereford, received apologies for absence from the following members: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, A. T. Beeston, H. S. T. Richardson, F. J. O. Helmore, Canon Elsee, E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. J. W. Parker, J. Cotterill and the other representatives of the Yorkshire Association, J. S. Pritchett, A. Paddon Smith, H. Knight, E. H. Lewis, H. Haigh, W. Barton, W. Ayre, J. Clark, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender and H. G. Fretwell.

The President said the reason why some of these members could not be present was on account of illness. He did not like to single

out one beyond another, but if there was one whose absence caused them especial regret it was the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was their secretary for eighteen years, and who was the life and soul of the Council while he held office.

FINANCE.

The statement of accounts, audited by Messrs. J. Griffin and A. A. Hughes, was then presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer. The balance in the bank at the beginning of the year was £26 15s. 6d. The receipts included £5 5s. for the broadcast lecture on bells, £15 2s. 6d. in affiliation fees from the associations, and £5 interest on investments. The expenditure showed a loss on sale of publications of £3 9s., secretary's expenses £2 10s. 9d., Peals Collection Committee's expenses £5 2s. 6d., expenses in connection with the broadcast lecture £6 19s. 6d., printing and advertising £2 1s. 9d., leaving a balance in the bank of £31 19s. 6d.

Mr. Young added that subscriptions to the Council were due on January 1st, and notice of this fact appeared in 'The Ringing World' within two or three months of this date, calling attention to the fact. Unfortunately, a great number of the subscriptions did not come in until the last minute, and it was therefore difficult for him to get his balance sheet out. He hoped that secretaries in future would send him the affiliation fees as soon after the first of January as possible, or at any rate not after Easter. If they would do so it would be a great help. Mr. Young then explained the expenses incurred in connection with the broadcast lecture, which actually cost the Council about 35s. The subscriptions came from the same number of associations, one association, the Gloucester and Bristol, having gone out, one Guild, the Oxford University Guild, having come in.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Hughes.

The Hon. Librarian (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) presented his report as follows: There is not much to be said regarding the sale of publications during the past year. The amount realised is £6 5s. 3d., that is one pound in excess of the previous year, and this is owing to better business being done by the 'on sale or return' agents. There is an adverse balance of £3 9s. I had hoped to have two revised books for sale, namely, 'Rules for a Company' and 'Minor Methods,' but it was not to be. 'On the Preservation of Bells, etc.,' issued in 1892, may now be said to be out of print, as only a few copies are left. A new issue of this may well be considered. It might be worth while also having some more cards printed of 'Outlines of Change Ringing,' but that is only a small affair. Regarding the library, I have received the last instalment of the Treble Boh Peals Collection, a stupendous work in type, of which the Library possesses three copies and the Peal Collection Committee one. Mrs. Fletcher is again to be heartily thanked for her work and congratulated on its result (applause). The Heywood MSS. are still with Mr. Trollope, awaiting a report from him, when he can spare time to make one amid his many labours for the Exercise.

The Librarian added that it was rather remarkable that there had been a demand especially for their publications which had to do with the care of bells and so forth. Mr. Jenkyn also commented on the fact that he received numerous applications for things which were out of print. He wished members of the Exercise generally would watch the advertisements more carefully, and he would then be saved a good deal of writing and postage.

THE HEYWOOD MSS.

The Hon. Secretary said he had been in consultation with Mr. Trollope with regard to the Heywood MSS., and it was very difficult to say what should be destroyed and what kept. What they destroyed to-day might be valuable in 25 years' time, and they therefore came to the conclusion that the best thing would be to have the papers sorted out, put into covers, docketed, and put away so that they might be reviewed at some time in the future when, perhaps, they would be of more service than they were to-day.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the MSS. consisted largely of letters which Sir Arthur Heywood received when he was corresponding with various people while writing the articles which appeared in 'Bell News' and afterwards in books like the book on 'Stedman Triples.' They consisted chiefly of letters from Mr. Thompson, Rev. Earle Bulwer and one or two other people. A large proportion of the letters were unintelligible unless one took a great deal of trouble, because they only had one side of the correspondence. They had the letters from Thompson, for example, but they had not got Heywood's letters to Thompson. At that time Thompson was working out the application of the theory of Q sets to methods like Bob Major and also Cambridge Surprise. He (Mr. Trollope) was rather interested to find that Thompson had anticipated lots of things which they thought were not found out until much later. Thompson had anticipated a good deal of what Sir Arthur Heywood wrote in 'Bell News' that proved that there was not more than one true peal of Cambridge Major with tenors together. Those papers, therefore, were not such as could be read like one would read a novel, but they might be of use to some selected person who might turn up in the next twenty or fifty years. He would not advocate their being destroyed. There were manuscripts in Bulwer's writing, on his articles on Stedman Triples, and a fairly complete manuscript in the writing of Haley, and lots of odds and ends of methods and letters on the theory of change ringing, which Heywood thought were worth

preserving, and he (Mr. Trollope) did not think should be destroyed. At the suggestion of the President, the Council decided that the book on the Preservation of Bells should be revised and brought up to date before being republished.

NEW HONORARY MEMBER.

The President said four hon. members retired by rotation—Mrs. Edwards, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. James George, and Mr. H. W. Wilde. The Standing Committee had taken this matter into careful consideration and had come to the conclusion that as Mrs. Edwards had not attended any meeting of the Council it would not be advisable to re-elect one who was not an active member. In place of Mrs. Edwards, the Standing Committee were anxious to put forward for nomination a well-known member of the Exercise, one who had done a tremendous amount of work for the Council in many ways, and who had now ceased to be a representative member, owing to the Gloucester and Bristol Association having withdrawn. He was invaluable to the Council, and the Standing Committee thought he ought to be on the Council in some way or other—he referred to Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol (applause).

Mr. J. Hunt said it was with great regret he heard of the withdrawal of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and he congratulated the Standing Committee on having suggested the retention on the Council of Mr. Cave, who was an able and capable man. He proposed that the Standing Committee's recommendation be adopted. Several members rose to second, and the Rev. E. S. Powell was accepted as seconder.

The motion was carried, and the President, in the name of the Council, congratulated Mr. Cave. He said it would be a thousand pities if that great district covered by the Gloucester and Bristol Association was not represented in some way or other.

Mr. Cave briefly thanked the Council for electing him.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. J. George and Mr. H. W. Wilde were re-elected.

After presentation of 'new' members to the Council (Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, now representing the Ely Diocesan instead of the Hertford County Association; Mr. F. W. Elliott, Hertford County; and Mr. W. Shepherd, Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Hon. Secretary mentioned the loss by death of Mr. J. D. Drewett (Surrey Association), Mr. R. B. Chambers (Midland Counties Association), and Mr. R. Holloway (Middlesex County Association), and the Council stood in silence as a mark of respect.

On behalf of the Standing Committee, the Hon. Secretary reported that as only about 30 applications were received from members for cheap railway tickets for that meeting, and as the minimum number was a hundred, no request was made to the railway companies for the issue of vouchers, but he hoped, when they met in London next year, there would be a sufficient demand to enable them avail themselves of the facilities.

RINGERS AND THANKSGIVING DAY.

With regard to the King's recovery, there would shortly be a thanksgiving day, and the Standing Committee proposed that, in connection with that event, they should send to the King a letter of congratulation, and giving particulars of the peals rung in celebration of the occasion.

The Council's 'Roll of Honour' of Ringers who fell in the war had been brought up to date. It was rather wonderful that Mr. Jonkyn was able to get it as complete as it had proved to be. After four or five years they had only had to add six more names. Those had now been added. Their roll was one of the finest pieces of workmanship of its kind that had been produced, and the writer had called attention to the fact that it had been rather badly treated by those who had inspected it. He asked them all to use the book as tenderly as possible, and particularly to be careful not to finger-mark the pages or to damage the leaves in turning them. With regard to Carter's ringing machine, which was now in the custody of the Council, and was in the museum, a new motor had been put to it, and a form of resistance had been put in whereby a defect in the machine—if one could speak of a defect in such a marvellous machine—had been remedied. In the past the machine had been apt to be a trifle too fast in striking, especially in Cinques, but this had now been adjusted, so that if necessary it could be struck as if it were a muffled peal. The machine had been overhauled, and he hoped it might be exhibited, if not before, at any rate in November.

The President said the Standing Committee thought they should not send a letter expressing thankfulness at the King's recovery to His Majesty at the present time, but that, after the day of thanksgiving, and when peals, possibly, had been rung all over the country, it would be more fitting that they should collect these peals, make a resumé of them, and send them to the King to show what the ringers of England had done in the way of practical thanksgiving. They would let him know how many peals of 5,000 had been rung, where they were rung, and how long each peal had taken. He thought that would open the eyes of those in authority very considerably to the loyalty of the ringers (applause).

It was stated that the date fixed was June 16th, and at a later stage of the meeting, replying to Mr. James George, the President said they hoped to include in the list to be sent to His Majesty all the peals rung as a thanksgiving, whether they were rung on the 16th or before or after. Doubtless many would be rung in the following week. (To be continued.)

POLICE GUILD'S FIRST SURPRISE PEAL.

CELEBRATION OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE CENTENARY.

Last Saturday was the one hundredth anniversary of the passing of the Metropolitan Police Improvements Bill by the House of Commons, and the event was celebrated by a parade of some 12,000 members of the Metropolitan Force. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales inspected the parade in Hyde Park, and afterwards took the salute in front of Buckingham Palace.

The Metropolitan Police Guild of Ringers were officially detailed to ring for the occasion, and appeared on the official programme and in the orders of the day.

Twelve officers and men of the Metropolitan Police, assisted by Sergt. H. Jenney, and Det.-Constable H. J. Poole, Leicester City Police, Sergt. W. Dowding, Birmingham City, Sergt. A. Lawrence, Herts Constabulary, P.O. W. T. Beeson, Surrey Constabulary, and P.C. Walter Clayden, Reigate Borough Police, took part in the day's ringing.

Prior to the parade a representative band rang on the bells of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, conducted by Det.-Constable H. J. Poole. This is the first peal of Surprise ever rung by a band of police officers, and it was most appropriate that the occasion should be so marked in the annals of ringing, and especially in the annals of the Police Guild.

During the parade and march past the Guild rang on the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, by kind permission of Canon Carnegie, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,259 changes) in 50 mins., the band being: Sergt. G. Schleuter, Metropolitan, 1, Insp. W. Bottrill, Metropolitan, 2, P.C. Elliott, Metropolitan, 3, P.C. Brown, Metropolitan, 4, Sergt. Shipp, Metropolitan, 5, Det.-Sergt. W. Dowding, Birmingham, 6, P.C. C. Pease, Metropolitan, 7, Sergt. T. Walters, Metropolitan, 8, P.C. T. Bannister, Metropolitan (conductor), 9, and P.C. Taylor, Metropolitan, 10. On the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, by kind permission of Canon McCormick, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,261 changes) in 55 mins., was rung by: Insp. Bottrill 1, Det.-Constable H. J. Poole, Leicester City (conductor) 2, Sergt. W. Dowding, Birmingham City, 3, P.C. C. Pease 4, P.C. F. Digby, Metropolitan, 5, Sergt. T. Walters 6, Sergt. A. Lawrence, Herts Constabulary, 7, P.C. T. Bannister, 8, P.C. W. T. Beeson, Surrey Constabulary 9, P.C. Wilmington, Metropolitan, 10.

The Metropolitan Police Guild wish to thank Mr. W. Hewitt, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Mr. J. D. Matthews, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, for the excellent arrangements made at those towers, and Rev. W. Neep, Rector of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Spink, towerkeeper, for having the bells in readiness.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Chiddingfold on Saturday. About thirty members and visitors from St. Nicolas' and the Cathedral Church, Guildford, Godalming, Haslemere, Old Woking, the local company, Crawley, Seale, Pulborough, Aldershot, and Kirdford were present. The bells were available from three o'clock. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea was provided in the Village Hall, and the business meeting followed. The Vicar (Rev. E. P. Pellos) was unable to stop to the meeting, but before he left a vote of thanks to him and to the organist was carried with applause. He was also elected an hon. member of the Guild.

The Surrey Association North Western District, having suggested holding a joint meeting with this district at Guildford, it was resolved, subject to obtaining the bells, to agree to this. The loss by death of two members, namely, Mr. William Moorey, of Godalming, and Mr. Sidney Radford, of St. Nicolas', Guildford, was reported, and the members stood in silence for a few moments.

Three new ringing members and one compounding member were elected.

Mr. A. Pulling gave an interesting report of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford.

Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the day.

A 'LONG' 240.

To mark the anniversary of the induction of the Rector (the Rev. the Hon. S. G. W. Maitland, M.A.), after meeting short for a peal, with the assistance of the captain of the local ringers, Mr. Wright, visitors to Ingestre, Stafford, on Whit Saturday rang several touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. The church, on the estate of the Earl of Shrewsbury, is full of interesting features, not the least being the bells, which, with one exception, No. 5, were cast in Rome in 1692.

On the wall of the ringing chamber it is recorded that a peal consisting of 240 changes was rung (for a wedding) in one hour and five minutes!

The visitors, Messrs. C. Smith and R. G. Lewis (Uttoxeter), A. W. Hall (Cheddar R.C.), W. H. Curson (Overseal), and R. H. Dove (St. Peter's, Croydon), take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for his excellent hospitality afterwards.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Chippenham, Wilts, on Whit Monday. Proceedings commenced with ringing at the towers of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches, both very nice peals of eight bells.

At noon a ringers' service was held in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. W. F. Wood.

Luncheon was partaken of at the Bear Hotel, where the Mayor of Chippenham welcomed the association to the town and wished them every future prosperity.

The business meeting was afterwards held, by kind permission of the Vicar, in the grounds of the Vicarage. In delightful weather, the beautiful setting of the gardens was enhanced by the steady waters of the River Avon, upon which some very fine swans moved gracefully.

A tree was used as a 'dais,' and the meeting opened with the hon. secretary reading a letter from the Master (Rev. C. D. P. Davies), stating that infirmity prevented his attendance that day, and, furthermore, asked for his release from office upon that account.

The Hon. Secretary asked the meeting to elect a chairman, and this position was entrusted to Rev. E. S. Saleby, an hon. member.

Arising from the minutes, the Secretary stated that Messrs. Leaker, Hale and Shepherd had been appointed advisers on behalf of the Association.

Apologies for absence were read from the Revs. Davies, Phillips, Pennington, Stephens, Gott, and Chambers, and from Sir Audley Need, Messrs. Howell and Spurrier.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. Lansdown) presented a statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £80 in the general fund, £39 in the belfry repair fund, and £8 12s. in the peal book fund, making a grand total of about £120.

Mr. Yeend (Cheltenham) thought that the members were neglecting the belfry repair fund.—The balance sheet was adopted as read.

Mr. E. Guise (the hon. secretary) moved that the association cease to affiliate to the Central Council of Church Bellringers. His points in favour of this step were that ringers throughout the country really thought that they sent 'delegates.' Only a few weeks ago 'The Ringing World' had recorded the meeting of the Midland Counties Association, and the committee of that body had used these words: 'That they agreed the expenses of their "delegates" to the Central Council should be paid,' and later in their report that the 'delegates' be instructed to vote in favour of an item upon the Central Council agenda. The whole difficulty had arisen by the Council referring an item from their agenda to the associations, yet, at the following meeting, upon a member stating that he had been instructed to vote in favour, although he was personally against, the ruling given was that he was there as a member of the Council and not as a 'delegate' from his association. Another point was that the associations were not considered. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association had placed an item upon the Central Council agenda in 1926, and although it was accepted by the Central Council officials several weeks before their meeting, with the proposer and seconder given, it was left to the day of the meeting and then not allowed to be put, the ruling being, 'I will not allow it to be put as it is the pious opinion of one association.' Furthermore, not only was the association so treated, but the officials had, during the last few weeks, been treated somewhat discourteously in the following way: On March 19th, 1929, the hon. secretary of the Central Council had been informed that the affiliation fees could not be paid pending a decision on the motion upon the agenda of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and to this he had replied acknowledging the information. It was clearly pointed out that these fees, in the event of the motion being defeated, would be placed in the hands of the Central Council's hon. secretary at 9 a.m. on Whit Tuesday, so that the representatives would be qualified to vote. On or about April 23rd the hon. secretary of the Central Council actually accepted anonymously affiliation fees from the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and without ascertaining its validity forwarded an official receipt. Upon being pressed for further information, he replied unless the donor relieved him of his anonymity he could not give his name, also that he failed to see how he had been discourteous to the duly appointed officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Mr. Guise asked, Could the meeting conceive that such an action was possible on the part of the hon. secretary of the Central Council?

The Chairman thought that the definition of the word 'representative' was not clearly made out, and suggested a motion. Mr. Austin favoured this, but Mr. Yeend thought it too mild, and supported the motion as put.

Mr. Jeffries, in the absence of Mr. Gould (through illness), seconded the motion.

Mr. Cave, speaking against the motion, asked what would the association have done without the publications of the Central Council? Passages were quoted from the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood's speech at the inauguration of the Council. Mr. Cave mentioned that the Council were trying to place practical ringers as advisers upon the Diocesan Advisory Boards. There was, he urged, a good deal to thank the Council for.

Mr. Bishop, in a brief speech supporting Mr. Cave, said that in his opinion the Council had not only done their work, but had done it extremely well.

Mr. Prescott, expressing an opinion upon the motion, said it was in the interests of the representatives to regard their associations' views, and he felt certain that if a representative did not do that, he would soon find himself left out in the subsequent elections.

Mr. Braven, waving a frame, said, 'Look what the Central Council does for the young ringers.' (Since the meeting it has been ascertained that the frame contained a letter from the hon. secretary of the Central Council commending him upon his work in teaching the young ringers at St. Luke's, Bristol, and further congratulating him upon the ringing of 100 peals on the tenor behind, to Triples, Caters and Cinques.)

No one else wished to speak against the motion, and the Chairman asked Mr. Guise to speak, and then the motion would be put.

Mr. Guise, replying first to Mr. Prescott, said that it was impossible, according to the rules of the Council, to be other than a member of that body, and he would ask what was the value of two members who, as was quite possible, each voted for opposite views. Better to have spared the expense incurred and only send one. Replying to Mr. Cave, he said that there were books that could be obtained for a small sum, and, after all, the Council had been in existence for nearly 40 years, and as this meant a sum of £4,000 provided by ringers and associations, they would expect some results. He mentioned the sum of £4,000 as an approximate sum, of course, but the members would realise what this sum of money was worth. It had been suggested that he (Mr. Guise) should place the matter before the Council, but his reply was that the Council could not be approached from within, and a good deal of talking would be done by other associations when they realised that a large association like theirs decided to withdraw. Upon all matters of importance to the Exercise, the associations should be considered an authority, and they alone should have the right to decide which way their representatives voted. Upon scientific matters the representatives could be entrusted to use their discretion, but the Council was a Council of 'church bellringers' according to their own terms, and the question of scientific matters was of secondary importance. Another point, Mr. Guise said, was that the five and six bell ringers had had their enthusiasm damped by the continued bartering of what they could ring, and what they must not, and the effect of that upon the Gloucester and Bristol Association was a drop of from 14 to 8 peals upon five and six bells during the last year.

He then moved, 'That the words "and shall be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bellringers" be deleted from the rules.'

Upon being put to the meeting, the motion was carried by 35 votes to 25 votes against.

It was decided that the recently created office of Ringing Master should be abolished.

A new rule was agreed to in which prize ringing would not be allowed.

A necessary adjustment was made to a branch rule.

The vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

Rev. E. S. Saleby was elected Master, Mr. P. C. Williams was elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. Guise was re-elected hon. secretary. Mr. A. Wright was re-elected hon. peal secretary.

Rev. E. J. Phillips and Mr. C. H. Gordon were reappointed hon. auditors. Messrs. Perrens, Coles, Duffield and Bennett were elected life members, and the popular Mayor of Chippenham was elected an hon. member.

Lydney was chosen as the next place of meeting in 1930 on May 31st.

Votes of thanks to Rev. E. S. Saleby as chairman, to the Vicar, organist of St. Andrew's, and the Mayor of Chippenham, were accorded, while the officials of the past year were also thanked for their work.—This brought the meeting to a close.

BELLS ON BALL BEARINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to our notice that a pamphlet recently issued from Croydon contains a statement to the effect that the first peal of bells to be fitted throughout with ball bearings was at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, in 1919.

May we, through the medium of your columns, draw the attention of those interested to the fact that in the early part of 1914 we fitted ball bearings to the eight bells of the new peal from our foundry which we hung at Hensingham Church, Cumberland.

We may add that in 1913 we had hung on ball bearings six of the eight bells at Chester-le-Street, and in that same year, 1913, we had hung very many bells on ball bearings, including the tenors of such well-known peals as Lincoln Cathedral, Loughborough Parish Church, Chewton Mendip, Somerset, Rainham, Kent, Newport, St. Woolos' (now Cathedral) St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Also, in 1914, the tenor at Waltham Abbey, and at Longney, Glos, the full peal of eight bells.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN TAYLOR AND CO.

WINCHESTER AND OXFORD GUILDS JOIN HANDS.

A very successful joint meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild and the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Highclere, Hants, on Saturday, May 18th, over 40 members and friends being present. The following towers were represented: Binfield, Brightwalton, Bucklebury, East Isley, Newbury and Thatcham from the Oxford side, and Highclere, North Stoneham, St. Mary Bourne, Winchester, Wootton St. Lawrence, and Woolton Hill from the Winchester area. Ringing, carried on in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major, commenced upon the musical ring of eight at 3 p.m., and continued, with a break for service and tea, up to 9 o'clock, a feature of the ringing being the handling and striking of the band of ladies from Bucklebury.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Highclere, the Rev. G. D. Dunlop, M.A., who, after welcoming the members to Highclere, gave a very interesting and helpful address upon 'Fellowship,' which the Church and the ringing Guilds, as part of the Church, stood for.

A splendid tea was enjoyed in the school, the Vicar of Highclere very generously paying half the cost. The Rev. L. R. Majendie (Rector of Newbury) presided, and was supported by Rev. F. C. Sear, Rev. G. G. Dunlop, Mr. W. Andrews, etc.

The Rev. L. R. Majendie said that all present would be sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. H. W. Curtis (Newbury Branch secretary), who was thus prevented from being present. Mr. Curtis had looked forward to this meeting, and was keenly disappointed.—Mr. Andrews, in reply, voiced the regret of all present at the absence of Mr. Curtis, and the Chairman promised to convey to him the best wishes of the members.

The Chairman said that it was hoped to arrange a return meeting at Newbury on August 10th.

A NEW PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

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672453.2	536472.2	473265.5
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543267.5	532467.3	237546.5
675324.2	745632.1	742365.3
436275.1	647253.5	537642.1
674352.3	536724.2	745326.2
236574.1	735462.5	637245.1
742653.2	437256.5	376245.4
537264.2	374256.4	273564.5
375264.4	273645.5	572438.5
273456.5	342756.3	645372.1
472635.5	673542.1	576423.3
234756.3	736542.4	345276.1
672534.1	647325.3	243657.5
346257.2	476325.4	432657.4
243765.5	534276.1	634725.5
572643.1	475362.3	576234.1
435267.2	234675.1	635742.3
674523.2	472356.3	276435.1
236457.2	374625.5	632754.3
742536.1	743625.4	546273.2
237465.3	647532.5	735624.2
432576.5	736425.3	637452.5
534627.5	437562.5	246537.1
275463.2	374562.4	632475.3
632547.2	573246.5	436527.5
246375.3	735246.4	534762.5
532746.1	547362.3	275634.1
245367.3	235647.1	342567.2
732645.1	472563.2	673254.2
637524.5	574326.5	736254.4
246753.2	635274.1	547623.2
532674.2	746523.2	475623.4
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436752.5	542763.2	642735.1
274536.1	375642.1	576342.1
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734526.5	435726.4	or
347526.4	734652.5	S. 324567.2
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	376452.3	S. 234567.1

This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples having only three bells called Before. There are 118 bobs and 2 singles.

EMPIRE DAY.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Friday, May 24th, in celebration of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 50 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, C. Wells 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

NOTICES.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Pinner, Saturday, June 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea (usual terms) and meeting to follow. A nice summer outing, lovely bells and pretty country! Cheap trains from Baker Street, and other Metropolitan Stations.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, June 1st. Meeting at 2.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Parish Institute. Service at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's, Portsea. Tea at 5 p.m. in Institute. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (8), 12 to 2 p.m. and during the evening, St. Mary's (8), during afternoon (if meeting finishes early) and evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—G. Pullinger, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Willington (6) on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Cople bells are not available for this meeting.—J. T. Newington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 1st. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at disposal of ringers early. Meat tea will be provided at Cooke's Café at 5 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. to 4.50 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. R. Peel, Vicar of Cuckney. Please notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, number for tea. Members from kindred associations will be heartily welcomed.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secretaries.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Bagshot on June 1st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea, in Parish Hall, 5.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested at this meeting.—B. H. Clark, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District. — The next district meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Reports (6d.) may be obtained. A good attendance requested.—John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Rowde bells (6) also available afternoon and evening. Bus service from Devizes to Rowde (2 miles), Bromham (4 miles).—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Bolsover, June 1st. Bells will be open early. Tea at 5. Entries will be received for ringing contest to be held at Ecclesfield in July.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dallington, Northampton, on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (6) 2.30, service 4.15, tea at 5 o'clock. Business important.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Kingston, near Corfe Castle, on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing from 3, service 4.30, tea 5.15.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, June 1st. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, June 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next meeting for ringing only will take place at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, June 1st. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Kingston, near Corfe Castle, on Saturday, June 1st. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. B. D. Beeley). Tea at 5.15, by his kind invitation, in the Vicarage grounds (if wet, in the Reading Room). Corfe Castle bells (6) are also available.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, 2nd, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 3rd and 17th, at 7.30 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice, Wednesday evenings, 7 to 8.30 p.m. Ringing, Sundays, 2nd and 16th June, at 5.30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Annual outing Saturday, June 22nd, to Stratford-on-Avon. Train leaves Paddington

Station at 11.28 a.m. Fare 5s. Will all members desiring to attend advise hon. sec.?—Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A., Rector; F. W. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 6th and 20th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, *Coffee Pot on the 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Petham (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. So that arrangements may be made for tea, will those intending being present kindly notify me on or before Thursday, June 6th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting to follow. Archdeacon Howson will be present. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting and notify me before Tuesday, June 4th, of their intention of doing so.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 8th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. W. E. Mills is providing tea free. All ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea.—F. M. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting is to be held at Tring on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. All welcome. Cheap fares by train and bus. Numbers for tea would help.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 8th. Will members kindly reserve this date?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The branch meeting, which should have been held at Tarleton on Saturday, June 8th, is postponed to a later date, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held jointly at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, June 8th. Kirkby bells available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., with Peckleton to follow. Tea at Kirkby Mallory. A good meeting is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—June 8th, the annual meeting, at Steeple Claydon. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. C. Bass, the Vicar. This service will be the thanksgiving for the rehang of the bells; it is 30 years since they were rung. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please send numbers to the hon. sec. on Monday, June 3rd.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District.—Meeting at Framsdon on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m., also the restored ring at Helmingham, it being proposed to meet there first at the above hour. Tea in Mission Room, Framsdon, 5 p.m., 1s. each, to be followed by short business meeting. Please notify for tea by Thursday, June 6th.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting is to be held on June 8th at Middleham in Wensleydale, Yorks, where the peal of 8 bells, by kind permission of the Vicar, will be available for ringing. All members are requested to make this meeting a success, and ringing friends will be cordially welcomed. Tea will be served at the Commercial Hotel, Middleham, at 2s. per head, and notice should be sent to Mr. H. Parrish, Castle Hill, Middleham, by Thursday, May 30th, who will make the necessary arrangements.—J. W. Addison, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 5th.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Offley on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service and dedication of a peal board at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Bus service from Hitchin and Luton every half-hour. A good attendance is requested. Please notify me if you require tea.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Wednesday Guild will be held in Sunderland on June 12th. Meet at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, at 2.30. Tea at North of England Café, Fawcett Street, at 5. Ringing at St. Ignatius' Church after tea. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. G. Siddle, Sec., 16, Poplar Street, Chester-le-Street, not later than June 10th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Mid-week practice meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Thursday, June 13th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. All those requiring tea must notify me not later than June 11th.—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rackenford on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup Contest.—Open to all towers in above association. Will be held on Saturday, June 15th. It is hoped all will join at once. The last practice day is June 1st. Draw 2.45. First band to compete at 3.15. All ringers and friends are invited. Tea will be provided in Parochial Church Room, 1s. 6d. each. It is essential for number to be sent to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, before June 12th. The village is purely agricultural, and no other accommodation for tea exists.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marsden on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 1.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. S. Whitehead, Throstle Nest, Marsden, near Huddersfield, not later than Friday, June 14th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 12th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Ringing meeting.—Both at Worplesdon, June 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Bruce, to all who send in their names by June 10th. Ladies' Guild members please notify Miss H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham. Guildford Diocesan Guild members please notify G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following. Those requiring tea kindly let me know before Wednesday, June 12th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Newdigate on June 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Brett, New House Farm, Newdigate, not later than Wednesday, June 19th? A special appeal is issued to friends in neighbouring associations to join us in making good use of this pretty peals of bells.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On May 26th, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, W. S. Lawrence 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, S. Carter 5, A. Phillips (conductor) 6.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, May 26th, for morning service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. A. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, W. Scott, sen., 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall, sen., 5, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 6, J. B. Blake 7, W. E. Ticehurst 8. It was also rung in honour of Her Majesty's 62nd birthday. Mr. W. Scott was on a visit from the Isle of Wight.

WORCESTER.—On May 26th, at St. Helen's, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Jefferies 1, C. G. Bowkett 2, G. Checketts 3, T. Lewis 4, G. Hinten, jun., 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page 7, F. Giles 8. Conducted by W. Page. First quarter-peal of Stedman by Messrs. T. Lewis and F. Giles.

FEERING.—For early service, on Whit Sunday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, T. Groombridge, sen., 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. J. Rogers 4, G. Hayward 5, F. Fludder 6. For 11 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, C. J. Rogers 3, T. Groombridge, sen., 4, F. C. Newman 5, F. Fludder 6, G. Hayward 7, J. Hunt 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Major: J. Hunt 4, T. Groombridge, sen., 5, W. H. Shuker 8, the rest as before.

KELVEDON.—On Whit Sunday, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, W. Elliott 2, W. H. Shuker 3, J. Elliott 4, J. Hunt 5, T. Groombridge, sen., 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD.—On Whit Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Turrell 1, G. Warnett 2, R. Warnett 3, R. Stredwick 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. For evening service, 240 Cambridge Surprise, 240 Norwich Surprise, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. First touch of Cambridge by R. Warnett, who hails from Hillingdon.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Whit Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: R. J. Pugsley (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Goddard 2, W. J. Symons 3, E. W. Marsh 4, W. J. Rundle (conductor) 5, R. J. Baldry 6, W. G. Hiscott 7, G. Line 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: S. Chesson 1, H. D. Whyte 2, G. Tizzard 3, T. Potter 4, J. Ladd 5, E. J. Oliver 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, G. Diplock 8.

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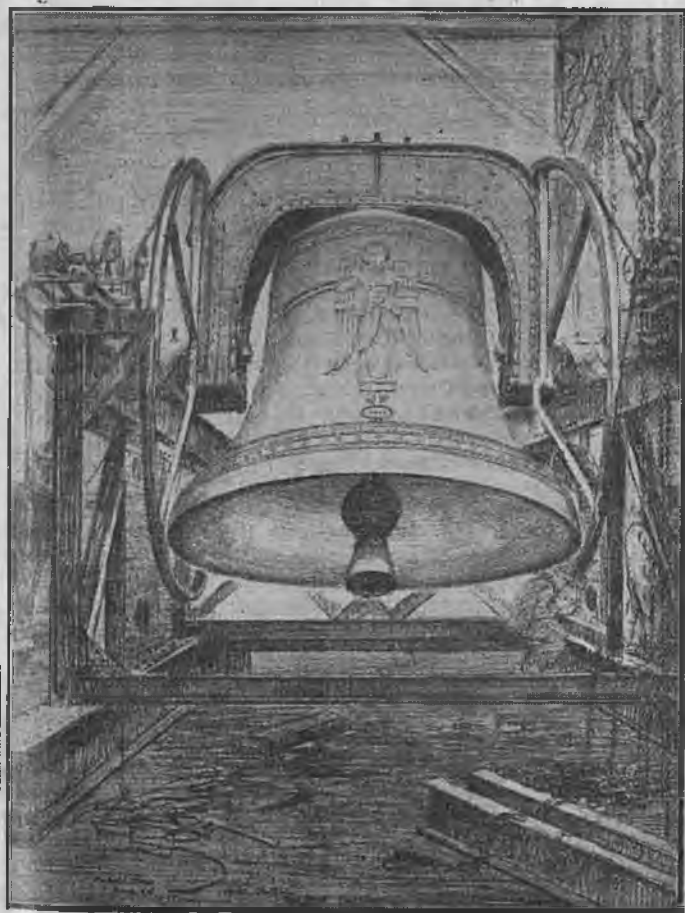
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RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL'S MEETING

Although, in the opinion of some of the members, the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford was to a large extent 'negative' in its results, it was certainly one of the most interesting of recent years. A number of minor topics came under consideration, but there were two outstanding features. One was the really excellent discussion on the Methods Committee's report, which involved an important principle as to what the Council should include among the compositions in its forthcoming new edition of Five and Six-bell Methods; and the other was the report presented by the Legal Committee, about which there was no debate, but which laid before the Council, in clear and concise form, the various aspects of the law relating to church bells and bellringers. It was one of the most important, informative and useful reports ever presented to the Council.

The Methods Committee's report and the motion defining what the Council should recognise as a peal of Minor and as a peal of Doubles, although distinct, were to some extent interlocking, and there were some representatives who would have liked to discuss the motion before coming to a decision on the report. They thought, if the Council defined anew its views as to what should constitute a peal, they could more readily settle what should and what should not be included in one of their publications, to which ringers will in future turn for the purpose of obtaining peal compositions. The president, however, held the members to the agenda, and in this the ruling was obviously the strictly correct one. Even had he acceded to the request to reverse the procedure, it is doubtful if time would have been saved.

Altogether something like three hours were spent over the subject, and in the end no one got exactly what they wanted. The decision on the Methods Committee's report became a compromise; the motion was postponed to a future meeting. On both these matters we hope to have something to say when the report of the discussions have appeared in our columns, but it was this indecision, coupled with the rejection of a proposal to set up a committee to consider the best method of dealing with cases of extraordinary sickness among members of the Exercise, that probably led to the view in some quarters that the day had been largely one of 'negative' results, for the other business transacted, if we except the Legal Committee's report, was not of far-reaching importance. Yet it was by no means a wasted day. It is often in the small things that the most effective work is done. Here are some of the things which resulted from the meeting: The new Collection of Minor Methods will

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now be published; a revised edition of the publication on 'The Preservation of Bells' and of 'Rules for a Local Company' are to make their appearance; and, in addition to their valuable report, the Legal Committee are to be kept in being to keep an eye on legislative matters which might be prejudicial to the use of church bells. These matters alone are proof of the Council's service to the Exercise. No other body is in a position to do this work, with similar weight or authority.

TEN BELL PEAL

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY 1	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
*FREDERICK ROBSON 2	*SIDNEY S. BREEZE 7
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 8
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	ADAM DEAS 9
*ERNEST BURNETT 5	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 10

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and a service ringer at the above church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS 1	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
JAMES HUNT 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Mr. J. Hunt was elected a life member previous to starting for the peal. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the association, and on the 50th birthday of the daughter of Mr. W. J. Nevard.

GRIMSBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER 1	FREDERICK OVERTON 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 3	JOHN W. HOBSON 7
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN 4	HERBERT I. MINGAY 8

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS

Mr. F. H. Dexter's 250th peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

EDMUND C. CHASTY 1	*SAMUEL PINDER 5
*JOSEPH BAILEY 2	*ALFRED BARRETT 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY 8

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spiced Treble Bob.

BATTERSEA.—At St. Mary's Church, for special service, on Sunday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Dodds 1, H. Mance (conductor) 2, W. Coe 3, H. W. Mance 4, W. Essery 5, C. D. Nichols 6, H. Weeks 7, F. Cossom 8.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRANCIS BROTHERTON Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
ROBERT PICKERING 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
JOHN PERRY 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung for the Whitsun festival.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
JOHN A. BURFORD 2	HARRY BENNETT 6
THOMAS F. KING 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 4	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples away from the tenor.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, May 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble	ARTHUR ADAMS 5
OLIVER GREATHEAD 2	ARNOLD HILL 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	EDGAR C. STACEY 7
PERCY GLEDSTONE 4	JAMES MCCLUSKEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 116). Conducted by J. E. CAWSE

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	ARTHUR W. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 4	WILLIAM HORSINGTON Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

The ringers of 4th, 6th and 7th were elected members of the Guild before commencing the peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day. The Vicar ascended the tower after the peal, and congratulated the band upon the striking, and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking him for the use of the bells, and also for entertaining them after the peal.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART, Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	GEFFREY MILTON 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	WALTER THOMAS 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
HENRY W. WILDE 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal on the bells. These bells were recast and rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chester on Sunday, February 12th, 1928. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Harrison, and on the 40th anniversary of H. W. Wilde's first peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
CHARLES R. BELTON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JAMES PAGITT 4	F. HORACE E. STUBBS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

The band are greatly indebted to Mr. Stubbs for making the band up at a second's notice.

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On Wednesday, May 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY TUCKER Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 5
DR. L. JOYCE 2	JOHN SWAIN 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT 7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 4	PERCY J. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

HENRY E. HAMMOND Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	ALBERT WIFFEN 6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
HERBERT C. REASON 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the association.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
HENRY J. TUCKER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung on the 102nd birthday of Mr. Thomas Fenner, of Chichester, whose son, Mr. T. J. Fenner, aged 76 years, is custodian of the Cathedral tower.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

PERCY GREEN Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	JOHN WOOD Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the association. Also as a birthday compliment to G. Green.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

JOHN J. MAWEY Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 5
JOHN R. MAIN 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
JAMES WARD 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
HARRY CHAMBERS 4	JAMES M. NICKERSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

BRITH, KENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM BOTTRILL 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 6
PERCY HARRISON 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
SHIRLEY BORTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

All except the ringers of 2nd and 5th hail from Leicester and district. Rung in honour of the 62nd birthday of Her Majesty Queen Mary.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 28, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY SMALE Treble	GEORGE DENT 5
STANLEY CLARK 2	WILLIAM WHEELER 6
LEWIS CORDELL 3	CHARLES BUTTON 7
WILLIAM MORRIS 4	HENRY F. COOPER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. DENT.

* 100th peal. H. Smale has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. Arranged for C. Button, of Framlingham, Suffolk, who was elected a member before starting. Also rung to celebrate the birthday of H. F. Cooper and his granddaughter, born on his birthday, March 11th.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	THOMAS ROGERS 5
JOHN BREESE 2	JOHN HUGHES 6
DAVID HUGHES 3	JOHN COOKE 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of deep regret to the memories of Isaac F. Winstanley and William Hughes, two members of the local band, who both recently passed away. Mr. Winstanley retired from ringing some years ago, but Mr. Hughes was able to ring until a few months before his death, and had been a ringer at the church for forty years.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS DAVISON Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
ERNEST BISHOP 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 6
SIDNEY J. HILLER 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This peal was arranged to give the conductor an opportunity to call a peal in the tower where he called his first touch ever, in November, 1895. It was intended to ring Cambridge Surprise, but in the regretted absence of Mr. Fred Lambeth, owing to a family bereavement, the above was substituted.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*MISS DORIS LEATHAM ... Treble	WALTER J. BATTLE 5
WALTER BATTLE 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
*LESTER L. GRAY 3	JOHN BREESE 7
THOMAS ROGERS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal and first attempt.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
GEORGE HARDWICK 2	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 6
THOMAS BETTISON 3	JOHN T. BROTHWELL 7
LESLIE W. BACON 4	EDWARD ROBBINS Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. FLINT.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S COMPANION TO FIVE-PART. No. 8. Tenor 17 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	SAMUEL PINDER 6
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOHN P. TARTLTON 4	CHARLES DRAPER Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.)

On Wednesday, May 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WALDER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ERNEST JAMES Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	GEORGE HUXLEY 6
ALFRED JAMES 3	EDMUND MOUNTER 7
WILLIAM GRACE 4	*GEORGE LETCHFORD Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal. This peal was rung on the 156th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 29, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE W. SIMPSON Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREWS 5
JOHN T. BROWN 2	*PERCY D. BALDOCK 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
RICHARD SMITH 4	LEONARD H. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on his 93rd birthday.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Though the one-part peal of mine which you kindly publish in this week's issue is quite original, and is mine in every sense of the word, I must withdraw all claim to its being the first to be composed with only three bells called Before. Only two days ago, in searching through some old numbers of 'Bell News,' I found that Mr. Moorhouse, of Wakefield, had forestalled me as long ago as 1907. See 'Bell News,' vol. xxxi., p. 244, issue of August 16th, 1907.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Double Oxford. Tenor 10½ cwt.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... ..Treble SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4
FRANK LAWRENCE... .. 2 WILLIAM RANFORD... .. 5
CYRIL TANSELL... .. 3 CHARLES CAMM... ..Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Thomas.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
FRANK KIRK... ..Treble HENRY W. GAYTON... .. 4
WALTER PERKINS... .. 2 AMOS SMART... .. 5
GEORGE BASFORD... .. 3 WILLIAM STOCK... ..Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
HERBERT COLLINS... ..Treble FREDERICK J. TALBOT... .. 4
WILLIAM BAILEY... .. 2 RAYMOND J. WEBB... .. 5
FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS... .. 3 WILLIAM BAKER... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

First peal on the bells.

WOUGHTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.
*EDMUND J. HOBES... ..Treble GEORGE AMOR... .. 4
†HORACE P. GILES... .. 2 CHARLES W. SMITH... .. 5
*ALBERT FLEET... .. 3 †SIDNEY FOSKETT... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles on the bells. First peal by G. Amor, a member of the local company and for whom the peal was arranged.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Wednesday, May 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Stedman, with six different callings, and thirty six-scores of Grandsire with five different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.
WILLIAM G. GIGG... ..Treble *HARRY CHURCHILL... .. 4
ALFRED J. WYATT... .. 2 †WILLIAM H. LLOYD... .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED... .. 3 JOHN CHURCHILL... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. H. REED.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. A birthday peal for A. J. Wyatt.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Wednesday, May 15th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: G. Godman 1, S. Jones 2, W. Inwood 3, C. Evans 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, W. Gilks 6, E. Southey 7, J. Marsh 8. Rung as a compliment on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Wilma Mairi Vickers to John Duncan Vaughan Campbell, Earl of Cawdor.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

ARTHUR BELLAMY... ..Treble FRANCIS BALL... .. 4
*ALBERT L. BALL... .. 2 AMOS SMART... .. 5
JAMES WARD... .. 3 WALTER PERKINS... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in seven methods. The first 720 of Wells rung to a peal for the Guild.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY G. MOSS... ..Treble WILLIAM STIFF... .. 4
*JAMES SOTTER... .. 2 CHARLES HONEYWOOD... .. 5
GEORGE F. HONEYWOOD... .. 3 GEORGE W. MOSS... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Essex Association, and the 21st election of Mr. C. H. Howard as Master.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Being eight complete 720's.

*ARTHUR SMITHSON... ..Treble *BERNARD BAILEY... .. 4
ERNEST E. MALLENDER... .. 2 BERNARD WHEELER... .. 5
ERNEST A. WILSON... .. 3 FREDERICK W. KNOWLES... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal for the association. Longest length on the bells and by all the band.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

PERCY ALMOND... ..Treble *EARNEST DURRANT... .. 4
JOSEPH BOWELL... .. 2 GEORGE A. ANDREWS... .. 5
CHARLES A. ANDREWS... .. 3 WALTER HONEYWOOD... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. ANDREWS.

Ringer of the treble from Great Brompton, 2nd from Great Bromley, 3rd and 5th from Sherington, 4th from Thorpe-le-Soken, and tenor from Mistley. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. Marnen, church clerk, and one of the local ringers, who afterwards entertained the band to tea.

WEARE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE SHALLISH... ..Treble *RICHMOND ROBERTS... .. 4
WILLIAM BALCH... .. 2 HAROLD E. BLACKER... .. 5
SIDNEY CLARK... .. 3 JOHN SHALLISH... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

* First peal peal away from tenor. Ringers of treble and tenor are from Churchill, 2nd and 3rd from Chew Stoke, 4th from Winscombe, 5th from Clutton. The last peal rung on these bells was in 1911. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Banwell.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE).—On Monday, April 15th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,248 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Fernley, sen., 1, E. Bennett (age 15) 2, J. Fernley, jun., 3, H. Langley 4, W. Fernley 5, W. W. Wolstencroft 6, T. Wilde (first in the method as conductor) 7, J. W. Hartley 8. First in the method by all the band except the conductor.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

W. STEGGALL Treble	DAVID WHITING 4
ARTHUR COOK 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5
ALPHRUS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

THRANDRESTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4
DAVID WHITING 2	GARNHAM J. BLAXCELL ... 5
ALPHRUS J. BERRY 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This peal was specially arranged for the conductor, who was on a 'flying visit' to Diss. It was rung also in honour of the Queen's birthday.

CHRISHALL, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet.

BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At 21, VINCENT ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	CHARLES T. COLES 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Witnesses: MRS. R. RICHARDSON and C. T. W. COLES

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, June 2nd, for morning service at St. Michael's Church, 1,036 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Ten-Part): H. Wacey 1, V. Matthews 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, E. Ansell 8.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. Margaret's Church, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: C. Denyer 1, J. Stanford 2, J. Cook (conductor) 3, P. Charman 4, W. Hooker 5, J. Blanch 6, Wal. Charman 7, Alf. Charman 8.

LONDON.—At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on June 2nd, for evensong and in celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes): *L. Hicks 1, Mrs. F. A. Atkins 2, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 3, *C. Conway 4, R. Gilbert 5, G. Moon 6, A. Gardner 7, †S. Pacey 8. * First quarter-peal with a working bell. † First quarter-peal. First on the bells by an entirely local band.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. Paul's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: R. Worthy 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. F. Winney 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, H. Dzas 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, C. J. Tricker 7, J. Kent 8.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service at Brookfield Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: E. Mawby 1, A. Barnes 2, F. Knott 3, E. Seddon 4, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, H. Gaskill 6, C. Ollier 7, J. Fearnhead 8. Longest length in the method by the treble, 3rd and 4th ringers.

DEATH OF COL. E. F. STRANGE.

A FIRST MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The death has recently taken place of Colonel Edward F. Strange, well known among ringers of a generation ago. Col. Strange was late keeper of the Department of Engraving, Illustration and Design, at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, and was an expert upon, among other things, Japanese colour prints, on which he had published several books. He was an honorary fellow of the Royal Society of Painter-etchers, an honorary member of the Art Workers' Guild, and the Society of Graver Printers, and a member of the Council of the Japanese Society.

Col. Strange began his ringing in the Kidderminster district, but migrated to London something like 45 years ago, when he became a member of the College Youths, and later joined the various other societies operating in and around the Metropolis, including the St. James' Society, the Waterloo Society, the Essex, Middlesex and Surrey Associations, with most of which he rang peals. He was one of the first members of the Central Council, on which he represented the Surrey Association, and his name was proposed as first secretary, but on a vote he was defeated by Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was elected to the office.

Col. Strange was always deeply interested in the Volunteer movement, in which he rose to C.O. rank. He was interred at Mortlake Cemetery.

THE PEAL AT HASLEMERE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re peal of Stedman Caters at St. Bartholomew's, Haslemere, on Saturday, May 18th, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. (tenor 13 cwt.), taking into consideration the ability of the tenor man and the weight of the tenor (recently rehung), myself and friends wondered if the number of changes had been correctly quoted, or perhaps they rang Stedman Royal. Perhaps they rang the last quarter twice, or did they put the 'ralliantandoes' in at backstroke? Hoping you will be able to relieve our anxiety, Yours etc., TINTINNABULATOR.

London.

DEATH OF MR. DAVID J. NICHOLS.

FORMER NORTHANTS SECRETARY.

The Kettering band and the Peterborough Guild have sustained another loss by the lamented death of Mr. D. J. Nichols which took place at his home, 3, York Road, Kettering, on Friday, May 24th, at the early age of 48 years. Mr. Nichols was one of the best-known and most accomplished ringers and conductors among the Guild members. In 1899 he joined the Kettering band, of which he was leader for some years, until unable to carry on owing to ill-health. He was a man of fine character, and a splendid disposition, whose place will be hard to fill. The work of the Peterborough Guild was very dear to him. He was specially gifted in teaching young ringers, and many in his locality owe what they know of the art and of conducting to Mr. Nichols' able tuition.

When ill-health kept him from climbing the belfry stairs, he always made welcome at his home any ringers, young or old, who called to see him, and several (the writer included) have, during that time, learned many things of benefit to them on ringing matters.

Mr. Nichols served on the Central Council of Church Bellingrings from 1912 to 1926, and was elected general hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association in 1920, which position he held up to the formation of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild in 1924. He took an active part in the reorganisation, and was elected the first general secretary of the Guild, which position, however, he had to resign early in 1926 owing to ill-health.

He served in the R.F.A. on the Western Front during the war, and his war services had ill effects on his health. He was practically an invalid for the last five or more years.

All his peals, 124 in number, were rung for the Central Northants Association, of which he conducted 80. Mr. Nichols was writing a history of the bells and ringers of Kettering, and the peals which have been rung there, but this is unfinished.

The funeral took place at Kettering Cemetery on Monday, May 27th, the first portion of the service being conducted by the Rev. S. M. Morris, assisted by Mr. P. Wilford (Master of the Guild), who read the lesson, in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. As the cortege approached the church, the bells were chimed by his fellow-ringers. In addition to the family mourners, a large number of ringers met to pay a last tribute of respect to a departed friend, and amongst these were Rev. R. C. Thursfield, J.P., president, Kettering Branch, Rev. L. H. Lethbridge, Rev. E. J. Atkins, Mr. F. Wilford (Guild Master), Mrs. Wilford, Miss Thursfield and Miss Hepburn (Ladies' Guild), Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), R. G. Black (general secretary), F. Barber and H. Baxter (branch secretaries), A. E. York, W. Perkins, T. R. Hensher, A. Tompkins, S. J. Lawrence, W. Lawrence, A. Bellamy, A. Smart, C. Moore, B. Morris, and the Kettering ringers.

After the committal sentences a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by Messrs. A. V. Inns 1-2, R. G. Black 3-4, E. Chapman 5-6, A. Henman 7-8.

The bells of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul were rung half-muffled in the afternoon and evening to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and the 'whole pull and stand' 48 times by Messrs. W. Perkins, A. Henman, A. E. Payne, R. F. Turner, C. W. Bird, R. G. Black, T. R. Hensher, and A. V. Inns.

On Monday evening at St. Giles', Northampton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung in 53 mins., as a last token of respect by: Messrs. H. Key 1, W. Rogers 2, J. J. Taylor 3, S. J. Lawrence 4, T. Tebbutt 5, T. Law 6, J. T. Hensman 7, F. Wilford (conductor) 8, G. Flavell 9, and W. Gammage 10.

The peals rung by the late Mr. D. J. Nichols were as follows:—

Tower Bells.		Rung. Conducted	
Grandsire Triples	9	8	
Grandsire Caters	1	1	
Stedman Triples	13	7	
Stedman Caters	2	1	
Bob Major	3	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	—	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	10	10	
Superlative Surprise Major	11	4	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	4	4	
London Surprise Major	1	1	
One method of Minor	4	3	
Three methods of Minor	1	—	
Four methods of Minor	2	1	
Five methods of Minor	2	2	
Seven methods of Minor	14	11	
Eight methods of Minor	1	1	
Doubles	2	1	
Handbells.			
Grandsire Triples	6	5	
Grandsire Caters	2	1	
Bob Minor	2	1	
Bob Major	20	15	
Bob Royal	2	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	6	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	—	
Little Bob Major	2	—	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	1	—	
Totals	124	80	

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE NEW PEAK DISTRICT.

A successful meeting of the Peak District was held at Great Longstone, near Bakewell, on Saturday week. About 20 members were present from Baslow, Bakewell, Castleton, Derby, Dore, Eyam and Great Longstone. The bells, a ring of six in a tower little more than eight feet square, were kept going in Grandsire, Bob Minor, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford till about 8 p.m., some fair striking being accomplished in spite of the rather difficult 'go' of the bells.

A substantial tea was provided at the Crispin, followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. D. Wright (Eyam), supported by Mr. W. Wallace (Derby), treasurer of the M.C.A., and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore), hon. district secretary.

Mr. Wright welcomed those present, and appealed to them to urge their fellow-members to attend the meetings of the new district to make it not only a success from a ringing point of view but to make the meetings of a happy social nature, and to give every possible facility for those learning the art. The delightful nature of the villages in the district was emphasised, ideal places for a summer outing, and the hope was expressed that members from other districts would pay occasional visits to some of the little-known towers at which it was hoped to hold meetings.

A full quarterly meeting of the M.C.A. having been arranged for Bakewell on the last Saturday in June, it was decided to defer the next monthly meeting till July 13th, and if possible to hold it at Castleton and Hope. It was suggested that, in order to encourage an advance in the art, members might like to select a particular method for special practice at each monthly meeting, and for the July meeting it was decided to recommend Cambridge (Major and Minor) for special attention, this, however, not to interfere with the opportunities of those less advanced.

A hearty vote of thanks to the wardens for the use of the bells (the incumbency being vacant), and to the local company for the arrangements made, concluded the proceedings.

MR. H. F. COOPER'S 100 PEALS.

Minor in three methods 2, Minor in seven methods 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Bob Major 5 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Major 26, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Double Norwich Major 7, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 37 (conducted 9), Grandsire Caters 3, *Grandsire Cinques 1 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 9, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 1; total 100 (conducted 11). *First peal on twelve bells ever rung in the county of Essex. Rung in 32 towers and 6 counties.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Looker-on,' who posted a letter to us from Burton-on-Trent, is not a very courageous correspondent, otherwise he would have added his own name and address. Either 'Looker-on' is not a regular reader of 'The Ringing World' or his memory is defective, and we would refer him especially to our issues of August 27th, 1926, and December 21st, 1928. He might also be interested in our issue of November 30th, 1928.

Is there any older practising ringer than Mr. C. Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent? He was 92 on May 26th, and still 'going strong.'

The Middlesex County Association's practice meeting, which was to have been held at St. Mark's, Dalston, on June 13th, has been postponed.

The postponed meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Stowmarket will be held on June 15th.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham, in 1892; to-day is the anniversary of the performance of the next longest length of Treble Bob, 16,800, rung in the Kent variation at Mottram in 1906.

The first peal on the bells at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, was rung on June 13th, 1821, by Nottingham men, who walked the distance, 27 miles, each way and had a free fight in the churchyard with the Ashbourne ringers after the peal!

It was on June 9th, 1850, that the first peal was rung in America. Some English ringers, touring the States with handbells, got together a party in Philadelphia, and rang Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church. Henry Haley was the conductor, and for the first 2½ hours of the peal the tenor was rung by R. Dodd, a one-legged man.

It was originally intended to combine the jubilee festival of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and the summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the places tentatively chosen having been Petersfield and Haslemere. The difficulties in combining with success at places so far apart and so much on the extremity of the big area of the Winchester and Portsmouth dioceses have, however, led to an abandonment of the project. Winchester Guild is to meet at Winchester, and the Guildford Guild will go on with its arrangements at Haslemere. Unfortunately, both meetings are to be held the same day.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When the date of the Thanksgiving for His Majesty's restoration to health is officially announced, there are two ways in which ringers may distinguish the day from an ordinary Sunday. One is by ringing in the early morning, wherever it is practicable: the other by ringing at the conclusion of the Thanksgiving Services as well as before them. There may even be an opening in the special form for ringing a few rounds at a central point in the service itself. It is also to be hoped that many endeavours will be made to provide for the ringing of bells seldom otherwise used, whether for lack of ringers or any other reason.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

THE BEGINNING OF THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The jubilee of the Essex Association brings us, from Mr. C. F. Winney, the following extract from 'Church Bells, 1879:—

'Change ringing at Writtle, Essex.—On Easter Monday, the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths paid a visit to Chelmsford with the intention of ringing a peal at the Parish Church, but finding the bells were not in peal ringing order they went on to Writtle, where, by the kind permission of the Rev. John B. Seaman, M.A., they rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5,024 changes) in 3 hrs. 15 mins.: H. Bright (70th year) 1, W. Cecil 2, G. Mash 3, S. Reeves 4, E. Carter 5, F. Bate 6, E. Horrex 7, J. M. Hayes (conductor) 8. Composed by H. Hubbard, sen. Tenor, 18 cwt. When the ringing was over, the Rev. Seaman entered the belfry and invited the party to the Vicarage to partake of refreshments, and kindly promised a tablet.'

Mr. Winney adds that the Rev. J. B. Seaman greased the bells for the peal, and it was he who at the following Whitsuntide started the Essex Association. J. Murray Hayes was a native of Bocking, and, says Mr. Winney, always counted himself a pioneer of the association. All the band of this peal of fifty years ago are now dead.

THE 'BEER FETCHER.'

At Steeple Claydon, Bucks, on Whit Monday, 720 Grandsire Doubles were rung by: C. Everitt 1, F. Case 2, H. Stopp 3, H. Jones 4, J. Stopp (conductor) 5. This is believed to be the first time the bells have been rung to changes for 36 years. In this village is an old member of the local company, who recalls the 'days gone past.' He qualified as a member, not by his ringing abilities, but as 'beer fetcher,' his duty being to carry two gallons of ale to the belfry whenever the bells were rung.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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Mrs. Fletcher, representing the Peal Collection Committee, reported that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was proving the peals of Treble Bob with the tenors parted, and the work was still in hand.

A WATCHFUL EYE NEEDED.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the following report of the Literature and Press Committee:—

Nothing has occurred during the past year to call for concerted action on the part of the committee. We are glad to be able to give a satisfactory report on the press generally in relation to bells and bellringing. The publication of the book, 'Bells through the Ages,' constitutes a distinct landmark in the literature of our art, and we understand that a further work on the history of bellringing is in course of preparation.

References to ringing in the newspapers have as a rule been accurate and appreciative. The jubilee of St. Paul's Cathedral bells and the College Youths' anniversary, as also the commemoration of John Briant, the Hertford bell founder, were the occasion of interesting and well-informed paragraphs in the daily press. A request received from the editor of a musical publication for an article on church bells is not without its significance. The statement made by a clergyman of Derby, that he placed church bells, bagpipes and cats at night in the same musical category, naturally provided good copy for journalists, but the reverend gentleman's views were evidently treated as a humorous contribution to popular literature.

In a recent number of the 'Church Times,' a writer of eminent literary ability indited an admirable article on 'The Music of Bells.' It is true that he described the two bells used for the daily services at Westminster Abbey as 'two mean and sour bells,' but there is little cause for ringers to quarrel with that description, for what bell could sound anything but mean, when it is subjected to the lifeless thud of a chiming hammer? Indeed, the author shows a very enlightened attitude on this point. 'Sometimes,' he writes, 'musical experts have sought to tame the bells. They have hindered the freedom of their swinging by mechanical contraptions. And what is the result? The charm has gone. . . . One further sentence is well worth quoting: 'We in England,' says the writer, 'should be proud of our bells, for our fathers before us, alone among Christian men, devised the plan we call change ringing.'

The campaign conducted in some journals against street noises has inevitably elicited an occasional letter from misguided persons disliking the sound of church bells, but these objections have not been followed up with any enthusiasm. At the same time, it might easily be in this direction that danger lies. There seems to be considerable likelihood of legislation being promoted to deal with noises, and a proposal from some M.P. with an obsession against bells to include them in the purview of a Bill might be passed by a bare majority of a thin House and a clause to that effect inserted without attracting any notice. Any such provision would be especially dangerous, if it took the insidious form of giving general powers to the Minister of Health to make orders under such Act, or to local authorities to frame by-laws. We suggest that members of the legal profession on the Council be asked to keep a watchful eye on legislative measures of this nature, and to be prepared to take such action in conjunction with the Standing Committee as emergency may demand.

The President: It is a most admirable report of great interest and great usefulness.

Rev. E. S. Powell said a son of Troyte was a member of the last Parliament, and if he was a member of the next Parliament he (the speaker) did not think anything affecting bells would go through without notice or without comment, for Mr. Troyte was himself a change ringer (applause). He would no doubt watch the interests of ringing in that respect.

The report was adopted.

Mr. E. W. Elwell, reporting for the sub-committee entrusted with the revision and reprinting of the 'Rules for a Local Company,' said the revision had been completed, and the committee were now negotiating with 'The Ringing World' with regard to the price for printing the work. He thought it would be possible not to exceed the £5 which the Council had already authorised, and to publish the rules at 6d.—The report was adopted.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The next report to be dealt with was that of the Methods Committee, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on April 26th, and which related to the inclusion of certain types of compositions in the new edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods.'

The adoption of the report was moved by the Rev. H. Law James. Last year at Hereford, he said, the committee was authorised to publish a new edition of the Minor Methods. Mr. Jenkyn that day had said he was sorry the book had not come to hand, and he (Mr. James) must tell them why it had not done so. The committee wished to give the Minor ringers a perfect book containing the whole of the information that they had gathered together with regard to Minor methods and their composition. As the Council was aware, a controversy broke out in 'The Ringing World' some months ago on the question of peals of Minor and Doubles, and the committee felt if they published the book complete with all the information they had got, the members of the Council and the Exer-

cise at large might think they were trying to force upon the Exercise a fresh definition of peals of Doubles and peals of Minor, and it would have been very difficult indeed, after publishing the book, to prove that they had no such intention. They had no such intention. They wanted to publish a complete book, but they did not want to define a peal of Doubles or a peal of Minor—that was not their business. They wanted to give the Exercise all the information they possessed. The Exercise possessed an excellent book, written by Snowden and edited by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. It contained 'incomplete' peals of Grandsire Triples. What were they put there for? They were of no use, but they were put there in order that the book might be complete, and, secondly, in order that some time in the future people should not waste their time in producing things that were useless. The Methods Committee had gathered a lot of information, and they wanted to publish all the information they had got in Doubles and Minor. In dealing with the matter he would confine his attention to seven-hundreds of Treble Bob Minor. A 720 being a complete round block, there were exactly five compositions of Treble Bob Minor and only five, and those five were very old. Yet there appeared in 'The Ringing World' two 720's of London Minor supposed to be new, and not only so, but someone wrote and congratulated the author of these two 720's on having produced them. The man simply wasted his time—the things were in existence long before any of the ringers of to-day were born. How did the mistake come about? Simply and solely because there was no complete collection of Treble Bob 720's in existence. They found one here and another there; one in 'Bell News' in 1887, and another in 'The Ringing World,' and so on. When the committee published this book it would contain all these 700's, and in future no one would be tempted to waste his time in trying to produce new ones. In addition to that, there had appeared on the scene, within the time of his own experience, fresh compositions of Treble Bob Minor which were not in keeping with the tradition of the Exercise. A good many things had appeared in course of history which were not in keeping with the tradition of the Exercise, some of them had vanished, others held the field. Take for instance Holt's peals, Holt's Original and Holt's ten-part. Someone wrote from Norwich to Dr. Mason of Trinity College, Cambridge, to say that the ringers at Norwich would not subscribe to the broadsheet because Mr. Benjamin Annable would have nothing to do with it. The tradition of the Exercise at that time was that Grandsire Triples must be a complete peal with bobs only, but the tradition of the Exercise had changed, and rightly changed. A similar thing happened with regard to Treble Bob. The first peal rung happened to be true, but the great majority of the next peals rung were found out to be false, and the tradition of the Exercise had to change; and that sort of thing was likely to happen again in the future. The tradition of the Exercise was very valuable; they must not go against it if they could avoid it, but it was quite likely that something or other would come to light which would cause them to change tradition. The committee wanted to put into this book all this fresh information that had come to light, but they did not wish to force any fresh definition of a peal of Minor or Doubles on the Exercise. They could have published this book months ago, and nobody could have said they were not entitled to do so, but they came to the Council and said: 'Please accept this report. We want to put in certain compositions, but that does not mean that they are either valuable or not valuable, but it does mean that if the Exercise finds them valuable they will come into use; if the Exercise finds they are of no value they will disappear.' But, anyhow, whether valuable or not, there would be nobody in fifty years' time producing these things as new compositions in the way the gentleman he had referred to had published two 720's of London Surprise Minor. If the Council accepted the report they would have a perfect book, containing every mortal thing the committee knew up to date. If they rejected it, they would have a book out of date before it was printed. The question of what constituted a peal of Doubles or a peal of Minor was a question which had got to be settled on scientific grounds; it was the only way in which it could be settled. How did they settle any question which arose in natural science? They settled it by experiment. If they put all these things in the book, it did not mean that people were going to use them for peals of Doubles or peals of Minor, but that the whole Exercise would have these things before them, and ringers could go into the tower and test for themselves whether they were any good or not. They would then some day be in a position to define peals of Minor and Doubles. At the present moment, if they asked him to do so, he would tell them he was quite incapable of doing anything of the kind.

MR. TROLLOPE AND 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, and reminded the Council that that was the thirtieth anniversary of the first appointment of the Methods Committee. Out of the original members, John Carter, Henry Dains and Earle Bulwer were dead; two other members, Arthur Craven and Bankes James had retired, and the only two remaining were Mr. Law James and himself (applause). The whole of their equation with the Council was practically bound up with the Methods Committee, and, speaking for himself, he thought he should feel strange if he woke up one morning and found himself no longer a member of the Methods Committee. The one thing the committee

did which had the most direct influence on ringing was the publication of the book containing the 'Collection of Six-Bell Methods.' It was fair to say that book had revolutionised Minor ringing and given to the six-bell ringer hundreds of good methods where before they had only a handful. It had done more than that, it had made spliced ringing possible. Mr. Trollope went on to refer to the hindrances which had occurred in the publication of the new edition of the book, and remarked, with regard to the discussion on the naming of the methods, that when the committee got the matter into their own hands they settled it to the satisfaction of everyone. They thought they would then be able to go straight forward, but before the year was out the editor of 'The Ringing World' threw his bombshell. He said he was not going to print as a peal of Doubles anything which contained a certain composition (hear, hear). I am not going to criticise the way he carries on his paper, said Mr. Trollope; that is his own matter. I believe he is sincerely desirous of carrying on that paper to give expression to the wishes of the Council and to the opinions of the Exercise (applause). As a matter of fact, his particular opinions on that particular thing are not ours. We had to take up the challenge. When we first started to make this new book, the ideal we set before us was to have a complete book. I was very much impressed by something Mr. Hunt said at one meeting. He said, 'When you are getting this book out, don't assume we know too much. There are lots of things which you may take for granted, which the ordinary five and six bell ringer does not know.' We took that largely as a motto, and we were going to give everything in that book that the ordinary man in the five or six bell tower might want. We felt, therefore, that we should give the whole of the compositions, within limits, for five and six bells. We found in use two compositions, one of Doubles and one of Minor, and both had this in common, that both broke away from the traditional idea that in ringing you were confined to a complete 120 or 720. Let us be clear about one thing. A 720 starts from rounds and ends with rounds, and there is nothing else as a 720 but that (hear, hear). We have got Bankes James' Cambridge and Morris' Doubles; they were being rung, and I personally have reason to believe that the use of those Doubles was of great help to young conductors. Then the question arose, Are we going to put these things into the book? In the first place, are these compositions of value or likely to be of value to the Exercise now or in the future, and, in the second place, is there anything in them which in any way contradicts any fundamental law or rule of ringing? ('Yes.'). When I say 'contradicts any fundamental law or rule of ringing,' I do not mean any written law; I mean is there anything in it, from the point of view of the five-bell ringer, which would compel us to say they must not ring it? 'The Ringing World' threw out its ultimatum, 'If you ring Morris' Doubles you are not going to have it published.' There were two ways in which we could have acted. We could have said, 'The Council has given us power to print these things; we have had thirty years' experience, and are as likely to know the rights and wrongs as anyone else, and whatever we do somebody will find fault, and so we might have gone ahead and printed the book.' If we had done that, it would have been completed by now. We decided, however, that on the whole it would be a good thing if ringers had the opportunity of arguing these things, and we decided on the same thing as we did about the names at Hereford. There we published the list and came to the Council and said, 'Here is the list; give us your instructions as to what alterations you want.' That is what we are doing to-day, and you have the opportunity of saying 'Yes' or 'No,' but we strongly advise you, having looked on the matter from all points of view, to agree to the insertion of these compositions.

'VERBAL' INCONSISTENCIES.

Continuing, Mr. Trollope said a letter appeared in 'The Ringing World' from Mr. Stephen Wood, who, he thought, they would all agree had a brilliant future before him, charging the committee with being inconsistent, and the editor of 'The Ringing World' had taken out remarks by members of the committee and set them side by side to show that they had been inconsistent. It was not a difficult thing to go through anybody's statements made over a controversial thing over a period of years, take a statement out of its context, put it beside another statement, and make out that one had contradicted himself. 'I don't profess,' added Mr. Trollope, 'to go in for verbal consistency, but I should be quite prepared to defend any of these contradictions, although I do not think I need do so here.' One thing, said Mr. Trollope, the committee were agreed upon, was that these compositions ought to go into the book, but they were not agreed by any means upon the reasons for including them: in fact, they had a 'terrible scrap' over them (laughter), but they were agreed that they should be included. A second point which had been emphasised in the criticism of the committee was that there should be 'no juggling with truth.' He believed everyone agreed that the essential thing in a peal was that it should be true, and that it should be complete. That was a fundamental rule. Change ringing was an art founded on a mathematical science, and they had to be true to their mathematical basis, but, when they came to the application of it, it was not always easy; it was not always easy to say what was true and what was false. ('Oh, yes.'). If they rang 120 of Doubles followed by another 120 of Doubles, they

said that was true. What they did in Morris' Doubles was, they rang a true 120 at handstroke and a true 120 at backstroke; the repetition between Morris' handstrokes and backstrokes was no more or less than the repetition between one 120 followed by another 120. If mere repetition meant falseness, then the old idea of the Devonshire Guild must stand, that a peal consisted of an extent and nothing but an extent (hear, hear); a peal of Doubles, therefore, was 120, and a peal of Major 40,320—that was the old idea. If they were going to give that up, as they had given it up and must give it up, then mere repetition, as repetition, did not mean falseness. They had got to get out of the idea that, in opposing a thing like Morris' Doubles, they were standing up for the question of truth. A very large number of people were willing to accept Bankes James' arrangement of Cambridge, but could not swallow Morris' Grandire Doubles. His (Mr. Trollope's) difficulty was that he could justify to some extent the Morris Doubles, but he found great difficulty in justifying the Bankes James Cambridge. If they could once admit the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge, there was no difficulty at all about the other, but let them not be led away with the idea that because they could write out Bankes James' 5,000 and get 720 different rows followed by 720 different rows, and so on, that it was true. They did not write out rows when they were ringing. The 720 in the tower was 720 'changes,' and 720 true changes was not 720 true rows. If the thing was false in one change, it was false. The committee, continued Mr. Trollope, had been accused of setting up a new standard. It was all very well to say that, but if the Council put these compositions into this new book, it was not in fact setting up a new standard. By putting these things into the book they would not be altering the standard. The standard of five and six bell ringing had been changed twice within the last two or three years, and the last alteration was made last year at Hereford. That alteration was proposed by Mr. Goldsmith, and all the committee had done was to accept the alteration. The issue before the Council was, were they going to agree that the arrangements of Morris, Pitman and Bankes James should go into the book, or were they not? He asked the Council to agree to their insertion on the grounds that they have proved themselves useful, that they were likely to be useful in the Exercise, and did not in any shape or form contravene any law of truth or any other law of the Council.

(To be continued.)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION'S HAPPY GATHERING.

The recent fine weather no doubt accounted for the large number of members and friends who found their way to Bentley on Saturday last for the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association. The church is a modern one of flint and rubble, situated just off the main Brentwood-Ongar Road, amidst beautiful pine woods. These, together with other delightful surroundings, make an ideal spot, and there is no wonder at the several comments being passed as to its being one of the beauty spots of Essex. The church was opened for worship in 1880, and the authorities are looking forward to celebrating their jubilee next year, and it has been suggested an appropriate way would be, if possible, to add another bell to the existing five, thus making a handy ring of six.

Members arriving soon after three o'clock had the bells going to Grandsire, Stedman, etc., till 4.30 p.m., when those present attended the association service taken by the Vicar. It was pleasing to note that, in addition to the ringers, several prominent members of the Church were present, and all had the pleasure of once again hearing Miss Dawson's splendidly rendered solos. At the conclusion, tea, kindly provided by some members' wives and other helpers, was ready, 52 sitting down to a most enjoyable repast, after which the business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), and Mr. A. Prior (District Master).

One non-resident, one honorary and two ringing members were elected, and Orsett chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held, if possible, on July 13th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing use of the tower and bells, and for conducting the service, to the organist (Mr. Pettit), Miss Dawson for her splendidly rendered solo, Mesdames Butler, Rainbird and Wyatt for providing the tea, and ladies for helping, Mr. Rainbird for having everything in readiness, and to Mr. E. Heasel for so kindly placing his car at the hon. secretary's disposal.

The Vicar and Mr. Rainbird, in response, stated how pleased they were that the association had paid them a visit, and hoped it would not be long before they had the pleasure of entertaining them again.

After tea, some wended their way back to the tower, whilst others went for a walk across the fields to Navestock Side to view the green and cricket pitch, where the Essex County Cricket Club first played their fixtures, the programme and list of members for the year 1790 still being in a good state of preservation at the local hostel. Shades of evening were well advanced when thoughts of home arose, and regrets were numerous that it was not possible to stay longer, but the special bus could not wait, and the lights of Brentwood reminded all that time and trains wait for no man. Thus ended a most delightful afternoon, voted one of the best in the annals of the South-Western Division.

THE SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With the tenor of your leading article on the secession of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from the Central Council no one, I feel sure, will disagree, and I most cordially endorse the last two or three lines of your opening paragraph.

My special object in writing is to endeavour to point out what I strongly feel to be the wholly inadequate, and I may add, the utterly unreasonable grounds of the action taken.

Perhaps the shortest way in which to explain what I feel will be to take the speech of Mr. Guise as reported in your columns, and to comment upon each point as it arises.

But before doing so, let me disavow any feelings but those of the warmest personal friendship for the hon. secretary, with whom, during the two years of my mastership, it was the greatest pleasure to work. My warm esteem for him, however, cannot blind my eyes to his utter want of logic.

(1) Ringers throughout the country really thought they sent 'delegates.'

What if they do? What does it matter? As regards their being 'members' or 'delegates,' we send them as our representatives, and it lies wholly between ourselves and those we send to arrange the terms on which we send them. We may regard them (wrongly, as I personally think) as 'delegates,' but the Council has every right, if it so likes, to regard them and treat them as 'members.' If they regard themselves and act as delegates, they break no rule of the Council. They merely accept a lower status.

(2) 'Upon a member stating that he had been instructed to vote in favour, although he was personally against, the ruling given was that he was there as a member of the Council, and not as a delegate from his association.'

Where was this ruling wrong? Any other ruling would have been absolutely indefensible, and would have lowered the position of the Council before the whole Exercise.

What did the ruling mean? It meant that as far as the Council was concerned the member was free to vote in any way that he chose. The Council not only has no power (I hope it never will have) to order a member to vote in any particular way, but is far too jealous of its own freedom and of that of each and all of its members to gag their freedom of speech. What arrangements there may be between any individual member and the association which sends him, or what limitations they may put upon him, are matters that concern them and him and his sense of his own dignity and independence, and are no affair of the Council. On this point Mr. Prescott spoke most valuably and to the point.

3. Concerning the item on the agenda for 1926, which Mr. Guise complains was not allowed at the meeting, my memory does not serve me with sufficient accuracy to enable me to speak, but there was probably some formal flaw somewhere that could easily have been rectified in readiness for 1927.

4. As regards the fees payable this year, Mr. Guise shows misapprehension of the position in more than one particular. First, by the rules of the Council the fees are payable, as in most other organisations, in time for the treasurer to balance the accounts for presentation at the annual meeting, and in deferring their payment at the proper time this year Mr. Guise was not only running counter to the rules of the Council, but was treating the hon. treasurer in a manner that he himself would have resented had he been in his place.

Next, as the Council does not expire till next year, the elected representatives were actual members of the Council, and the association was not only bound in honour to pay their dues, but could not prevent them from attending the meeting, if they were able and willing to go. Mr. Guise was therefore mistaken all through this part of the business, and, so far from any blame attaching to the hon. secretary of the Council in anything that he said or did, it seems to me that the very reverse is the case.

No: I fear that Mr. Guise has managed to get fogged on the whole question. The pity of it is that he found 35 members at rather a small annual meeting to follow his lead and land the association in a regrettable position.

One comfort is that it has been the means of the Council securing the—as I hope—permanent services of such a good man and a good ringer as Mr. W. A. Cave.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

WHAT THE COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED.

Dear Sir,—I am exceedingly loath to pour oil on a conflagration, but will you kindly allow me to point out that, possibly through a printer's error, Mr. Guise is stated in your last issue to have said the Central Council has received £4,000, approximately, during the past forty years.

In case some of our members should say, 'What have we done with so large a sum?' I would state that the gross amounts received to date are £650. Most of the money available, as your readers are aware, has been spent on producing the Council's publications. I must add that, despite our serious disbursements of late years, the Council still has upwards of £130 cash in hand or invested.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The picturesque village of Gresford was the venue of the North Wales Association's annual meeting held on Whit Monday. The weather was gloriously fine, and a most enjoyable day was spent. Ringing commenced at 1 p.m., and a service was afterwards held, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Boulton in the absence of the Vicar (Canon Williams), who was indisposed. A very interesting address was given on the history of the bells, and of Gresford bells in particular. The 3rd bell is over 300 years old.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar of Tryddyn, who referred to the death of Mr. Edward Rowland, of Wrexham, the treasurer of the association for many years.—Those present stood in silence as a token of respect.

Two new ringing members, and one life member were elected.

Two new officers were elected, viz., Ringing Master, Mr. W. Jones, Wrexham; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. Catherall.

It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Llandudno in September, and the annual meeting at Portmadoc.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman. About forty members and friends afterwards sat down to an excellent tea, prepared by Mrs. G. Williams. The tower was then again visited, and excellent touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Yarnton on Saturday, May 11th. A service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. E. N. Aston. Mr. W. Evetts, jun., the district secretary, read the lesson, and the Rev. E. M. Thompson (Rector of Woodstock) spoke on the words, 'Make a joyful sound to the God of Jacob.'

After tea the spring meeting was held, the Rev. F. R. Marriott (president of the branch) being in the chair. The Rev. E. N. Aston welcomed the members to Yarnton, and Mr. W. Evetts, jun., thanked the Rector of Woodstock for his address.

The balance sheet showed that at the beginning of 1928 there was a balance in hand of £24 15s., and at the end of the year there was £29 18s. The number of ringing members was 120, and Mr. Evetts said the number of hon. members kept up well. They had lost, by the death of Mr. J. F. Mason, of Eynsham Hall, a valued hon. member.—It was agreed to hold the autumn meeting of Witney on October 5th.

The meeting decided to give a testimonial from the branch funds to Mr. John Monk, of Witney, who had been connected with the branch for half a century, the greater part of which time he had been hon. secretary.

Touches were rung at Cassington and Yarnton. Ringers were present from Yarnton, Cassington, Stanton Harcourt, Freeland, Standlake, Witney, Eynsham, Wootton, Woodstock, Summertown and Swindon.

BELLS ON BALL BEARINGS.

The following is a copy of a letter, sent by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Croydon, author of the booklet, 'Bells, Old and New,' to Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough:—

Dear Mr. Taylor,—I am writing to you direct to reply to your firm's letter which appears in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' under the heading 'Bells on Ball Bearings.'

In my pamphlet, 'Bells, Old and New,' I have dealt only with complete peals hung on ball bearings, and I am glad to know of that at Longney, so that it can be added to that of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park.

Would you mind telling me if this applies to Hensingham also? I mean, are there eight bells only in the peal? In that case, I will add mention of both those towers in the paragraph referred to, before any more copies are issued, as only the first hundred have been presented, and my idea has been to keep the booklet as impersonal as possible and entirely clear of the name of any bell founding firm. It is an attempt to put the truth forward as clearly and moderately as possible to those interested in bell restoration generally.

I am asking the editor of 'The Ringing World' if he would be good enough to publish a copy of this letter.—Yours very truly,

(Signed) CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

P.S.—Before going to press, I was told that the entire peal at Waltham Abbey had been hung on ball bearings, and I therefore sent a representative to verify my own belief that the two tenors only had been so treated.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have replied as follows to Mr. Johnston:—Dear Sir,—Referring to your letter of the 1st inst. (addressed to Mr. E. Denison Taylor), we have to inform you that, as stated in our letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' we fitted ball bearings to the eight bells of the Hensingham peal in 1914.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN TAYLOR AND CO.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**PRESENTATION TO NORTHERN BRANCH PRESIDENT.**

In glorious weather the annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 25th. Among the towers represented were Barrow-on-Humber, Bassingham, Bigby, Blankney, Brantson, Elsham, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Haxey, Lincoln (Cathedral and St. Peter-at-Gowts), Scotter, Scunthorpe, Stow, Ulceby, Upton and Willingham, in addition to the local company. Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson, from the Elloe Deaneries Branch, Mr. J. H. Brothwell, Treton, Mrs. East, North Collingham, and Mr. T. Bartholomew, were also present.

The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going in various methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. Service, consisting of shortened evensong, was held, a large congregation being present. The music was led by a number of the choirboys, and the singing was heartily joined in by all. Mr. F. F. Linley (Northern Branch president) read the lessons, and an eloquent address was given by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln (Dr. T. C. Fry).

Afterwards over 100 members of friends partook of an excellent tea at the Parish Church Institute. This was followed by the business meeting, over which the Dean of Lincoln presided, supported by Mr. Linley, Canon Morris (Vicar of Gainsborough), Rev. H. T. Parry (president of the Grimsby District), and members of the committee. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. Scott (Sleaford district secretary), Rev. R. Bond (Caistor, late of St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln), Mr. H. Knott (Washingborough), Mr. H. Haigh (secretary of the North Notts Association), Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Recorder of Lincoln), and Major H. D. Marshall, D.L., J.P. (Pillham Hall, Gainsborough).

The balance sheet and secretary's report for 1928 were passed, and the whole of the officers re-elected, viz.: President and treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley; hon. secretary, Mr. F. S. W. Butler; hon. auditors, Mr. F. W. Stokes and Mr. J. R. Sharpe; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; two representatives to serve on the Guild Committee, Mr. Geo. Chester and Mr. J. A. Freeman. Messrs. H. Marcon (Lincoln), H. I. Mingay (Grimsby), and R. Scott (Sleaford) were elected to serve on a sub-committee, consisting of representative members from each branch, for the purpose of considering the printing of a more extensive Guild annual report, similar to those of pre-war years.

A resolution from the committee, 'That an honorarium of £2 2s. be granted to the hon. secretary,' was carried.

The last, but not by any means least, interesting item on the agenda was the presentation of a handsome easy chair by the Dean, on behalf of the members, to Mr. Linley, as a token of their affection and appreciation of the invaluable services which he has rendered for the welfare of the ringing community during his term of office, first, as a vice-president of the North Lincolnshire Association from its formation in 1884 to 1899, then as a vice-president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from its amalgamation in 1899 to 1905. In the latter year he was elected president of the Northern Branch, and without a break has held that office down to the present day.

The Dean spoke appreciatively concerning the excellent work that Mr. Linley has done, particularly in regard to the augmentation of the Cathedral bells, while the members showed their full approval by singing 'For he's a jolly good fellow.'

Mr. Linley suitably thanked the members for the kind way in which they had shown their appreciation of his services.

Votes of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, to the organist (Miss Cox), to the caterers for the excellent tea provided, and to any others who had helped toward making the meeting such a success, concluded the business.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**A BRANCH MASTER APPOINTED.**

A well-attended meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Sawston on Saturday, May 25th. Members were present from Cambridge, Fulbourn, Great Staughton, Ickleton, Long Stanton, Melbourn, Newmarket, Over, Stapleford, Trumpington, Willingham, and the local band. It was agreed, on the proposition of Mr. A. E. Austin, supported by Mr. C. W. Cook, to hold the next meeting at Bourne in July.

The appointment of a Branch Master was next discussed, and, after Mr. A. E. Finch had explained the matter, he proposed, and was supported by Mr. F. Hurry, that Mr. F. Warrington carry on as Branch Master, which was carried unanimously. Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, also remarked on the necessity of a Branch Master who would see that at the branch meetings all got a pull. More satisfaction would thus be given.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his inspiring address and for presiding.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Sawston, and thanked his organist (Mr. G. Robinson) for his services that afternoon. To Mr. F. Hurry, who made arrangements for tea and also had the bells in readiness, credit and thanks are also due, as everyone had a good time. The methods rung included Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A most successful meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 1st, when over 40 members turned up to ring on the fine musical peal of eight, tenor about 15 cwt., founded by Taylor and Co. in 1902. With a ring of bells in such good going order, and possessing a sweet, melodious tone, it is not surprising that they are so frequently used for peal attempts.

Favoured with bright, sunny weather, the visitors who hailed from Chesterfield, Staveley, Ecclesfield, Barlborough, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, North Wingfield, Rotherham, and several other towers, had a very pleasant time. The local company, as usual, were in full force.

Tea was provided in the Parish Hall, at which the ringers were joined by the Rev. Canon Paget, Vicar, who welcomed the visitors, and presided over the business meeting, at which new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Canon for the use of the bells, to the local company for their arrangements, and to the ladies for providing a bountiful tea. To this the Canon suitably replied, his remarks being supplemented by a clerical relative. Courses of Triples, Major and Caters were afterwards rung on handbells, and a move then made to the tower, where touches ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise were successfully accomplished.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SECRETARIAL CHANGE IN FARNHAM DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Bagshot on Saturday, when about forty ringers were present. The Rev. R. L. Board, Vicar of Wolverton, Hants, hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, was the preacher at the service, conducted by the Vicar of Bagshot (Rev. R. W. H. Stuart). The latter also presided at the tea and meeting held in the Village Hall. The principal business was the election of a new district secretary in place of Mr. Bernard Clark, whose business ties made it necessary for him to resign. A young and enthusiastic ringer, Mr. C. Denyer, was elected in his place, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Clark was passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Mr. W. J. Francis, churchwarden, of Bagshot, who was also present at the meeting, was elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee as a representative of the honorary members.

Major Gale was elected a ringing member of the Hawley band.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the preacher and to the organist, on the motion of the chairman, who in turn was thanked for conducting the service, allowing the use of the bells, and presiding at the meeting.

Afterwards, the district secretary, with the secretary of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and the secretary of the Sonning District, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, discussed arrangements for a joint meeting of the three Guilds which is to be held at Hawley and Vateley on August 31st.

It is rather remarkable that circumstances have compelled a change in the secretaryship of each of the four districts of the Guild this year.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT BROMHAM.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Bromham, on Saturday, June 1st. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. L. Thorold, Miss King being the organist. Tea followed, to which 35 sat down. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the branch, presided over the business meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, Miss N. G. Williams, Weston, Bath, Messrs. T. Davison and J. Harris, Chippenham, and Mr. R. Horton, Calne.

The following were elected members of the Guild, viz.: Messrs. G. Poppall and W. Williams, of Bedwelly, Mon., and Mr. J. Trout, of Chippenham. The usual vote of thanks was passed, to which the Rector replied.

Ringers, in addition to those mentioned, were present from Devizes St. John's and St. Mary's, Bromham, Bratton, Rowde, Holt, Bishop's Cannings, Melksham, Warminster, Trowbridge. Touches in the various standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Bromham Church, which is dedicated to St. Nicholas, is, except for north and west walls of the nave, and the lower part of the tower, which are Norman, a Perpendicular building. Its glory, however, lies in the south transept and chapel, which were, the one remodelled and the other erected, by William Beauchamp, Lord St. Amand, who there founded a chantry in honour of our Lady.

The bells, tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb., E flat, were cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875. A tablet in the church commemorates the recasting. The old bells are supposed to be the bells which inspired the poet Thomas Moore, who lived at Sloperston Cottage from 1817, and who died in 1852, and is buried near the belfry steps, to write the poem 'Evening Bells.'

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 20th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, *Coffee Pot on the 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Petham (6) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, June 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) and meeting to follow. Archdeacon Howson will be present.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Fordingbridge on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on June 8th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. The Rev. W. E. Mills is providing tea free. All ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Members make own arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting is to be held at Tring on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. All welcome. Cheap fares by train and bus. Numbers for tea would help.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, June 8th. Will members kindly reserve this date?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held jointly at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, June 8th. Kirkby bells available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., with Peckleton to follow. Tea at Kirkby Mallory. A good meeting is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks. Branch.—June 8th, the annual meeting, at Steeple Claydon. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. C. Bass, the Vicar. This service will be the thanksgiving for the rehanging of the bells; it is 30 years since they were rung. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham District. — Meeting at Framsdon on Saturday, June 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m., also the restored ring at Helmingham, it being proposed to meet there first at the above hour. Tea in Mission Room, Framsdon, 5 p.m., 1s. each, to be followed by short business meeting.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The annual meeting is to be held on June 8th at Middleham in Wensleydale, Yorks, where the peal of 8 bells, by kind permission of the Vicar, will be available for ringing. All members are requested to make this meeting a success, and ringing friends will be cordially welcomed. Tea will be served at the Commercial Hotel, Middleham, at 2s. per head.—J. W. Addison, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Offley on Saturday, June 8th. Bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service and dedication of a peal board at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Bus service from Hitchin and Luton every half-hour. A good attendance is requested. Please notify me if you require tea.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wincanton on June 8th. Bells, 2.30. Service, 4.30. Tea in North Street Schoolroom, 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Wednesday Guild will be held in Sunderland on June 12th. Meet at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, at 2.30. Tea at North of England Café, Fawcett Street, at 5. Ringing at St. Ignatius' Church after tea. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. G. Siddle, Sec., 16, Poplar Street, Chester-le-Street, not later than June 10th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30. Tea 1s. per head. All those requiring tea must notify me not later than June 11th.—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rackenford on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting for East and West Suffolk combined, at Stowmarket on June 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30; also Great Finborough (6). Tea at the Temperance Hotel at 4.30, 1s. each. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Hoylandswaine Cup Contest. — Open to all towers in above association. Will be held on Saturday, June 15th. It is hoped all will join at once. Draw 2.45. First band to compete at 3.15. All ringers and friends are invited. Tea will be provided in Parochial Church Room, 1s. 6d. each. It is essential for number to be sent to Mr. L. Wilkinson, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone, before June 12th. The village is purely agricultural, and no other accommodation for tea exists.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marsden on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 1.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. S. Whitehead, Throstle Nest, Marsden, near Huddersfield, not later than Friday, June 14th. — F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 12th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting.—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Ringing meeting.—Both at Worplesdon, June 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of Mrs. Bruce, to all who send in their names by June 10th. Ladies' Guild members please notify Miss H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham. Guildford Diocesan Guild members please notify G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following. Those requiring tea kindly let me know before Wednesday, June 12th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service, 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, The Vicarage, Bucklebury, Reading, not later than Wednesday, June 12th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wargrave, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Divine service, 4.30. Tea at 5 to all who inform me by Tuesday, June 11th. Twyford bells available after tea. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringers please notify me if tea required by the morning of Thursday, June 13th. All ringers welcome.—J. T. Titt, Hon. District Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Morton on June 15th. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than June 12th?—J. P. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Eastern and Western Districts at Chester-le-Street on June 15th. Further particulars next week.—F. Ainsley and H. Tyson, Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Bowdon and Stockport Branch) and the Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch) will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, June 15th, to celebrate the opening of the peal of eight bells recently recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar of Staley and Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association. Preacher, Rev. C. A. Clements, M.A., Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild. A meat tea, 1s. each, will be provided for those who notify Mr. G. E. Shaw, 160, Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge, not later than Wednesday, June 12th. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall and T. Wilde, Hon. Branch Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Milton Abbey on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) (also Bere Regis, Hilton and Puddletown (6)) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Motor leaves Weymouth 1.45, going via Bere Regis, picking up en route.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, June 15th. Service in church at 4.30, to be taken by the Vicar (Rev. F. Melville). Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, June 13th?—Miss D. E. Lewis, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—A special meeting of the above branch will be held at Stanford (5) on Saturday, June 15th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, June 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting, 5. Social hour 8 o'clock. A p.c. to signify your intention of being present will be appreciated. Visitors welcome.—J. Herbert, Hon. District Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Newdigate on June 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Brett, New House Farm, Newdigate, not later than Wednesday, June 19th? A special appeal is issued to friends in neighbouring associations to join us in making good use of this pretty peal of bells.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAVENHAM BELLS will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—A. Symonds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Notices for tea to Miss I. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Notts, by Thursday, the 20th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Permission to view the new Exchange Buildings and peal of bells may be granted.—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 12 o'clock. Tea at 1s. per head. All names to be sent to Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham, by Monday, the 17th. Buses leave the Old Cattle Market every thirty minutes after mid-day, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All intending to be present must notify me not later than Wednesday, June 19th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. District Sec.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD will hold a joint meeting at Epsom on Saturday, June 29th. Book the date.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow (half fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—A special meeting to celebrate the jubilee will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th. Full details later.—G. Pullinger, Gen. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer festival will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, July 6th. Further details will be published later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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KENT ASSOCIATION RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in your column to point out an error in the list of first performances, K.C.A. Report, 1929? Number 73 in the list (Worcester Variation) should be struck off, as Mr. Barnett's party rang the first on October 4th, 1924, at Crayford.—Yours truly,

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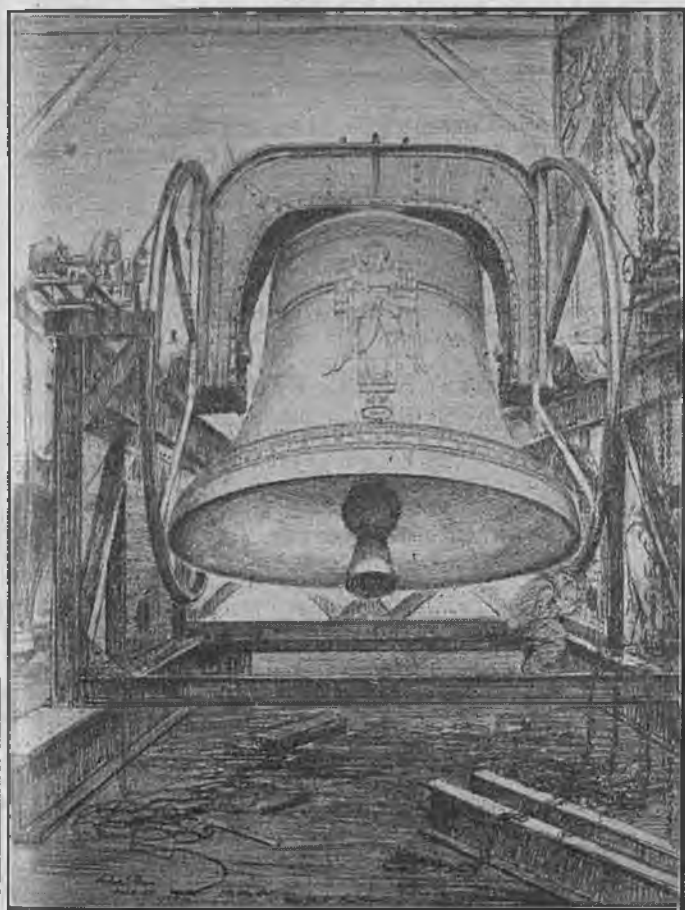
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ANOTHER 'WOBBLE.'

Those who studied the Methods Committee's report and who now read the debate upon it at the Central Council meeting will be struck by the fact that once again the committee have 'wobbled.' In their report they set out to justify the inclusion of the compositions, which have been the subject of such strong controversy, on the ground that they were true and complete and fully in harmony with the fundamental principles of change ringing. When they came before the Council the committee pleaded to be allowed to include them not on their merits, but on the ground that it was desirable that they should be put on record as something of interest, while, when, eventually, after a singular deadlock, caused by the defeat of an amendment when it became the substantive motion, a compromise was reached, the committee said they had got all they wanted by being allowed to put the compositions in an appendix with a note that the inclusion did not mean that they were suitable for ringing in a peal! The fact was that, having realised after the publication of their report, the strong feeling in the Exercise against the recognition of peals in which such compositions were used; the committee trimmed their sails to meet the gale and rescued their craft by putting in at another port. They would have saved a great deal of discussion had they said from the first that their only intention was to place these compositions on record, without committing themselves as to whether they were suitable for inclusion in a peal. Although one might not agree with them that a Collection of Minor and Doubles methods, published for the purposes of practical ringing, was the place in which to create a museum, the Exercise would have been much more generally inclined to meet the committee's wishes had they originally been told this, instead of having thrust upon them the contention that these compositions should be included because they were in accord with the fundamental principles of change ringing. That was the crux of the whole matter.

The generally agreed argument advanced in favour of the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge has been, of course, that it was the only means by which seven 720's in the method would be got, with tenors always the right way together behind. The claim for saving the Pitman and Morris arrangement of Doubles is that it gives an opportunity for variety. It may, perhaps, surprise the Methods Committee, as well as the majority of the Exercise, to know, after all that has been said about the impossibility of obtaining seven 720's of Cambridge starting from and ending with the rounds and having the tenors the right way, and all the 'sob stuff' that has

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been written about robbing the five-bell ringers of opportunities if the Pitman and Morris Doubles are scrapped, that a well-known ringer has in his possession no fewer than eight 720's of Cambridge with the tenors the right way, and 52 true six-scores of Grandsire Doubles with ordinary bobs and singles. These will shortly be published, and will therefore remove all excuse for the use in future peals of any of the other 'mixed' compositions round which so much argument has centred. These can be relegated to 'history' with the 'incomplete peals' of Grandsire Triples and other less interesting stuff which has disappeared from practice, unwept, unhonoured and unsung.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDGAR GUISE	Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
HENRY PRING	2	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS	3	HARRY BENNETT	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
ERNEST STITCH	5	ALFRED E. KEEVES	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Arranged for Mr. J. Phillips, of Cardiff, who was elected a life member of the association before starting. Ringer of 4th bells from Newport, and of 5th from Port Talbot.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	Treble	WILLIAM SEDGLEY	6
HARRY R. ROPER	2	WILLIAM TILLET	7
HAROLD E. SYMONDS	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT	4	FREDERICK J. TILLET	9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

OLIVER THOMAS	Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN	5
JOHN AUSTIN	2	WILLIAM H. HARRIS	6
NOAH REES	3	JOHN W. DAVIS	7
JESSE GILLITT	4	FREDERICK SANDFORD	Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN
The above is a new one-part peal, and now rung for the first time, has only three bells called before. It was published in 'The Ringing World' on May 31st.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT	Treble	HERBERT FOLCHER	5
GEORGE HOWLETT	2	CHARLES SAYER	6
EDWIN GOATE	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
ERNEST WHITING	4	ANTHONY PRICE	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

ORMSKIRK.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 5
THOMAS WILSON 2	*THOMAS ROTHWELL ... 6
SAM HOLT 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
JOHN BROWN 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in any method. Rung as an anniversary wedding peal to Thomas Wilson.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

ALPHAUS J. BERRY Treble	†FRANK CLARKE 5
*CHARLES GOODMAN 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
*ERIC G. BENNETT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birthday of the Earl of Albermarle, of Quidenham Park.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

PERCY PAGE Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 6
ALBERT RELFE 3	HARRY BAKER 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	FRANK CORKE 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Especially arranged in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(Mid-Devon Branch.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOSEPH HUXLEY Treble	CHARLES F. ADSTIN 5
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 2	FREDERICK E. PARNELL ... 6
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... 3	HERBERT J. HOLT 7
ERNEST W. MARSH 4	*ALFRED L. POPE Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER.

* First peal. First peal on the new ring of eight, by Gillett and Johnston. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the 15th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell's wedding.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 12th, 1,026 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: W. Brant 1, J. Phillip 2, W. Shorter 3, A. Hiscock 4, F. L. Allen 5, H. R. Stevens 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*JOHN BRIERLEY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
TOM WILDE 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Treble	*HARRY L. SMITH 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
CECIL E. CARR 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 4	PERCY W. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

*HERBERT F. EVANS Treble	*RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	FRANCIS BROTHER 6
†JOHN WARRILOW 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
ROBERT PICKERING 4	WILLIAM H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method inside. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King, this being the nearest date convenient for the attempt.

WARE, HERTFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THORBALD ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE HAYDEN 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
*WALTER GREENAWAY ... 4	ROBERT MOLTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE ST. CHURCH OF MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	JOHN WOOD 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

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LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
 GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM R. NASH Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	FRANCIS EVANS 6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 4	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

OLDBURY, WORCS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK HADLEY Treble	WILLIAM BROWN 5
THOMAS HEMMING 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	JOSEPH H. COX 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	*WILLIAM CLIFTON Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal and first attempt. Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

PENTRE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

ALBERT J. PITMAN Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	FREDERICK LASBURY 6
HARRY PAGE 3	TOM PAGE 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal of Spliced Major by all the band and by the association.

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

On Monday, June 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS Treble	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 5
DONALD F. BOREHAM 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
*RICHARD M. KIMBER 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	JOHN POTTER 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	ALBERT HEYWOOD 6
PETER CROOK, JUN. 3	PETER CROOK 7
JACK KAY 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday. The conductor is only 15 years of age, and great credit is due to him for his performance.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 5, 1929, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A REAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6028 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 2	JAMES HEASMAN 6
*ROBERT SWIFT 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First eight-bell peal.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 5, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	RICHARD C. BELTON 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by DANIEL WOOD.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
FRANK BOREHAM 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

Specially arranged for Miss Hastie (Leatherhead). Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ernest Chapman (chorister) and Miss Winifred Critcher (local Guide), who were married prior to the peal. This was also a wedding peal for Mr. Frank West, of West Wycombe.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	*JOSEPH B. FENTON 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method inside. A birthday compliment to Joseph B. Fenton.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*A. OLIVER LEWIS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
*ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	HARRY PRICE 6
THOMAS W. LEWIS 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
WALTER H. RAXTER 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells.

A HALF PEAL.

On Saturday, June 1st, a half-peal of Bob Major (2,544 changes) was rung at Crich, Derbyshire, in 1 hr. 40 mins.: Geoffrey Ashman 1, George E. Allin 2, William A. Parsons 3, Wilson Allin 4, John W. Clew 5, Ernest A. Wilson 6, John W. England 7, Joseph Lord (conductor) 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	LAURENCE POULSON ... 5
*FRANK A. TURNER ... 2	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 6
*ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... 4	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ... Treble	*GIBSON JACKSON ... 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	ARNOLD HILL ... 6
*HARRY CARTER ... 3	PERCY GLEDSTONE ... 7
*HAROLD MARCON ... 4	*HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

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

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD, JUN. ... 2	ROWLAND BARROW ... 6
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 3	*ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 7
*NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD, JUN.

* First in the method. First of Major as conductor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
*EDMUND A. PASSAM ... 2	†EDWARD A. MORRIS ... 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	FRANK CORKE ... 7
WILLIAM C. PARKER ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Bob Major and first attempt. † First peal in the method with an inside bell. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN.

50th peal on these bells by the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ALBERT E. TAYLOR ... Treble	THOMAS G. COOKE ... 4
†THOMAS C. G.WILLIAM ... 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 5
†RICHARD G. COOKE ... 3	†GEORGE PROBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells. All, except conductor, are members of the local band.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

W. STANNARD ... Treble	E. FOOTER ... 4
J. CHINERY ... 2	A. BALLAM ... 5
A. R. BRIDGES ... 3	C. STANNARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STANNARD.

Rung as a birthday peal for A. R. Bridges, ringer of the 3rd, on his seventy-seventh birthday.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	ALBERT NASH ... 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... 2	HAROLD CHANT ... 5
*ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung after meeting one short for Major.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Oxford, one of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. approx.

HORACE M. DAY ... Treble	J. WILLIAM LAKIN ... 4
*PERCY LAKIN ... 2	WILLIAM HOGGTON ... 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL ... 3	WILLIAM SMALL ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal 'inside.' First extents of Double Oxford by all except ringers of 1st and 3rd.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. NEWPORT ... Treble	G. CREED ... 4
*W. HODGES ... 2	E. F. CREED ... 5
A. RAPSON ... 3	H. MILBORNE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. CREED.

* First peal, and member of the local band. First peal on the bells.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BOVILLE Treble	*JOHN H. FOSTER 4
LAURENCE GREEN 2	FRED W. GREENWOOD 5
GEORGE MARIES... .. 3	CHARLES SHARPLES Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were hung in the tower in 1811. G. Maries hails from Lytham, the rest are from St. John's, Blackpool.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	EDWARD H. FINCH 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
FREDERICK PAYNE 3	FRANK HARPER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HARPER.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. E. Dean (mother of one of the local ringers), who was interred on the previous Tuesday. The ringer of the third, who belongs to Burton Latimer, Northants, was on a visit to Trumpington with the Church Army, and was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

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

On Saturday, June 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN H. BAILESS Treble	M. EDWARD WATSON 4
LEONARD E. TOWERS 2	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE... .. 5
*FRANK BAILESS 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor are from Croft, 2nd from Stoney Stanton, and 5th from Broughton Astley.

SUTTON VENY, NEAR WARMINSTER.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS... .. Treble	EDWARD G. COWARD 4
WILLIAM LOUD 2	WILLIAM BAXTER 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

First peal on the bells.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Biddulph, London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

OWEN WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM CORFIELD 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	JONAH COTTERILL 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This was J. Cotterill's first peal of Surprise. He belongs to the local company. The others belong to Norton. Thanks are due to Mrs. J. Cotterill for providing refreshments after the peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MR. H. HAIGH RESIGNS SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday, June 1st. Service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A. Parkinson (Vicar), and the address was given by the Rev. H. R. Peel (Vicar of Norton Cuckney). The preacher referred to the uses of church bells, and said the work of ringing them was a work for the honour and glory of God, and a most beautiful and interesting art. The ringing associations, by their rules and regulations, were careful not to degrade it, and it was now looked upon as an important branch of church work.—Mr. Harry Blagg, one of the ringers, presided at the harmonium, and 35 members were present.

Tea was provided at Cooke's Cafe, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar of East Retford, supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), Rev. F. S. Curtis (Everton), the Misses Burchall, Mrs. East, Mr. W. D. Metcalfe (churchwarden), Mr. Stenton, the hon. secretary of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Mr. F. S. W. Butler), the hon. and assistant secretaries (Messrs. H. Haigh and H. Revill), and many others. Apologies were received from the Rev. A. J. Lindsell (Rector of West Retford) and the Rev. R. Hodgson (Vicar of Anston).

The balance sheet and annual report, which were presented by the hon. secretary, showed a balance on the right side after a grant of £5 had been made to the fund for the new bells at Anston. The number of peals rung during the year was 12, an increase of 4 over 1927. The Misses Burchall had taken part in six peals and attended every district meeting during the year. The membership roll up to the end of the year contained 21 vice-presidents, 126 resident attached members, 12 unattached members, and 53 non-resident life members, making a total of 217.

The financial statement for the year ended December 31st showed a gain of 5s. 7d., and a balance in bank and treasurer's hands of £34 3s. 5d. The Hon. Secretary tendered his resignation, after 17 years' service, and thanked all who had done so much to make the meetings successful during these years, the local press and 'The Ringing World,' the vice-presidents, by their financial support and attendances at a great many of the meetings; all of which had given him joy and inspiration to carry on as hon. secretary for a greater number of years than he intended to. He had beaten all records by serving in all for 43 years as one of the committeemen, having been one of the founders, with the late Vicar of Worksop (Rev. H. T. Gladden).

A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Mr. Haigh for his long service, on the proposition of the Rev. A. Parkinson, supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson.—The hon. secretary briefly replied and thanked the members for their good words of comfort and cheer.

Mr. Robert W. Stockdale, 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford, was elected hon. secretary, and Mr. H. Revill, 18, Tunnel Road, Ordsall, Retford, assistant secretary. Mr. H. Haigh was elected hon. treasurer, and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson was elected representative on the Central Council.

The next meeting will be held at Everton on July 13th, and advertised in 'The Ringing World.' The following new members were duly elected: Horace W. East, of North Collingham, A. Towler, D. Newbould, W. Furness, of East Retford, G. Stevens, L. Robinson and A. Pethyn, West Retford.

During the afternoon and evening touches were rung at all three towers, in a variety of methods, and members were present from Anston, Barborough, North Collingham, Cuckney, Edwinstowe, Gamston, East Markham, Ordsall, East and West Retford, Sutton-on-Trent, Wheatley, Warsop, Worksop, Gainborough, Misterton, Lincoln Cathedral, Southwell Cathedral, Sheffield Cathedral and Hough-on-the-Hill.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the three incumbents, Rev. A. Parkinson, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson and Rev. A. J. Lindsell, for the use of the bells at East and West Retford and Ordsall respectively, and for their presence at the tea and meeting; to the Rev. H. R. Peel for his address; to the tea makers, and all others who had used their best endeavours to make the meeting a success.—This concluded the meeting, and the bells at all three towers were rung until 9 p.m.

'BROMLEY YOUTHS.'

A peal was rung at Bromley, Kent, as recorded last week, by the Society of Bromley Youths, to commemorate the 156th anniversary of the completion of the bells at SS. Peter and Paul's Church. A peal board in the belfry states: 'In January, 1773, the old five bells in this tower were taken down, recast and augmented to eight. And on May ye 29th they were finished, on which a sett of Youths of Bromley in Kent did join in articles to learn to ring.'

The opening ringing was done by some London ringers, and a fortnight later, namely, on June 12th, James Barham took his band there and rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Barham rang the 7th and called the peal. A footnote to the peal copied from a pocket book of his says: 'This was the first long peal on them bells, although two companies had been from London to try.' There had thus been three attempts in a fortnight.

OPENING OF SHAROW BELLS.

On Whit Tuesday, May 21st, the Bishop of Knaresborough, in the presence of a large congregation, rededicated the bells of Sharow Parish Church, Yorks. This ring of eight, six of them cast in 1824, and the two trebles in 1871, has been retuned, fitted with ball bearings, and rebung in the old frame, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. at a cost of some £300.

The service opened with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' sung in procession to the base of the tower, where the Bishop offered up the two dedicatory prayers. A few rounds were then rung by the following ringers: F. Jingle 1, G. Richmond 2, R. Pearson 3, C. Mowforth 4, E. Schofield 5, T. Shepherd 6, C. Howroyd 7, E. Hudson 8.

The service then proceeded, conducted by the Rev. R. E. Pownall (Vicar), the lessons being read by the Rev. W. E. Laidman, Vicar of Kirkby Mill. The Bishop preached an eloquent sermon, taking as his text Psalm xix. 3, 'There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among you.'

Further touches were rung by the local ringers after the service, and again at night, with the assistance of the Ripon Minster company.

The tone of the bells is vastly improved, and the 'go' of the ring has greatly surprised some of the local ringers, whose efforts in the past have at last met with reward.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT OLD-WORLD BENINGTON.**

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, and a goodly number attended, and much enjoyed the visit to this historical tower and the old-world village, with its timbered houses clustering round the old village green, and its old rookery, from which, mingling with the sound of the merry little ring of bells, the cawing of the rooks could be heard. The church is an interesting and ancient building, and two old monuments are of interest, one being to the memory of a Crusader.

The Rector, who is himself a ringer, and who is trying hard to restore in some measure the status of ringing at his tower which once was so famous for its band of Surprise ringers, provided tea and extended a warm welcome to all.

Some good practice was put in, the highest achievement being Cambridge Surprise, a method which the old bells had rung out hundreds of times sixty years ago. While some of the visitors were busy at the bells, others enjoyed the beauty of the surroundings in the spring sunshine.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH'S FINANCIAL POSITION.**

The annual meeting at the North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley on Saturday, June 1st, and, the weather being fine, attracted a gathering numbering about 80, and representing the following towers in the Branch: Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Chicheley, Fenny Stratford, Great Buckhill, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Twyford, Whaddon and the local tower. Various methods were rung until service, which was conducted by the Rector of Shenley (Rev. H. Evered), and was fully choral. It was a very inspiring service, and was attended by a good number of parishioners as well as by the ringers. Tea was supplied on the Rectory lawn, and thoroughly enjoyed by all, the surroundings making it very pleasant.

At the business meeting the Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) read the report and presented a statement of accounts which was considered very satisfactory. The Branch's financial position showed £17 11s. 9d. in hand, and £10 invested. The Secretary, after briefly stating the work done, proposed that a grant of £5 be given to the Guild Restoration Fund, and that was approved. The Branch now had 176 ringing members and 19 honorary members.

The officers were re-elected, the Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, chairman, and Mr. W. Sear secretary and treasurer.

The Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was present, as also the secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert. An apology was received from Mr. A. Wright, the Guild treasurer. Both the Master and secretary addressed the meeting, stating their satisfaction with the healthy condition of the Branch.

The Chairman proposed hearty votes of thanks to the Rector, the choir, and the ladies for providing tea.—This was responded to by the Rector, and further ringing took place. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Minor.

DISAPPOINTED VISITORS TO HEREFORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I state, through your columns, how disappointed I was at not being able to enter Hereford Cathedral on Whit Monday for the ringing which was advertised from 6.30-8.30 p.m.? I was on holiday in Monmouth, and made a purpose journey for the ringing, only to find that I was one of about a dozen who only had the pleasure of hearing this fine peal.—Yours sincerely,

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To-day is the first recorded peal of Stedman Caters rung on handbells. It was accomplished in the year 1851 by some famous old College Youths—John Cox, George Ferris, William Cooter, Matthew Wood and James Dwight—and was rung at the Osborn Arms. Ferris, Cooter, Wood and Dwight afterwards rang the first peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' and with John Cox and Henry Haley rang the first of Stedman Cinques.

The interest which has been shown in the recently augmented ring at Lincoln Cathedral, recalls the fact that the first peal in this belfry was a peal of Treble Bob conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe on June 15th, 1886.

Another Lincoln anniversary occurs on the 20th, for it was on that date in 1756 that at St. Peter-at-Arches Church a peal of 5,040 Carathan's Triples was rung. This is believed to be Garthorn's peal of Grandsire which was rung at Norwich in 1715.

The peal rung at Bletchley on May 4th was conducted by H. Sear and not H. V. Sear as published.

THE NEW BELLS AT HATFIELD.

The two new bells given to the Parish Church at Hatfield by the Bishop of Exeter and his wife in memory of their son will be dedicated by the Bishop on Thursday, June 20th. The bells have been cast and are being erected by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble: 'In memory of Rupert Edward Gascoyne Cecil, born January 20th, 1895. Killed in action at Ypres, July 11th, 1915.' Mears and Stainbank, 1929.

New 2nd bell: 'In memory of Rupert Edward Gascoyne Cecil, son of William, Bishop of Exeter, some time Rector of Bishop's Hatfield, and of Florence, his wife.' Mears and Stainbank, 1929.

The chime room and bell chamber have been thoroughly cleaned by the Rector, his family, his gardener, and Miss Elizabeth Bennett. Eighteen sackfuls of dirt and rubbish were thrown down from the tower and burnt. Such a clearance had probably not been effected since 1847, 82 years ago, when the spire was built, and those concerned in the cleaning feel relieved that the same task will not fall to them again in their lifetime.

The new bells will give Hertfordshire another peal of ten. At present there are only two such, at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and All Saints', Hertford.

MR. AND MRS. B. KEEBLE'S DIAMOND WEDDING.

OLDEST COUPLE TO RING HANDBELLS.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, 53, Vine Street, Romford, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on June 7th. Both attended the eleven o'clock Eucharist at St. John's Church, at the close of which the hymn, 'O God, our Help,' was sung as a thanksgiving for the blessing of 60 years of married life.

Mr. Keeble was one of the founders of the Essex Association, and taught the whole of his family, including Mrs. Keeble, change ringing upon handbells. Five years ago, when the whole of the family of three sons and four daughters were home to celebrate Mrs. Keeble's 77th birthday, every member of the family took part in method ringing. On June 7th last a 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung: A. Keeble 1, Mrs. Bonny (daughter) 2, B. Keeble 3-4, Mrs. Keeble 5-6. Mr. Keeble was 82 in April, and Mrs. Keeble reaches the same age in August, and it is claimed that they are the oldest man and wife to accomplish such handbell ringing, simple as it may be to many thousands of ringers.

A peal of Bob Major to celebrate the event was rung at Earls Colne on Saturday.

FIRST PEAL AT WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The first peal on the bells at Westbury-sub-Mendip, Somerset, was rung about eight years ago, when a peal of Minor was scored. I therefore wish to withdraw the claim to the first peal on the bells which was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 7th, 1929. For the above information I must thank Mr. J. T. Dyke.—Yours faithfully,

F. D. RICKARDS.

VETERAN CHORISTER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Edenham, Lincs, of Mr. Edward Furness, for many years a member of the village choir. He passed away on May 31st, at the advanced age of 81 years, and was interred on June 3rd in the village churchyard. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Bottomley 1, S. Smith 2, E. Green 3, A. Holmes, jun., 4, G. Mills 5, A. I. Holmes (conductor) 6. Also 720 Double Court: A. I. Holmes (conductor) 1, C. Bottomley 2, A. Holmes, jun., 3, A. Neal 4, G. Mills 5, E. Green, 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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THE DEBATE ON THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. William Willson, speaking against the Methods Committee's Report, paid a tribute to Mr. Law James' speech, which, he said, was the acme of sense. Mr. Willson spoke in terms of eulogy of what had been done for ringing by both the Rev. E. B. and Rev. H. Law James. Some of their compositions, he said, were marvellous productions, and the name of James would be honoured in the ages to come. That, however, was no reason why they should accept the proposal of the committee of which Mr. Law James was a member. In the publications of the Council regulations were laid down for ringing, and the first of them was this, that all peals upon all numbers of bells should commence from and end with rounds. That was in print still; it had never been repealed, and he contended it still stood and put out of court these composite peals which the committee suggested should be included in the Minor Methods book ('No, no.'). They talked of progress. That word was the most abused word in the English vocabulary, and every man who boasted of progress wanted watching (laughter). There was usually a reason behind it. When change ringing was evolved from rounds, the first principle was truth, otherwise they would never have troubled to try to get true peals. The day the 120 and the 720 were obtained, that day 'finality' was written across the extent of Doubles and Minor, and no man could go a step further, not even Mr. Law James. They might get new methods; they could not get a change further. The Doubles about which they were disputing were all hopelessly false. Mr. Trollope would have them believe that because the handstrokes were true and the backstrokes were true, the composition must be 'as nice as pie.' But he did not tell them all. The moment they mixed these things up they became hopelessly false. Mr. Willson created amusement when he compared them to the mixing of beer and water. If you take a pint of cold water and a pint of good beer and pour them into a quart jug, the highbrows would tell them that they had a quart. 'You have,' said Mr. Willson, 'and you can drink it, for me' (laughter). The water was pure and undiluted; the beer was good enough for anyone, but they are no good for anything when you mix them' (laughter). In regard to the Cambridge Minor, he said, he had no objection to one of the compositions going into a museum to show how close they could sail to the wind without going overboard, because they could get 719 changes true, but he left them to get 720. Changes and rows were synonymous terms as far as ringers were concerned. One counted the rows when one counted the number of changes in a peal, and if they did this they did not take the rounds before the start as the first change of a 720. Scientific or unscientific, it was simply rot to talk about rounds before they began as being incorporated with the figures they rang. They had always considered that a peal started from rounds, and it was lined off in the composition. The composition ended when the bells came round, if it were not so there was no need for a coming home course. All they would have to do would be to saw off the false changes and call it a peal, because the conductor would say the bells were not bound to come home. In the Bankes James Cambridge 134256 was 'plained' in the body of the 720, and came up at the end as a bob change; in the second 720 142356 repeated, and rounds came up in the last 300 of the third 720, and rounds completed the first block of 2,160. Each 720 was thus hopelessly false. If they wanted rounds at the beginning they could not have it at the end without repetition, and no peal on earth would come round at the end if they once included the rounds at the beginning. It would mean the end of all discipline in change ringing if they once admitted these false compositions, and there were those who viewed the proposal with great alarm. They could not get a true 720 in Bankes James arrangement unless they counted rounds before they started, and he would ask Mr. James, as an expert—

Mr. James: I am not an expert, and I don't think there is one in this room.

Mr. Willson said he would ask them two questions: Would they recognise any performance that failed to come round? Would that be a peal or no peal? (Several members: 'No peal.')

The Rev. E. S. Powell: These 720's do not come round, but the 2,160's do. These two blocks are true.

Mr. Willson: It comes round twice in the last 720.

Rev. E. S. Powell: You ring rounds twice, that is another thing.

Mr. Willson: Rounds comes up twice.

Rev. H. Law James: Mr. Willson has gone away from what we were dealing with in the report. He is discussing peals of Minor; we are not discussing peals of Minor.

Mr. Willson: Mr. Trollope did. He added that he was going to move that the report be referred back in order that the controversial figures might be deleted.

Mr. Trollope suggested Mr. Willson should move definitely to delete the items by name.

Mr. Willson said he was prepared to do this. There was no end to what would occur if they once admitted false peals. To suggest that a false peal would be a help to any man, and especially that it was going to help a young ringer, was absurd. It was not progress, unless it was the rake's progress. He proposed that the report be re-

ferred back for the deletion of the Morris and Pitman Doubles, the London Minor and the Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Mr. James George seconded.

ONE PEAL OR SEVEN PEALS?

Mr. C. T. Coles said Mr. James' explanation had cleared the air a great deal and showed that the Methods Committee did not intend to foist these compositions on the Exercise as necessarily being true in accordance with the tradition of the Exercise, but that they merely wanted them published as historical and useful. He submitted, therefore, that all the talk about whether the compositions were true might easily be left until they came to resolution No. 7 on the agenda. There was one remark made by Mr. Willson which he would like the Council to consider during their dinner time. When they were ringing a peal of Minor, did they ring one peal or seven peals; did they ring seven peals of 720 and publish it as such, or did they say they rang a peal of Minor? He submitted that they rang a peal of Minor, and in doing so they commenced from and ended with rounds. If in between rounds came up only six times, and any other change came up seven times in between, they rang only one peal.

Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake suggested that the Council should defer settling the report until they had dealt with question No. 7 on the agenda.

The President: The two things have nothing whatever to do with each other. The committee want to publish a book up-to-date; the question whether these things should be rung is another matter.

Mr. Pulling: Does the Methods Committee intend to publish these peals with a note saying that they do not conform to the rules of Central Council?

Mr. Trollope: Certainly not; it is not necessary.

Mr. Pulling: Then you will publish them in the book as 720's that can be rung as a peal? If they are published in the book, they will be published as fit for a peal?

Mr. Trollope: Obviously.

The Hon. Secretary: Would it be possible to put them into an appendix?

Mr. Trollope: They practically are an appendix.

Mr. Cave: I propose that the report be adopted, and the book be published, provided these peals are put as an appendix, just to show what has been done. Mr. James told us that in 25 years' time someone might be bringing it out as something fresh, but if the compositions are put as an appendix it will save people trouble.

Mr. C. Mee seconded.

'COMPLETE CHANGE OF FRONT.'

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said the committee had made a complete change of front. In their report they attempted to justify the publication of these compositions on the ground that they were true and in harmony with the tradition and usage of the Exercise. To say that they were in harmony with tradition and usage was a travesty of the use of words. But the committee had now apparently abandoned that ground for inserting the compositions, and appealed for permission to include them for historical purposes. The book which the committee proposed to publish was never intended to be what the Snowdon publications, like 'Grandsire' and 'Stedman,' were, historical surveys as well as books of instruction. The committee's compilation was for practical purposes only, and was not concerned with the historical side at all, and therefore compositions which had a purely historical interest should have no place in the publication. As some of the Council probably knew, he was not prepared to go the whole way with those who said the Bankes James' Cambridge Minor was false, and he put before the Council a new suggestion as to what might be considered true. In the construction of a method, he said, rounds was the first row; that was a matter which no one who studied method construction in these days disputed. It took two rows to make a 'change,' and, obviously, therefore, it required 721 rows to make 720 changes. As 720 was the extent obtainable on six bells, it followed that one of the rows required to make the 720 changes must be a repetition, and in an ordinary 720 the row that was repeated was rounds; the last row repeated with the first row, and in between them they got the 720 changes. The rounds which came at the end, was the first row of the next 720. In the Bankes James Cambridge the row which repeated was not rounds, but in the first 720 134256, which was the 721st row, but before that row was reached they had had 720 true rows and 720 changes, and he submitted that as that had happened and the second 134256 belonged to the second 720, the first 720 must be considered as complete as if the 721st row was rounds. It seemed to him it did not matter whether the 721st row repeated with the first or the 600th. He had submitted this argument to some well-known leaders of the Exercise, and they agreed with him that it was sound. He asked those who thought on these matters to consider this point with an unbiased view, and he believed if they did so they would agree with him that the Cambridge was both true and complete in each of its 720's in so far as completeness meant the production of 720 changes by means of 721 rows. The other compositions in dispute did not by any means stand this test, and as 120's and 720's were absolutely false. That being so, he hoped the Council would decide that they should be excluded from any publication which was to be issued in the name of the Council.

After the lunch adjournment, Mr. Pulling asked if the committee would give a definite assurance that if published these compositions should be inserted with a footnote that they should not be rung in peals. If they were only to go in as history, they should put a note that they should not be rung as peals.

Mr. Coles asked, on a point of order, whether that was not prejudging motion No. 7, which had not yet been before the Council?

Mr. Trollope said the committee would not put any note to say that compositions should not be rung.

Mr. Coles: Mr. Trollope is infringing on the same point.

The President: I think you are right.

A RETROGRADE STEP.

Mr. James Hunt said his association (the Bath and Wells) felt very strongly on this matter. He gave the Methods Committee every credit for the magnificent work which they had done, but in his association, where out of 130 towers 80 were six-bell towers, the feeling was so strong that he had been instructed to vote against the committee's proposal to include these compositions. As ringers they must stand for truth. In their report the committee said the principle of truth and completeness was so deeply implanted in the tradition of the Exercise that it would be an ample safeguard against any excess, and, furthermore, that the Exercise had preserved a high standard in these matters and kept within rigid bounds for more than two centuries. There was no Central Council in the old days, said Mr. Hunt, and the old ringers stood for everything that was good and true in ringing (hear, hear). They started from rounds and finished with rounds, and he would like to ask whether anyone there would ring a peal going off in any way than from rounds? They could not count the rounds at the start, and therefore the Bankes James Cambridge was out of order. He supported the amendment that these four things be deleted from the book.

Mr. H. W. Wilde said he had been interested in six-bell ringing for forty years, and he had taken great interest in what the Council had done for the six-bell ringers in this matter. He admired the work that had been done, but he considered the Methods Committee now proposed to take a retrograde step. The compositions of Doubles and Mr. Law James' London Minor should not be passed without very careful consideration. In introducing these Doubles and the other things which had been mentioned, they were, in his opinion, going backward. In the past the committee had been very careful not to pass undesirable things in the way of methods, such as by omitting Grandsire Minor, while in other ways they had brought other methods such as College Single Minor into line with the resolutions passed by the Council. If they went backward and introduced these compositions of Doubles and Minor they might as well reintroduce Grandsire Minor and Woodbine and Violet Treble Bob Minor which were not regular methods. He certainly could not vote for the report as it stood.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, a member of the Methods Committee, said the committee were in an extraordinarily difficult position; they were between cross fires. Naturally all those who for one reason or another disapproved of these new developments, or some of them, were likely to vote against the committee, but he was sure the Council was aware of one thing, and that was that the different opinions that had been expressed contrary to the Methods Committee had negated one another. One party said, and he had an inkling of sympathy with them, that an extent should be true and complete. If so, that meant that the 120 of Doubles had got to start from rounds and end with rounds. The position was a logical and consistent one, but if they were going to object to that they must be prepared to go a step further. After all, the modern ideas of splicing extents were contrary to the tradition of the Exercise. If they were going to scrap one of these new ideas he was afraid they would have to scrap the lot ('No.'). He did not want to develop the point—and he was not at all sure that he was in order in mentioning it—but there was undoubtedly a certain parallel between the two and many of the Council would realise it. Dealing with Mr. Goldsmith's argument that Mr. Bankes James' Cambridge Surprise produced a true peal—he thought there were others of the Council who accepted it as true—Mr. Powell said that if they had a true round block, they could start the composition just wherever they liked, and it did not make any difference to the truth or falseness of it.

Mr. F. Hopgood: Provided you start from rounds.

Rev. E. S. Powell: Yes, of course, starting from rounds. If, however, continued the speaker, they started Bankes James' 2,160 of Cambridge Minor from any lead, except three, they would get a repetition before the end of the first 720, and yet it was said, because they could ring 720 true rows without repetition, it must be true, while if they could not ring 720 rows without repetition it would not be true. Therefore, they were told in many quarters, Bankes James' Cambridge must be true and other spliced arrangements false. The only reason for ringing Bankes James' composition was to avoid the 6-5's at backstroke, and they could not start anywhere but at these particular lead-ends to do that. The Pitman Doubles was on exactly the same lines. There were 24 possible places at which they could start, but there were only two of them from which they could get 120 rows without repetition, and who wanted just two 240's of Grandsire Doubles?

NO TRUE PEALS ON PITMAN PLAN.

If the theory of those who supported the argument of the James Cambridge and the Pitman Doubles was true, continued Mr. Powell, he was perfectly certain there had never been a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung on the Pitman plan which was a true peal. It was perfectly obvious that those who had used the Pitman arrangement had started from various lead-ends in order to get variety. It was because these compositions did not differ in principle that the committee found itself up against a dead end. It was not that they wanted to press the Law James London or the Morris Doubles upon them. They had got to come before the Council with some consistent case, and they could not put a case before them which would show the Bankes James Cambridge as true and the others hopelessly false. With regard to the question as to whether these were useful peals to put into their report, they had never tried to persuade the Council, if they read the report carefully, that they wished to recommend them to be rung for peals. He was afraid that Mr. Goldsmith had been misled by the leading article in his own paper (laughter). All they had said was that they did not feel in a position, from their knowledge, to condemn them wholesale—it was a matter to put before the Exercise. There seemed to be several members of the Council who said, 'That is all very well, but even so we do not agree with the Methods Committee as to what is fit for peal ringing' (hear, hear). All right, why then did they not raise the same objection when the Peals Collection Committee were doing their magnificent work in the Collection of Treble Bob Peals? It would be out of order for him to ask Mrs. Fletcher what percentage of those hundreds of peals were fit for peal ringing, but a very large number would be recognised as not fit for ringing in the tower in a peal.

A Member: That is a matter of opinion; it is not because they are false.

Mr. Powell said it was a matter of opinion whether it was advisable to ring a peal with the 2nd the extent in 6th's place, but was there not a certain parallelism between the two things? The Methods Committee were asking the Council to allow them to put these compositions on record; if such compositions were condemned by the Council, that could be made known afterwards.

A Member: Too late, then, sir.

Mr. Willson: They should be stamped like the false peals of Double Norwich in the Double Norwich book with the word 'False' across them.

Mr. Powell said it had yet got to be proved whether they were false. He hoped he had shown sufficiently clearly that the argument, the only effective argument which up to the present had been used, and that was the one about the 120 true rows, had nothing in it. The committee simply asked that the matter be dealt with in order that these compositions might be placed on record, and they would leave the Council to deal with the other question of peal ringing. The committee did not feel able to express a definite opinion; they did not feel able, either individually or collectively, to condemn all or any of these compositions as false. He could go into details to explain why, but he did not think it would carry things any further than they were at present.

Mr. Wilde, a member of the Methods Committee, having been given leave to reply to what Mr. Powell had said with regard to the peals of Treble Bob, said it was true some of the peals sent in for the Collection were not worth ringing, but the great majority of them were—there were some excellent peals in it. The Peals Collection Committee had instructions to include them all. If it came to printing the peals, he had no doubt that all those not worth ringing would be cut out. Some of the peals were not worth proving, but they had instructions to prove, and they did it.

A DEADLOCK.

Mr. Willson's amendment was then put to the meeting, and, after two counts, was declared carried by 30 votes to 29.

Mr. Trollope then asked: What about the book?

Members: Publish it.

Mr. Willson: Publish it without the compositions.

Mr. James: No, sir. What is the use? I have done my best for the Council; the Council does not want me to do anything more.

This statement was greeted with a chorus of noes.

Mr. James: Yes. I have got a brother, said Mr. James speaking with agitation, who has done a vast amount of work for this Council, and he has been treated with just the same contempt as I have been treated to-day. My brother has done precious little for the last ten years, and it is entirely due to that abominable treatment from a lot of ignorant people.

Mr. Coles said he was surprised at some of the members of that Council when some of these compositions were already in their own peal books.

When the amendment was read by the president before putting it as the substantive motion, it took the form of proposing the omission of the four compositions under discussion, 'because they are all hopelessly false.'

Several members expressed disagreement with this addition, and Mr. Goldsmith asked permission to move a further amendment to delete these words.

The Rev. E. S. Powell objected, as, he said, this was the specific ground upon which the amendment had been carried.

The objection was upheld by the president, who, on putting the motion, declared it lost. (Continued at foot of next column.)

NEW RING OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE.

DEDICATION AT LEYLAND.

Lancashire, none too well off for rings of ten, has gained another by the addition of two trebles at Leyland Parish Church, and enthusiastic scenes marked the parochial May Festival on Saturday, May 11th, when the recast and augmented peal was dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn. The church was crowded from end to end, over 2,000 gaining admittance to the service, while many more were unable, to find even standing room. The service was fully choral, every resident member of the choir being present.

The Bishop, standing on the chancel steps, pronounced the dedicatory prayer, while the whole congregation knelt.

Following immediately upon a long and clear call to action from a cornet player, a voice from the tower was heard to say, 'Treble going,' and within another moment the engineering skill and workmanship of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, was manifest, as without a fault every bell was pulled off, and the sweet music of the beautiful bells rang through the village. Probably the only dissentients were the two young owls whose mother had hatched them out in the tower behind the mechanism of the clock.

No efforts have been spared by the famous Croydon firm to produce a truly model and ideal peal, second to none in the country. The eight bells have been recast and augmented by two trebles, and the whole hung in new fittings, including ball bearings, in a metal 'H' type frame. The span of the stately tower is such as to enable all the bells to be accommodated on the one level. The tenor has been equipped with the firm's patent clapper control, by means of which a beautiful hum travels across the air, and the ease with which the local ringers handled the bells for the first time the following day is a grand testimony to the excellence of the work.

The old bells weighed in all 79 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., with the tenor 22 cwt. 22 lb. The metal has been redistributed, and the new peal of ten weighs in all 100 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb., with the tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus, for tune-playing purposes, has also been fitted to the whole peal.

The firm was represented at the dedication by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, who took part in the Sunday ringing as an honorary member of the band.

There is already an enthusiastic band of ringers in the parish, including a number of ladies.

The treble is inscribed 'Prayer'; the 2nd, 'Obedience'; 3rd, 'May Jesus Christ be praised, the gift of Margaret Kellett, 1897; John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, "Unity"; 4th, 'Hope'; 5th, 'Truth'; 6th, 'Loyalty'; 7th, 'Love'; 8th, 'Peace'; 9th, 'Joy'; tenor, 'Morning, evening, noon and night praise God. The gift of John Stanning, 1897. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. "Faith." Eight of these bells were recast and rehung and two trebles added in 1929 at the expense of the congregation by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. G. H. Ensor, M.A., Vicar; W. Dawber and R. Stopford, Churchwardens.'

On Nos. 1 and 2: 'Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1929.'

On the rest: 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1929.'

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This left a deadlock, and Mr. Trollope asked for instructions for the committee. They wanted some guide as to what they were to do. Obviously, what they wanted to do, he said, was to carry out the Council's wishes. Would they meet the wishes of the Council if they printed these compositions separately, as a sort of appendix, at the end of the book, and said that the compositions contained repetitions of changes, and that the insertion of them did not commit the Council to the opinion that they were fit for ringing in peals?

Mr. Willson: You admit, then, that there are repetitions of changes?

Mr. Trollope: I am admitting nothing at all. I am asking whether we should do this, not what we want to do, but what the Council wants us to do. Shall we put these in the end of the book and say these compositions apply to five and six-bell methods, but the insertion of them here does not commit anyone to the opinion that they are valid for peal ringing?

Mr. G. J. Sedgeley proposed that that should be done.

Mr. Cave: That was my proposition just now; accept the report and publish these compositions as an appendix.

Mr. Willson: Why print them if they are not worth ringing?

Mr. Pulling: When Mr. Trollope gets a thing in his own hands, he generally does what the committee wanted beforehand (laughter).

Mr. G. P. Burton suggested that the words should be: 'The insertion of these compositions as an appendix does not commit anybody to the opinion that they are suitable for peal ringing.'

Mr. Whittington: Will the inclusion of these compositions legitimise them, and will it give people the right to have those peals recognised by the Analysis Committee if they are rung because they are in that book?

Rev. H. Law James: No.

The President: That entirely depends on resolution No. 7.

On the proposal being put to include the compositions as an appendix with a note in the terms suggested, it was carried by 44 votes to 3, and Mr. James remarked: 'Thank you, gentlemen; that is all we want.'

(To be continued.)

A YOUNG CONDUCTOR.

In these days when young ringers are hard to get and still more difficult to keep, it is always a pleasure to find a youthful recruit making headway, and this week we record a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bolton, Lancs, conducted by Peter Crook, jun., who is only fifteen years of age. Few ringers have called a peal of Triples at an earlier age than this.



Peter, junior, is the son of Mr. Peter Crook, of the Bolton Police, who is honorary secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association and an active leader in the Exercise in that district. Young Peter, who inherits his father's love of ringing, rang his first peal at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on May 26th, last year, when he was but fourteen years of age, and it was conducted by a proud father. He has now shown the stuff he is made of by himself calling a peal, and the way in which he accomplished the task marks him out as a most promising member of the Exercise. Ringers generally will congratulate him upon his performance, and will wish him every success in the future.

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The inquiry made in our 'Belfry Gossip' column recently as to who were the youngest ringers to ring a peal, has brought us the following letters:—

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Adverting to your enquiry with regard to youthful record makers, I beg to inform you (in all modesty) that at the age of 14 years, a month after my 14th birthday, I rang an inside bell to a peal containing seven different Minor methods, and while still 14 years old I rang my first eight-bell peal.

Have these performances been accomplished at an even earlier age, I wonder? I should very much like to know if I was the youngest ringer to ring a seven-method Minor peal 'inside.'—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD H. SPICE.

Gravesend.

SISTER AND BROTHER'S PERFORMANCES.

Sir,—Re your correspondent's query, I can give the following information: Miss N. Denyer, of Aldershot, rang in a peal of Bob Major at the age of 13; Master C. Deuyer rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at the age of 13. The above are brother and sister (children of the captain of the Aldershot band), and I had the pleasure of teaching both from the beginning. Miss Nancy Denyer rang in two peals of Grandsire Triples, one of Bob Major and two of Minor in four methods, whilst Master Charles rang two peals of Grandsire Triples and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major.—Yours, etc.,

GEO. GILBERT.

Slough, Bucks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended bye-meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Petham on Saturday, June 8th, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Clairemont. The following towers were represented: Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege, Wickham, Sturry, Wingham, Herne, and St. Nicholas-at-Wade. Ringing commenced at about 2.45 p.m., and later the Vicar paid a visit to the tower and welcomed the ringers. He expressed disappointment at not being able to join them at the tea, owing to another engagement.

The tea was served at the Duke's Head, where a considerable amount of surprise seemed to exist that 'people should come such a long way just to knock bits of iron about'—a remark which caused a good deal of laughter.

After tea, ringing continued until half-past seven, touches in the following methods being brought round: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Stedman and Grandsire. Cambridge Surprise was attempted.

WEDDING BELLS.

The bells of King's Somborne were rung on May 11th, to celebrate the wedding of the daughter of Mr. Reynolds, a sidesman and church councillor. As the happy couple were leaving the church, a touch of 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung. The ringers then attended the reception at the Village Hall, after which they returned to the tower where a quarter peal of Bob Minor was successfully brought round, conducted by Mr. W. Tucker. The remainder of the evening was spent with touches of Stedman and Doubles. The local ringers were assisted by ringers from North Stoueham and Romsey.

We much regret that, owing to pressure on our space, several letters to the Editor and reports of meetings are unavoidably held over.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FORTHCOMING JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Portsmouth on Saturday, June 1st, at St. Mary's Parish Institute, this being the jubilee year of the former Winchester Diocesan Guild, which was founded at Basingstoke on June 26th, 1879. The Vicar of St. Mary's (Ven. G. C. L. Lunt, M.A., M.C.) presided, supported by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), treasurer (Rev. N. C. Woods) and the peals recorder (Mr. F. W. Rogers).

The balance sheet presented to the members showed an income for the year amounting to £86 18s., and an expenditure of £30 7s. 6d., showing an increase on the general fund of £56 10s. 6d. The accounts were adopted unanimously.

In presenting the annual report, Mr. Williams remarked that the past year had been the first under the newly-formed Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and had in many respects been an unqualified success. The smaller districts had been formed at the beginning of the year and had resulted in a great deal of activity in all parts of the diocese. In the Christchurch district only one tower was not affiliated, and only three had failed to join the Guild in the Portsmouth district. The completion of the memorial to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews had been the most important event of the year. A splendid response to this appeal had resulted in over £100 being collected, and the memorial had taken the form of two treble bells at Milford-on-Sea. He was happy to report that the majority of the towers and bells in the district were in good condition; but at Arretton, Avington, Hurstbourne Prior, Southampton (Holy Road) and Warnford the bells needed rehanging, and great efforts to raise money for this purpose were being made. Three augmentations had been carried out during the year—at Milford (five to eight), Highclere (six to eight), and Sherborne St. John (five to six). In concluding, Mr. Williams observed that at the end of last year the total membership was 57 life members, 68 hon. members, and 590 ringing members, with 88 towers in union.

The Master gave a lengthy and interesting report of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford, for which he was thanked.

The Rev. F. Saar (hon. secretary of the Andover District) presented to the members a draft copy of the Guild's proposed new form of service, and it was unanimously decided, subject to the Bishop's consent, to print copies of the same for subsequent use.

On the question of the suggested new Guild certificate, the Secretary said they had been fortunate to obtain the help of Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough) in this direction, and as he was with them that day he would like to thank him (Mr. Fussell) for his kind help.

Mr. W. H. Fussell said that it would be a great pleasure if he could help the members in this way. He had had the honour to do similar service for the Swansea and Brecon Guild, and he suggested, as he did in that case, that the certificate should not be too much on the large size, but rather compact and neat.—The members thanked Mr. Fussell for his help, and it was left to him to draw up one or two suggested designs for approval at the next annual meeting.

A NEW TREASURER.

The vice-presidents of the Guild were re-elected and Mr. G. Williams was re-elected Master. Mr. G. Pullinger was re-elected general secretary, and was heartily thanked for the untiring efforts he had given to the Guild during its first term of office, especially in the direction of spade work required in the new districts.

The Hon. Treasurer (Rev. N. C. Woods) asked to be relieved of his post owing to medical reasons, and it was with regret that the members consented. They thanked him for his splendid service to the Guild in the past.

The General Secretary mentioned that when he first heard of the treasurer's desire to be relieved of office, he at once communicated with the Rev. Evan Jones (Vicar of Hedge End), a former secretary of the Basingstoke District, who replied saying how pleased he would be to accept the post, and remarked that he had been 'like a fish out of water' since he was compelled, owing to another appointment, to give up his former job.—It was unanimously resolved that the Rev. Evan Jones be asked to become hon. treasurer.

The Recorder of Peals (Mr. F. W. Rogers) asked that this office should be performed by another member of the Guild. He was opposed to any one member holding more than one job, and thought that a straightforward work like this could easily be performed by another. He could then devote his whole time as secretary of the Portsmouth District.—Mr. H. R. Aitken (Portsmouth) kindly consented to become recorder of peals, and hoped that he would perform this duty as efficiently as his predecessor.

JUBILEE MEETING.

At the last annual meeting it had been decided to hold the jubilee celebration of the formation of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in co-operation with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Haslemere and Petersfield on July 6th. Since then, however, it has become doubtful if a joint gathering at two such widely separated towers could be made a success, and the general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) wrote suggesting that the whole idea of a joint meeting at these towers should be scrapped, but mentioning that if it was

decided to proceed with the idea the Guildford Guild would co-operate to the best of their ability. He also suggested that greater success would attend a jubilee meeting at Winchester, and hoped a later date than July 5th, when the Guildford Guild would hold their festival, would be chosen.

In view of this letter and also that the places mentioned were on an extreme side of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's area, Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) proposed that the idea of the jubilee meeting be adhered to, but that it be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, with a special service to be conducted by Minor Canon N. C. Woods during the afternoon in the Cathedral. This motion was seconded by Mr. R. J. Stone (Portsmouth) and carried.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on Saturday, July 12th, 1930.

Afterwards the usual votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of St. Mary's and the Provost of the Cathedral for the use of the respective peals of bells, the business meeting terminated.

The members attended service at St. Mary's, at which the Vicar officiated. The Provost (Ven. B. Williams) read the lesson, and an eloquent and inspiring address was given by the Vicar of Fareham (Rev. A. Cory).

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Institute, the clergy being present with the members. This concluded, some indulged in hand-bell ringing, whilst others visited St. Mary's belfry and also the Cathedral.

During the day members were present from Alverstoke, Blackmoor, Carisbrooke, Fareham, Highclere, Newport, North Steneham, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Ryde, Swanmore, Southampton, St. Mary Bourne, Wickham and Winchester, also Messrs. E. C. Merritt, K. Hart, A. D. Stone (Brighton) and W. H. Fussell (Slough). The ringing practised during the day ranged from Grand-sire Triples to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

A Grimsby District meeting, held at Louth on Whit Monday, proved a great success, and brought together ringers from far and near. Amongst those present were Rev. J. Barker, Rector of Great Coates, and members from Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Grimsby St. Andrew's, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Laceby, Goxhill, and the local ringers. There were also ringers from Lincoln, Boston, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Hull and Rotherham. The fine peal of eight, which have recently been rehung, were kept going until the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. Burton, and at which the address was given by the Rev. J. Barber. A splendid tea was awaiting the company, 41 sitting down. Others went on the hills for tea.

Mr. H. Rushby presided over the business meeting in the absence of the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry), who was attending the Central Council meeting.

The election of Mr. Martin Walker and Mr. L. England was confirmed by the meeting.

Mr. George Dixon, of Scunthorpe, was re-elected a member, subject to the approval of the general committee.

Mr. Rushby proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to the Rev. J. Barber for his address, to the caterers, and to those who made the arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. C. W. Taylor, and carried. Mr. H. Rushby was thanked for presiding over the meeting and also for playing the organ for service.

The meeting proved a great success, and further ringing was indulged in.

The Grimsby District and the Ladies' Guild combined meeting at Burton-on-Stather is held on Saturday, June 15th, and not the 22nd, as previously arranged.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, May 27th, at St. Iltyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: M. R. James (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, C. H. Perry (conductor) 4, J. Evans 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, E. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. S. H. Stockwood, wife of the Vicar's warden of the above church.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Dionysius' Church, on Whit Sunday morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Cotton 1, S. Richardson 2, R. Marsh 3, F. Wallington 4, W. Hector 5, A. C. Manning (conductor) 6. Arranged as a farewell to the Vicar, who is shortly leaving for Hinckley, Leicestershire.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 1,280 of Superlative Surprise Major in 48 mins.: F. Blackburn 1, E. Shane (first in method) 2, A. Smith 3, H. Walker 4, A. King 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Shaw, one of the late members of the band, who had to retire through illness, on his 70th birthday. He was a ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 40 years.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on June 20th, *Coffee Pot on the 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rackenford on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting for East and West Suffolk combined, at Stowmarket on June 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30; also Great Finborough (6). Tea at the Temperance Hotel at 4.30, 1s. each. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Hoylandswaine Cup Contest. — Open to all towers in above association. Will be held on Saturday, June 15th. It is hoped all will join at once. Draw 2.45. First band to compete at 3.15. All ringers and friends are invited. Tea will be provided in Parochial Church Room, 1s. 6d. each.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting.—GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Ringing meeting.—Both at Worplesdon, June 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—Miss H. F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham, G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford, Secretaries.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea following.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, June 15th. Service in church at 4.30, to be taken by the Vicar (Rev. F. Melville). Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Miss D. E. Lewis, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marsden on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 1.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 6d. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. S. Whitehead, Throstle Nest, Marsden, near Huddersfield, not later than Friday, June 14th. — F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service, 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wargrave, Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8), 3 p.m. Divine service, 4.30. Tea at 5. Twyford bells available after tea. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Bowdon and Stockport Branch) and the Lancashire Association (Manchester Branch) will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, June 15th, to celebrate the opening of the peal of eight bells recently recast and rebung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar of Staley and Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association. Preacher, Rev. C. A. Clements, M.A., Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall and T. Wilde, Hon. Branch Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, June 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting, 5. Social hour 8 o'clock. A p.c. to signify your intention of being present will be appreciated. Visitors welcome.—J. Herbert, Hon. District Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Ramsbury on Saturday, June 15th. Tea 4.30 p.m. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Eastern and Western Districts at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those intending to be present please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lea, at once.—F. Ainsley and H. Tyson, Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Newdigate on June 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Brett, New House Farm, Newdigate, not later than Wednesday, June 19th? A special appeal is issued to friends in neighbouring associations to join us in making good use of this pretty peal of bells.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Notices for tea to Miss I. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Notts, by Thursday, the 20th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Permission to view the new Exchange Buildings and peal of bells may be granted.—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All intending to be present must notify me not later than Wednesday, June 19th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. District Sec.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAVENHAM BELLS will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—A. Symonds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 12 o'clock. Tea at 1s. per head. All names to be sent to Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham, by Monday, the 17th. Buses leave the Old Cattle Market every thirty minutes after mid-day, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, June 18th. Members and friends are requested to note change of address.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Warner's Café at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please advise me not later than June 20th? —Alban Disney, 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Old Windsor (8 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Bidden-den on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 306th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Thursday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches will be held at Alderton (by special invitation of the Rev. A. D. Pennington) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. All welcome. Please inform either of the undermentioned by the 25th inst. —Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Stanmore bells available during evening. All requiring tea should advise Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, by June 27th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5, followed by general meeting. Tea will be 1s. to those only who have paid their subscriptions; to others, 1s. 6d. Please send word by June 25th. —H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch in Rossendale on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members and visiting ringers to be present. Subscriptions due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will take place at Epsom on Saturday, June 29th. St. Martin's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea should be sent to Alan Pink, 32, Lower Road, Dorking, or to George A. Card, 7, Gilstead Rd., Fulham, S.W.6, not later than 26th inst.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Bakewell. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet (important business) 4 p.m. in Schoolroom. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m., in Wheatsheaf Hotel. It is imperative that those requiring tea advise Mr. W. J. Alexander, Burton Closes, Bakewell, not later than 26th inst., or catering not guaranteed. It is hoped everyone possible will attend to support this first general meeting in the new Peak District.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Brabourne, by kindness of the Rev. S. K. Lockyear. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. M. M. Vischer. Tea at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is looked for on this annual visit.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow (half fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—A special meeting to celebrate the jubilee will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th. Full details later.—G. Pullinger, Gen. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual summer festival will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, July 6th. Further details will be published later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, on Saturday, July 6th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

MARRIAGE.

RENSHAW—GOLDSMITH.—On Wednesday, June 12th, at Woking, by the Rev. J. O. Warburton, Harold Charles, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Renshaw, of Elsted, Woking, and Margaret Lilian, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Southover, Woking.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LARGE GATHERING AT PINNER.

The North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held at Pinner on Saturday, June 1st, attracted a large number, upwards of 50 attending. Ringing started punctually at 3 p.m., and the fine peal of eight bells were utilised to the fullest extent until service time. The Vicar (Rev. C. E. A. Rowland) gave a most interesting discourse on the history of bells generally, and of the Pinner peal in particular. The present peal were recast in 1926 at the Whitechapel Foundry, and are famed all round the neighbouring district for their sweet tones. The Vicar also expressed his appreciation of the visit of the association, which he wished every success.

Service over, the members adjourned for tea. Some difficulty was at first experienced in finding seating accommodation, owing to the unexpectedly large muster, but eventually all were served.

At the business meeting ten new members were admitted, including the confirmation of the election of three policemen who rang in the police peal at St. George's, Southwark, on the previous Saturday. In proposing that their election be confirmed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) congratulated the band on ringing the first Surprise peal by a band of 'bobbies,' which would find an honoured place in the records of the society.

The Hon. Secretary reported on the meeting of the Central Council, referring at length to the Doubles and Minor controversy. He also mentioned the splendid report by the Legal Committee, of which their president (Mr. F. A. Milne) was a member.

Mr. Milne added that the report in question fully covered the ground, and would be published shortly. The next meeting was arranged for Harrow Weald and Staunmore on June 29th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. E. A. Rowland, and to Mr. R. H. Collyer, was unanimously passed, and the meeting terminated. Mr. W. Pye looked after the ringing, and all the standard methods were rung, including an excellent touch of Spliced Surprise in four.

Amongst the many visitors was 'he of England,' who, when he is at home, resides at Birmingham. He might now have been the oldest inhabitant of Pinner (his birthplace) had he not taken a fancy to roaming. On this occasion he roamed round Pinner looking for old friends, but, like the ringers in his early peals, 'they're all dead.'

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4th—St. Michael's (No. 1)	Grandsire Doubles.	34.0 per cent.
5th—St. Michael's (No. 2)	Rounds and Queens	56.0 per cent.

Mr. Dyke, in making the award, said how pleasing it had been to him to listen to the striking through an open window, and he assured the Guilds competing that much had been done that evening to improve the most essential part of ringing, viz., the striking.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Pring also spoke of the good that must inevitably result by the effort of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds to ensure better striking. Mr. Dyke was thanked for his services.

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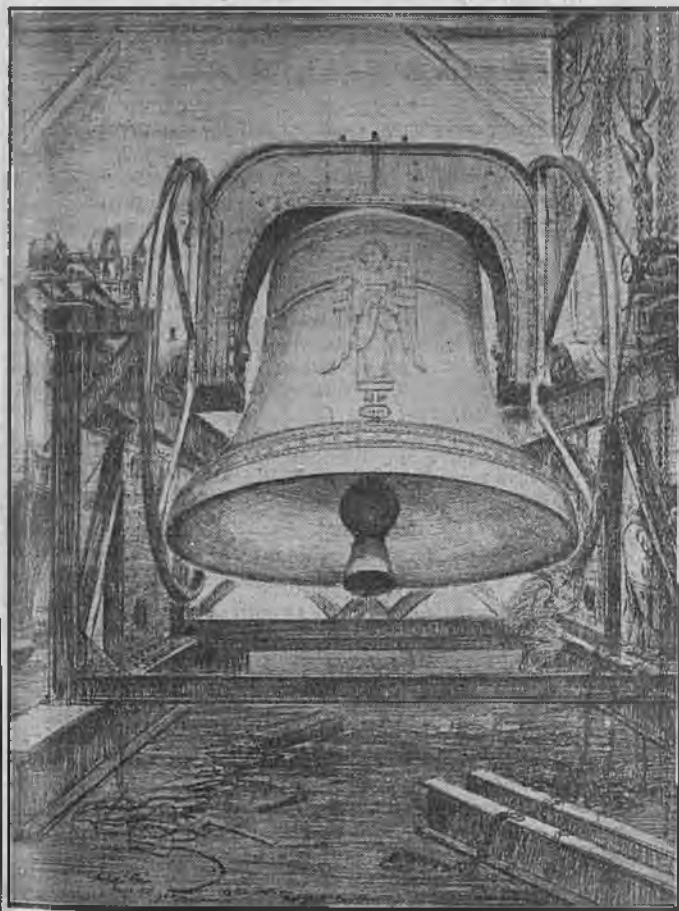
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The article which appeared in this column last week has brought forth, as we expected it would, a reply from the principle spokesman of the Methods Committee. It is a justification of the Committee's change of front in their reasons for wishing to include, in the new edition of the Collection of Methods, the much debated compositions. At this stage it is hardly worth while disputing at length over what happened at Chelmsford. Mr. Trollope may not think the Committee 'wobbled,' but Mr. Trollope has publicly admitted that he does not profess to go in for verbal consistency. That is exactly our complaint. You can never pin them down and we leave Mr. Trollope to get whatever comfort he can from his letter. The greatest sin which anyone in the Exercise can commit is to disagree with the Methods Committee. That has frequently been apparent. Unless one worships at their particular shrine, the wrath of the gods is called down upon him.

'The Ringing World' in this discussion has stood for a principle—upholding the decisions of the Central Council. The Council at Hereford passed a resolution which required that in peals of Doubles and Minor the component 120's and 720's respectively should be true and complete. It was a motion passed, after three months' notice, if not with the expressed acquiescence of all the members of the Methods Committee, at least without disapproval from any of them, and one of them seconded it. When 'The Ringing World' endeavoured to support this decision of the Council, the Committee, Mr. Trollope has said, had 'to take up the challenge' because 'on that particular thing his (the Editor's) views were not our views.' The real issue here raised is, 'Under which king?' If the Exercise is to have a lead, is it to take it from the Council, or from the Methods Committee? The contention of 'The Ringing World' in regard to the inclusion of some of these compositions in one of the Council's publications is that it would give authority to their use, when the Council had already laid down requirements for a peal which deliberately excluded them. Moreover, that to include such compositions would open the door to the admission of even less desirable compositions, which would lend themselves to all kinds of peal 'faking' by unscrupulous conductors—the traditions and good sense of the Exercise notwithstanding.

It is as well, perhaps, that, amid all the steam that has been let off, this position of 'The Ringing World' should again be made clear. It was because the Methods Com-

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mittee were proposing to offer something to ringers which their own Council declined to recognise that we criticised them, and it will not, we think, be disputed that but for this criticism the Committee would have included in the promised new edition of *Minor Methods* without comment the compositions which they are now prepared to label as of questionable suitability for use in peals.

The question now, however, is not so much what has passed, as what is to be done in the future. The position of what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles or Minor is at the moment in a most unsatisfactory position. The resolutions in the Council's minute book still stand, but things cannot remain as they are. A motion by which it was sought to define again what a peal on five or six bells should consist of was postponed, but sooner or later the question has got to be settled. Obviously there are two schools of thought, and it might be well, if they cannot come to any unanimous agreement, that they should endeavour to arrive at a temporary compromise and draft resolutions which might be put before the next Council meeting so that ringers may know exactly what is expected for a peal. Such resolutions, if passed, should be loyally observed by those who look upon the Council as the central authority of the Exercise, and if new ideas develop which render such definitions out of date, they should be properly amended before any Committee of the Council attempts either directly or indirectly to override them.

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On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Four Hours,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	JAMES BENNETT 9
ALBERT W. COLES 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The conductor's 1,000th peal for the association. Messrs. Perrens and Walker are of Coventry and Birmingham respectively, and they were elected members prior to starting. This peal redeems a promise made to the former at the Council meeting at Hereford last year.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	*KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 8
*CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 4	HARRY PARKS 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. C. Renshaw and Miss M. L. Goldsmith, of Woking, who were married on the previous Wednesday. It was at this church that the bride's parents were married in 1903, and a peal rung in honour of the event. * First peal on ten bells. This was the 50th ten-bell peal rung on these bells by Mr. R. J. Dawe.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*RICHARD HAYES... .. Treble	*RAYMOND OVERY 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	MATRICE SMITHER 7
†CHARLES N. BURDOCK 3	*ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 8
*C. ERNEST SMITH 4	*WILLIAM T. BEESON 9
†KENNETH SNELLING 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of Bob Royal by the Guild. * First peal of Bob Royal.
 † First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Mr. Snelling was
 elected a member of the Guild prior to commencement of peal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN Treble	*HARRY BAKER 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	*ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
*MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 8
CHARLES H. SONE 4	*ALBERT RELFE 9
*THOMAS E. SONE 5	WILLIAM SPICE Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all the
 band except the tenor man.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal on the bells since augmentation.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN WOODS Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON 5
WILLIAM PICTHALL 2	THOMAS METCALF 6
*WOODBURN NEVINSON 3	ARTHUR STEDMAN 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

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

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

EDWIN G. BOESDEN Treble	KENNETH PATTERDEN 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FREDERICK R. WELER 4	JOHN COPPINS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BOESDEN.

* Re-elected a member previous to starting peal. Rung on the
 occasion of the civic welcome to His Grace the Archbishop of Canter-
 bury by the Mayor and Corporation of Folkestone.

PERRY BARR.

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

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE LARGE Treble	OLIVER G. NORMAN 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	FRED PRICE 6
RICHARD INGRAM 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
FREDERICK K. RISHWORTH 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. E. NORMAN

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JOHN GORST Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
THOMAS BIRCH 2	JOHN CROOKE 6
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	JOHN BREESE 7
JOHN BAGLEY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Arranged for, and rung on,
 the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN HALL Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
LESLIE G. BRITT 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

First peal of London on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE B. COLE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
MISS FRED E. ORR 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member of the association
 previous to starting the peal, and it was his first peal in the method.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WALTER LONGMAN Treble	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 6
*HARRY SARGEANT 3	THOMAS HURD 7
*ERIC EARDLEY 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by W. HOBBAARD.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal of Major
 rung at this tower. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the
 Rev. H. A. Tamplin) for the use of the bells, and the local ringers
 for having everything in readiness.

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SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

REDFERICK BORRETT Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
STANLEY COPLING 2	GEORGE HOWLETT 6
JOHN ALDIS 3	GEORGE POYNITZ 7
RICHARD BALDRY 4	RUSSELL RICHES Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	JAMES BORDFIELD 5
*KENNETH SNELLING 2	WALTER CHARMAN 6
JOHN FEIST 3	*ROBERT LANGRIDGE 7
WILLIAM WATTS 4	*GEORGE FEIST Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells since they were rehung. Treble ringer from Brighton, 2nd from Crawley, 3rd from Keymer, 5th from Billingshurst, 6th from Warnham, 4th, 7th, and 8th belong to the local company.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
FRANK CLAVDEN 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

JAMES FLEDY Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
*ALBERT WIFFEN 2	†CECIL SAYWARD 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	GEORGE HAYWARD 7
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM KEEBLE. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD

* First peal in the method on tower bells. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the association, and the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, of Romford (June 7th). The ringers of treble and 3rd are nephews.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM M. STONE Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
*NELSON ELLIOTT 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. C. Benshaw and Miss M. L. Goldsmith, of Woking, which took place on the above date. A peal was rung at the same church for the wedding of the bride's parents in 1903. * First peal of Stedman on a working bell, and proposed as a member of the Guild before starting.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	WALTER CHANDLER 5
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 2	CECIL W. PIPE 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	TONY PRICE 7
WALTER FARROW 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Five 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.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
TONY PRICE 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
JAMES BETTS 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringers of the 2nd and 7th, it being the first peal in the method by the former on an 'inside' bell. A birthday compliment to James G. Rumsey, of Leiston, cousin to the conductor.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. Treble	GEORGE HOBBS 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	†FRANK LORD 6
CHARLES H. BIRD 3	GEORGE DIXON 7
†WILLIAM GARTRY 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. First peal of Major as conductor.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WALDER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MISS BLANCHE STADDEN Treble	ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE 5
MRS. WILLIAM EDWARDS 2	JAMES NISBET 6
*MISS HILDA ORCHARD 3	†ALBERT E. COLBURN 7
*MISS GWENDOLINE STADDEN 4	*AKSEL BERG Tenor

Conducted by MRS. WILLIAM EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal on inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of esteem to the late Mr. Robert Corp, who had held the office of churchwarden at the above church for the past sixteen years, and who was interred in the adjoining churchyard on that day.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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 BODEN Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	WALTER LAGO 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
JOSEPH L. STANIER 4	BERTRAM L. JONES Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

It is 13 years since the treble ringer took part in a peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Alfred Shuker, who has been a ringer at the above church for 50 years, also parish clerk for a number of years. The band were afterwards entertained to an excellent repast at the Star Hotel by Mr. W. A. Shuker (son).

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES, Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 1	GEORGE BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

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

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Treble	CHARLES JEFFS 5
*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 2	WILLIAM NASH 6
JOSEPH G. BLOW 3	BEN JARMAN 7
ALBAN KENDALL 4	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. Alban's Day.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES, Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	GEORGE GREEN 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	JOHN WOOD 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES, Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MISS V. SHORTER Treble	JOHN B. WOOLEY 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLEY ... 2	GEORGE L. PERKINS 6
HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	FRANK WARRINGTON 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Miss Shorter's 25th peal, and the conductor's 75th. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. W. Woolley and Mr. J. B. Woolley, who, it is understood, are taking up appointments abroad.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Minster Church of St. Denys,

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

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

MRS. W. C. WEST Treble	FREDERICK PRECEY 5
EDWARD G. COWARD 2	ERNEST F. WHITE 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
THOMAS DAVISON 4	EDWARD MARLOW Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Beatrice May Humphries (sister of the ringer of the treble) and Mr. William Robert Perry.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

After many years, a local band at Inworth, Kelvedon, Essex, have taken up change ringing, and have progressed so far as to be able to report their first touch. This consisted of three six-scores of Bob Doubles rung on June 11th by B. Winger 1, J. Brown 2, E. Mingay (conductor) 3, S. Pye 4, C. Risher 5. These are the first 120's on the bells by a band resident in the parish.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THE CHART, LIMPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, June 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST N. TIDY Treble	JAMES KNIGHT, SEN. 4
*WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER ... 2	LEONARD A. TIDY 5
CHARLES W. CLINCH 3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal inside. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

MACOLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK L. RONAN Treble	JACK TIPPER 4
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	JOHN WORTH 5
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal and first attempt by all. Rung by six of the regular Sunday service ringers. Average age 18 years; age of conductor 19 years. Arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Miss E. Jackson and Mr. W. Gayes (the captain of the band).

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

HORSINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PERCY CARPENTER Treble	*F. JAMES HATCHLEY 4
CHRISTOPHER C. HOLLWAY ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
WILLIAM J. COOMBS 3	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*E. SARGENT Treble	†R. J. BAILEY 4
FRANK KIRK 2	ARTHUR BELLAMY 5
HARRY CHAPMAN 3	AMOS SMART Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. Arranged for the treble ringer, who is only 17 years of age.

LUPPITT, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR G. SELLEY Treble	THOMAS LAVER 4
†MISS MILDRED HANSON 2	MRS. E. S. POWELL 5
FRANK J. DAVEY 3	REV. E. S. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

CWMCARVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.
 *GEORGE KNIGHT Treble *ARTHUR HAWKINS 4
 DONALD G. CLIFT 2 GEORGE POPNELL 5
 *GEORGE HAWKINS 3 WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, eight 120's Plain Bob, and thirty 120's Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.
 ERNEST MARSH Treble ALBERT E. KITCHEN 4
 RONALD RUSSELL 2 A. NORMAN GEARY 5
 J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3 CLARENCE F. JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Russell.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent, two 720's Oxford, two 720's Kent, and two 720's Plain Bob.
 CHARLES E. WEBB Treble THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 4
 EDWIN JENNINGS 2 THOMAS B. NEWTON 5
 FREDERICK HINDLE 3 WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Arranged for F. Hindle, of Blackburn. The above 720's complete the conductor's 1,000th 720 of Minor on tower bells.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents, each ending with rounds.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble A. NORMAN GEARY 4
 J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2 RONALD RUSSELL 5
 R. HENRY BARTRAM 3 ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the 114th tower in the Leicester Diocese in which the conductor has rung complete peals. The band desire, through this medium, to thank Rev. Canon and Mrs. Williams for their kind reception and entertainment (with the local band) after the peal, not forgetting the cake presented to the treble ringer on this, his silver wedding anniversary. It was also a birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, June 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

PERCY O. LAFLIN 1-2 GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
 JOHN THOMAS 3-4 FRANK W. PERRENS 9-10
 ALBERT WALKER 5-6 FRANK E. PERVIN 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: C. HAZELDEN (Guildford).

Specially rung with the good wishes of the band as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. C. Renshaw and Miss M. L. Goldsmith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

HOYLANDSWAINE CUP CONTEST.

This annual event took place at Hoylandswaine on Saturday last. Five bands entered, and were drawn to ring as under: 1, Wath; 2, Cawthorne; 3, Sandal; 4, Felkirk; 5, Shelley. Mr. J. R. Brearley was the judge. The first band commenced at 3.20 p.m., the last band finished at 6.30 p.m.

Tea was served in the Parochial Room. About 60 ringers and friends, among whom the fair sex were prominent, sat down to a feast of good things.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar (Rev. J. Hewitson) kindly acting as chairman.

The following were elected members: Mr. Noel Moxon (Cawthorne), Mr. R. Harrison (Ecclesfield), Mr. Hemingway Dransfield (Dewsbury, non-resident), Mr. George Simon, Elland (non-resident).

The Barnesley and District Shield Contest, proposed to be held at Monk Bretton, was discussed. Several members referred to the hard going of the bells at that church, and the proposal was therefore cancelled, and Crofton, near Wakefield, substituted.

For the July meeting Wentworth was selected.

The judge's award for the cup contest was declared as under: Shelley, 76 faults, first prize, silver cup and six clocks; Wath, 210 faults, second prize, six sets of half a dozen dinner knives; Felkirk, 3; Cawthorne and Sandal 'rung out.'

Of this, the sixth annual contest, it may truly be said its effect for good was very marked. An excellent social feeling prevailed throughout. The victors walked away with the trophies, but sound friendship was triumphant.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Ripon on Whit Monday. Ringers gathered in the old town from Thirsk, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Middlesbrough, Sharow, Ormesby, Tadcaster, Hurworth, and, joined by the local band, kept the beautiful peal of ten going until a late hour at night. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and the feature of the ringing was the beautiful striking. Visitors to the gathering, in the shape of Mr. H. Withers, of Birmingham, and two Preston ringers, were welcomed.

At the annual meeting, which was attended by about 25 ringers, the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe) presented his annual report, which alluded to the diamond wedding of one of the members, which had been celebrated during the year. That was Mr. James Barnett, who, at the age of 80 years, is still a ringing member of the association, and has been a ringer at Northallerton Church for 50 years. He is one of the original members of the association. The association had suffered loss by death in the passing of Mr. G. Neesom, of Thirsk, at the age of 84 years.

The referees under the Sunday service ringing scheme announced that Middlesbrough had won the first certificate and Whitby the second certificate for the last year's competition, and it was decided that the Skelton tower should become the owners of the first certificate and Middlesbrough tower the owners of the second certificate at the expiration of the twelve months.

The officers were re-elected, and the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard) was appointed as one of the association's representatives to the Central Council in the place of the Rev. A. Simpson, the other representative being the hon. secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Cathedral authorities for the use of the bells was passed, and the members expressed their appreciation of the kindness of the Dean in so readily consenting to their request to be allowed the privilege of the use of the bells.

The meetings of the association for the next year were fixed for Ormesby in autumn, Thirsk pre-Lent, Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, and Northallerton on Whit Monday, and in addition a special meeting was arranged to take place at Sharow on June 8th.

The weather was glorious, the ringing was good, the meeting was a quick and businesslike one, and the meals were excellent. No ringer can expect more than that.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Ranmore Common on Saturday, members attending from Beddington, Canterbury, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's, Dorking, Ewell, Guildford, Leatherhead, Mitcham (St. Peter and Paul's and Christ Church), Reigate, Streatham (St. Leonard's and Immanuel), and Wandsworth. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and continued until 5.30, when a party of 24 sat down to a substantial tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The business meeting followed, and was of the usual routine nature.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Dobinson for having everything in readiness. The members then returned to the tower, and further ringing was enjoyed throughout the evening, the methods practised ranging from call changes to London Surprise.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Marsden on Saturday, June 15th, ringers being present from Queensbury, Denholme, Lindley, Guiseley, Bradford, Leeds, Headingley, Earlsheaton, Shipley, Birstall, Lightcliffe, Drighlington, Longwood, Almondbury and the local company. In the afternoon touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were rung. Tea was served in the Parochial Hall, and the business meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) being in the chair.

Mr. H. Hoyle gave a hearty welcome to the Yorkshire Association, and appealed to the members to give all the help they could to the young ringers of the Marsden band, assuring them it would be greatly appreciated.

Three new members were elected: A. Rothery (Longwood), A. Hancock (Northowram), and F. W. Rishworth (Perry Bar, Birmingham).

As there were no invitations for the next meeting, which will be arranged, if possible, on Saturday, August 24th, it was decided to leave it in the hands of the secretary.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the ladies who helped at the tea tables, and to the local company for the arrangements made, were carried unanimously.

Mr. M. Harrison raised the question of the order of ringing at these meetings, which, he said, was unsatisfactory. This caused a considerable amount of discussion.

Afterwards the tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful and well-attended meeting of the Northern District was held at Offley on June 8th. Ringers were present from Baldock, Bedford, Kimpton, Hitchin, King's Walden, Letchworth, Luton, and the local band. Touches in most of the standard methods were brought round, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar. During the service a peal board was dedicated in the belfry.

After tea several of the company indulged in handbell ringing, Grandsire Caters and Triples being rung. Further ringing on the tower bells brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

CRAWLEY.—On Sunday, June 9th, for matins, 1,344 Double Norwich Major in 48 mins. by the local company: Miss F. Wyman 1, R. Swift 2, G. Olliver 3, K. Snelling 4, C. Nice 5, N. Elliott 6, R. V. Johnson 7, O. Sippetts (conductor) 8.

THE PEAL AT HASLEMERE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one who took part in the peal of Stedman Caters at Haslemere on May 18th, I hasten to relieve the anxiety of 'Tintinnabulator' and his friends by saying that the details as recorded are perfectly true. Although the ringing was a bit on the slow side, it was perfectly good, and as regards his remarks about 'the ability of the tenor man and the weight and "go" of the tenor,' I think that can be left to any ringer to know that in all odd-bell methods the tenor man can only 'cover' as fast as the remainder will allow him, otherwise it will end in chaos. Judging by his suggestion that the last quarter-peal was rung twice, I take it that he and his band would expect to ring a peal there in less than three hours, but either they have not rung at Haslemere, or are comparing bells of similar weight tuned on a different principle. For my part, I like to enjoy the ringing, and would not give a 'button' to race bells for the sake of doing so, even if they go well.

I am afraid that as 'Tintinnabulator' has not the courage to sign his name and mention the ringers on whose behalf he wrote the letter, we shall not be able, if they ring a peal of Caters in exceptionally quick time, to ask them if they left out the last quarter-peal.—Yours, etc.,

F. W. ROGERS.

Portsmouth.

['Tintinnabulator,' who obviously delights in a little 'leg pulling,' or, should it be, 'pulling Pulling's leg,' will perhaps be interested to know that after the peal, so a correspondent informs us, the said tenor man remarked that he would like to go to the tower again with a band with plenty of leisure, so that they might take their time over a peal and ring it at 'a nice steady pace.'—Ed., 'R.W.')

WHY SPOIL THE PEAL?

Sir,—As an absolute 'tyro,' although having rung about fifty peals with the conductor of the peal at Haslemere, I feel that 'Tintinnabulator' has not had the pleasure of ringing a PEAL (capitals, Editor, please) with the conductor in question. (Anyone can ring a fast peal, but it takes a good hand to strike a slow one.)

This same conductor has often said, 'Why spoil the peal for the sake of a few minutes' extra ringing?' and I would suggest that any critics where 'length of time' is concerned should pay a visit to Holy Trinity, Guildford, when a band of this gentleman's training are ringing a peal of Bristol or Superlative, and afterwards express their opinion. Forgive me trespassing. I am not afraid to sign my name.

Maidenhead.

GEORGE GILBERT.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Master Edwin A. Barnett, the youngest member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, son of Mr. Edwin Barnett, and grandson of Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, has won a scholarship tenable for eight years at Dartford Grammar School. About 250 boys competed for 20 free places, and Master Barnett's success is all the more noteworthy from the fact that he is only 10½ years of age.

The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday from 7.50 to 8 p.m.

Mr. Bernard H. Clark, who until recently was hon. secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, met with a serious accident on Sunday week while motor-cycling. He was struck broadside-on by a car, and in addition to receiving a number of minor injuries sustained a fracture of the right thigh. He is now in hospital at Chalfont St. Peter, and his many ringing friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

A correspondent writes: 'In "Belfry Gossip" last week it was stated that the first peal of Stedman Triples "in hand" was rung by the College Youths, no date being given, however. Is this correct? Was not the first peal of Stedman Triples in hand rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths on December 19th, 1853, by John Cox (conductor), Thomas Powel, Henry Haley and Thomas Britten?'

We find that the Cumberland's peal book describes this as 'the first peal of Stedman's Principle ever rang on handbells.' This claim was evidently justified from the fact that the 1851 peal of Stedman Caters proved to be a false composition, and that a peal rung in 1855 by the College Youths is ranked as the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was rung on June 23rd, 1882. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Derby.

The only peal rung on 14 bells, Stedman Sextuples, was achieved on handbells at Birmingham on June 24th, 1922, and no one seems very anxious to repeat the performance.

Mr. William Pye must have set up a new record by having rung one thousand peals for the Middlesex Association. This extraordinary achievement was completed last Saturday.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

Arrangements are being made to attempt a twelve-bell record at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. on August Bank Holiday. A band of well-known ringers, with Mr. William Pye as conductor, will then endeavour to ring a 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Many great performances have been achieved at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, and it was there, in April, 1911, that the present Maximus record, 12,240 Kent Treble Bob, was rung in 8 hrs. 39 mins. Three years later the existing record of Royal, a round 14,000, was accomplished on the same bells in 9 hrs. 24 mins. The tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne is 27 cwt.

The greatest number of changes yet rung on 12 bells is the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick, Gloucestershire, on February 14th, 1920, which occupied 8 hrs. 45 mins., but the biggest twelve-bell performance undertaken up to the present is the 12,675 Stedman Cinques rung in 9 hrs. 47 mins. at Southwark in 1923.

READING RESTORATIONS.

ST. MARY'S BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

In connection with the peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Reading, on May 22nd last, it may be interesting to many to know that this heavy old peal is made up of four bells by R. Catlin, 1740; two by Knight, of Reading, 1640, and two by Mears (recast 1863). The bells were terribly out of tune, and going very roughly at the end of 1928. Expert advice was therefore taken, and the whole frame and fittings condemned. As £2800 had been raised to repair the fine old tower, which even then was in the hands of the builders, things looked very black, but a true son of the Church, keenly interested in ringing, came forward and said, 'Get the bells done; I will do the needful.' The job was put in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cleared the tower and put in heavy girders and cast-iron frame, took the bells to Whitechapel, tuned them, and sent back a very fine peal of eight. The 'go' is now all that can be desired, and St. Mary's, Reading, to-day can boast of one of the finest peals of eight in the diocese of Oxford. A young band is being instructed in the art, and it is hoped at no distant date that change ringing will be well established again as in old times. The band who rang the peal were entertained to supper afterwards by the ringer of the second, and a very pleasant hour was spent.

The bells of St. Lawrence's, Reading, are, we understand, also to be rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

PEALS OF TEN IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

By the addition of two bells at Hatfield, Hertfordshire will have four peals of ten, as at present there are three, namely, St. Peter's, St. Albans, All Saints', Hertford, and St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, which were increased to ten and opened on July 19th, 1920, and retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and re-opened on August 6th, 1928.

Last week we mentioned only three—those which are given in the list of towers in the Herts County Report.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 379.)

NEW MEMBERS OF PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The formal adoption of the report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of May 10th, was moved by Mrs. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. George Williams.

The Hon. Secretary said he regretted that Mr. J. W. Parker had written saying he felt compelled to withdraw from the committee, with which he had been associated so many years, and also to withdraw from the Council, of which he was an hon. member. He (the secretary) had written to Mr. Parker urging him to defer any action until the London meeting next year, and Mr. Parker had agreed to leave his resignation from the Council in their hands. He, however, desired to come off the Analysis Committee. The question arose whether they ought not to have someone in his place on the committee instead of waiting until next year.

Mrs. Fletcher said Mr. Parker and she did the work between them last year. Mr. Beeston checked part of it, but was not able to finish it. This year Mr. Parker had done the analyses with her, but he had now sent her the papers, and she had no one to check the figures at the end of the year.

Mr. Goldsmith proposed that Mr. James George and Mr. George R. Pye—two gentlemen with a certain amount of leisure—should be added to the committee to assist Mrs. Fletcher.

Both these gentlemen signified their willingness to help and were therefore elected.

The report was adopted, and the President expressed the Council's debt of gratitude to Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. Parker for the enormous amount of work they did in connection with this report, which was of very great interest to ringers throughout the country.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved the adoption of the Towers and Belfries Committee's report, dealing with belfry acoustics, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on May 3rd. He added that he had had a good deal to do in the territory of his own Guild during the year. There was certainly now no excuse, when anyone was setting out to renovate a tower, and so forth, why everything should not be, from the acoustic point of view and the ventilation point of view, perfect. There were many towers where bell restoration work was not necessary, but where a great deal could be done to improve acoustics or ventilation. He did not think any band of ringers ought to remain content when they could either not hear their bells in the belfry, or hear them too much, or when people outside complained. He was sure from his experience that these things could be put right.

Rev. H. Law James suggested that the committee should visit Lincoln Cathedral and hear the bells inside and outside the tower, and examine the tower, because there they had succeeded in getting carried out the whole of the principles that were contained in Sir Arthur Heywood's book on the hanging of bells and on acoustics, and the result was absolutely satisfactory. People living under the tower would not object to the bells being rung for twelve hours at a stretch, while in a distant village, he had been told, it was said it was no good ringing the church bells when the Cathedral bells were being rung.

Major Hesse, who seconded the report, said he had also had a busy year. With regard to Lincoln, he had a drawing of the tower sent him by the late Mr. Pryce Taylor, showing various elevations at which the bells might be put. He would like to know how far below the louvres they were.

Rev. H. Law James: About 40 feet.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked whether the committee had made any inquiries about the welding of bells?

Major Hesse said he was afraid nothing had been done. He believed the welded bell at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, was still standing up.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Ipswich) said the 7th at St. Mary-le-Tower was welded. It was much cheaper than recasting. It had been rung to two or three peals of Maximus, and seemed to be unaffected.

Asked whether he thought the bell was as good as it was before it was cracked, Mr. Sedgley said he thought it was.

Major Hesse said he saw one job. It looked all right, and he heard the bell after it was done. But he did not hear it before, so he could not compare the tone.

The Hon. Secretary said after the Hereford meeting he wrote to Mr. Symonds, at Ipswich, on the matter, and he reported very favourably on the bell that they had welded there. It was useful to know it was still standing up all right.

Major Hesse: I think a welded bell is a blemish in a tower; it is not the same as a recast bell.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn asked if the committee should undertake the revision of the book on the preservation of bells? He supposed it fell to their lot.

The President: Yes.

Rev. H. Drake: Will this report be included, or something to the same effect?

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn: That was our idea.

The report was adopted, and the committee requested to revise the book on the Preservation of Bells.

THE YEAR'S RECORDS.

The Report of the Records Committee was presented by Mr. T. H. Beams as follows: First peals in new methods, and progressive lengths in others, rung since the last report and up to the end of March this year, were:—

Peals in new methods include 5,040 Gainsborough Little Bob Major by the Yorkshire Association; 5,184 Kent Surprise Major by the Essex Association; 5,280 New Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Suffolk Guild; 5,040 York Surprise Royal by the Midland Counties Association; 5,040 Melton Surprise Royal by the Midland Counties Association. In Spliced Methods have been rung a 5,000 in six Plain and Treble Bob Methods, Little Canterbury, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain and Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; a 5,040 'Mixed' Bob Major (?) by the Durham and Newcastle Association; a 5,184 in Spliced Surprise Major methods, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Lincolnshire Surprise, by the Middlesex County Association; a 5,184 in six Surprise Methods, London, Rutland, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, and Pudsey, by the Middlesex County Association; 5,040 Spliced Surprise Minor, in 22 methods, by the Essex Association. A progressive length, 5,056 changes, of 'Here-ward' Bob Major, has been rung by the Kent County Association.

The report was adopted.

THE LAW AFFECTING CHURCH BELLS.

The Legal Committee (Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, F. A. Milne and E. W. Elwell) presented the following report, which was read by Mr. Milne:—

The sole right of access to the belfry is vested in the incumbent (Blunt, ed. 1921, 273), but the incumbent's rights are not given him for his sole use, and he must permit access to the belfry to allow of such use of the bells as is consistent with the purpose for which they are placed there (Blunt Book of Church Law, ed. 1921, 328), e.g., summoning parishioners to worship or tolling at a funeral which is an essential part of the rites of the Church.

The bells should only be rung with the incumbent's consent, and they must not be rung against his express wish. The property in the bells as in other church ornaments is in the churchwardens (Whitehead Church Law, sub-tit. 'Bells,' 1921 ed., p. 42); hence it was formerly held that a churchwarden could not be convicted of stealing a bell. The churchwardens have the custody of the keys of the belfry, and are to take care that the bells are not rung without proper cause; but the minister conjointly with them is to be the judge of the proper cause. They would seem, therefore, to have a right to interfere in the belfry and in the ordering of the ringers, but in what manner or to what extent it is difficult to define. For the custody of the keys implies that the belfry is to be open or not at their discretion, and the property of the bell ropes is in them (Jackson v. Adams, 1835, 2, Bingham p.c. 402), and if the bells were improperly rung the churchwardens, according to Canon 88 would be the responsible parties. But the churchwardens are not authorised without the consent of the incumbent to give orders for the bells to be rung, and it would be an ecclesiastical offence if they were to break open the belfry door in order to have the bells rung, for the freehold of the church is in the incumbent, and the lawful custody of the key of the church belongs to him, so that unless he consents the parishioners cannot except on the occasion of divine service procure the ringing of the bells. Should they break in and ring the bells they would be guilty of an ecclesiastical offence, and if proceedings should be taken against them by the incumbent they would be mulcted in costs (see Redhead v. West (1862), 6, L. Times 580, and Cripp's Law of Church and Clergy, ed. 1921, p. 190, 1921).

The Parochial Church Council's Measure (1921), while leaving the property in the goods and ornaments of the church (which, of course, includes bells, bell fittings and bell ropes) in the churchwardens, transfers to the Parochial Church Council all the powers, duties and liabilities of the churchwardens relating to the care, maintenance, preservation and insurance of such goods and ornaments. The Parochial Church Council is the body to be first approached, if anything goes wrong with the bells, and it is its duty, so far as may be possible, to put things right. So far, however, as the ringing of the bells is concerned, it would seem that the Parochial Church Council Measure has made no alteration in the law, and that save in so far as ringing for the church services is concerned, it remains with the incumbent to decide if and when and subject to what conditions the bells shall be rung, the churchwardens still having the same indefinite right of interference.

As it rests with the incumbent to appoint all church officers other than those as to whom special provisions are made by Ecclesiastical Law and the Parochial Church Council Measure of 1921, e.g., churchwardens, sidesmen, parish clerk and sexton, it would seem that every regular ringer should be appointed or approved by him. In every well-regulated belfry the ringers are formed into Guilds or societies subject to regulations approved by the incumbent, and there is practically no difficulty in the matter. But on every change of incumbent it would be advisable that the rules for the time being in force should be submitted to and formally approved by him. The Parochial Church Council have no voice in the matter, any more than they have in the appointment of organist, but if any remuneration is to be made by the Council to the ringers for their services it is obviously the duty of the incumbent to keep the Council informed on all matters relating to the ringing of the bells.

This raises the question as to who is responsible, if anyone, for the safety of the ringers and for compensation in case of injury. So far as all ringers are concerned, it is the duty of the church authorities to see that the bells, bell chamber and fittings are reasonably safe and that there is nothing in the nature of a trap whereby an incautious person might meet with injury. It is possible that if the incumbent was aware that the bells could not with safety be rung, and with that knowledge permitted ringing to take place, he might be civilly liable in damages for any injury sustained. The same would apply to any person who left a bell 'up' and without warning invited a stranger into the belfry or (as in a case within the writer's recollection) omitted to close a trap door in the belfry and anyone fell through. Such things are, of course, very unlikely to happen, but it may sometimes occur that a ringer is accidentally injured without blame attaching to anyone. In such a case, if he was a paid ringer, the question of compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act would arise. There would then be contract of service with an employer who would be the person liable to pay. Who was the employer would be a question of fact which would largely depend upon who paid the money. It might be the incumbent, the churchwardens, or the Church Council who enlisted the hand of ringers or arranged the terms of payment. Whoever it was would probably be held liable. The Church Council, however, being a corporate body, its members would not be personally liable, and the Council itself only to the extent of moneys in hand.

With regard to bells generally, a faculty is required for their removal, alteration (such as recasting) or erection. The granting of a faculty for a new peal of bells is by no means a matter of course. The Chancellor will hesitate where there is a risk of annoyance being caused by their being rung with unnecessary frequency or for an unnecessary length of time, and this should be carefully borne in mind when a new peal is in contemplation especially where there is a crowded population.

The ringing of church bells is almost of necessity an annoyance to some people, however pleasing it may be to others. It cannot, therefore, ever be held a public nuisance rendering the ringers criminally liable on indictment, but it may be a private nuisance liable to be restrained by injunction at the instance of any person specially aggrieved (*Soltau v. de Held*, 2 Sim., 133). There is, however, no reported case in which an injunction has been granted to restrain the ringing of the bells of a parish church, and so long as bells are rung in moderation—even for peal ringing—it is unlikely that the Courts will interfere with such an old-established custom, however much it may annoy individuals who reasonably or unreasonably hold church bells in abhorrence.

The President said they were all very grateful indeed to the three members of the Legal Committee for their report, which he took it the Council would accept.

A Member: Will it be printed?

The President said no doubt it would be printed, but he could not say for certain that it would be done at present. It was most important, he added, in view of what might happen, that the Legal Committee should be kept in existence to watch events, and to act in case of emergency on the Council's behalf. They would be grateful if the committee would do this.

Rev. H. Drake asked whether the committee had considered how far the law regarding moving machinery applied to bells?

Mr. Elwell said he thought it was quite clear that the Factory Acts did not apply to church bells.

The report was adopted.

(To be continued.)

THE COUNCIL AND THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—One of the most astonishing decisions ever made by the Council was that when it decided, by 30 votes to 29, that the Bankes James Cambridge Minor, the Law James London Minor, and the Pitman and Morris Grandsire Doubles arrangements are all 'hopelessly false.' This, at the behest of members who could not back up such a proposition by a single sound argument.

When we ring a 5,040 of Minor under the conditions laid down in the Council's 'Rules and Decisions,' we ring 720 changes each seven times, excluding rounds at the beginning, but including rounds at the end of the last 720. When we ring the Bankes James Cambridge Minor, or the Law James London Minor, we ring 720 changes each seven times, excluding rounds at the beginning, but including rounds at the end. We call each of these performances A PEAL, and my dictionary informs me that A equals ONE. Therefore, our ONE PEAL contains exactly the same 720 changes, each rung exactly the same number of times, whether it is called under the old conditions or under the spliced arrangements. To say that the latter are false is to condemn all the peals of Minor that have ever been rung. (A similar argument can be put up in connection with Doubles.)

The question for the Council to decide is whether it is going to admit as a peal of Minor any composition that does not consist of at least seven separate 720's, each true and complete in itself, and each ending with rounds, and if members had confined themselves to

these points at the Chelmsford meeting much valuable time would have been saved.

Some members evidently realised this soon after the 'hopelessly false' amendment had been carried, for, as the substantive motion, it was rejected, and a compromise arranged whereby the compositions in question are to be published as an appendix, with a note that their publication does not commit anyone to the opinion that they are suitable to be rung as peals.

According to 'The Ringing World' records, the Bankes James Cambridge Minor composition has been rung some 56 times by 21 associations. The representatives of some of these associations voted for the 'hopelessly false' amendment. I presume they are by this time congratulating themselves that the Council, by rejecting the amendment as the substantive resolution, has saved them from having to recommend their respective associations to delete the 'false' peals from their records. Or will they stand on their own expressed opinions in the matter?

It is unfortunate that the president found himself unable to adopt the suggestion that Mr. Whittington's resolution as to the definition of a peal of Minor (and Doubles) should be discussed before the Methods Committee report. A decision on that resolution might then have been come to. As it was, members had exhausted their vocabulary, grown tired of the subject, and so they eagerly voted to postpone, until the next or some subsequent meeting, coming to a decision on the very vital point as to what shall constitute a peal. Had this point been decided, the acceptance of the report of the Methods Committee would have been a matter of course, or arrangement, according to the decision on the resolution.—Yours faithfully,
21, Vincent Road, E.4.
C. T. COLES.

June 8th, 1929.

THE DEBATE ON THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It should be emphasised that Mr. Wm. Willson's reference back of the report was on the very definite grounds 'that they are hopelessly false,' but unfortunately this is omitted from your report of the debate. A great deal of the debate following the reference back ranged round these words; indeed, an attempt was made to have them deleted, but it was ruled out of order by the president. It is not an exaggeration to say that several members who would otherwise have voted for the deletion of the compositions, could not bring themselves to say that they are false; three or four members actually told me after the meeting that they were unable to vote for the reference back for that very reason.

In your report of the debate these words come in for the first time when the amendment was put as the substantive motion. In 'The Ringing World' for May 24th you give a summary of the proceedings, and there Mr. Willson's amendment is given in its correct form.

I am sure you have no intention of misleading, but the omission of this sentence in your report alters the sense of much of the subsequent debate.—Yours faithfully,
21, Vincent Road, E.4.
C. T. COLES.

June 15th, 1929.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, June 1st, at the Old Church, Smethwick. The Guild's beautiful form of service was said in church at 4.30, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Girdlestone, M.A., D.S.O.), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address. The Rev. H. T. Robins (assistant priest) read the lesson.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bounteous tea was in readiness, and, needless to say, full justice was done to the good things provided. The business meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by the Vicar, who gave a right cordial welcome to the members to Smethwick on behalf of the churchwardens and other church officials, as well as of himself. Several new members were added to the roll.—On the proposition of Mr. S. J. Hughes, the secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy and condolence to Miss Pigott, of Smethwick, on the death of her mother.—The proposition was carried in silence.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wombourne, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Smethwick, the date and arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. J. Price, seconded by Mr. B. Gough, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Smethwick for his warm welcome, for his kindness in granting permission to hold this meeting at his church, also for conducting the service, and his eloquent address, and for the use of the tower, bells, and schoolroom in which to hold the tea and meeting, also to the Rev. H. T. Robins for the part he took in the service, and to the organist. Special thanks were also given to the donors of the tea, and to those ladies who prepared and served it, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one.

The bells were kept merrily going during the afternoon and evening.

THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY, M.A. DEATH OF DEVON'S PIONEER IN CHANGE RINGING.

AN APPRECIATION: BY CANON G. F. COOLERIDGE.

At a good old age, respected and revered by all with whom he came in contact, the Rev. Maitland Kelly passed from this life to a higher one on Saturday last in a nursing home in Plymouth, whither he had been taken for an operation after four weeks of intense suffering at home, his mortal remains being laid to rest in the quiet churchyard of Kelly, adjoining the beautiful gardens of his well-loved home, on Wednesday last, amid a great concourse of friends and neighbours assembled to pay a last tribute to departed worth.

Much might be said of his devoted work as a parish priest, first as curate of Abingdon, with a notable set of colleagues, 1868-70, then at Newton Ferrers 1871-73, as Rector of Plympton St. Maurice 1873-76, Vicar of Salcombe 1877-90, Vicar of Ottery St. Mary 1890-1900, where he also held the responsible office of Rural Dean for seven years, having also served in that capacity when holding the living of Salcombe, as Rural Dean of Woodleigh. In 1900 he succeeded his older brother as squire of Kelly, and from 1905 to 1912 was Rector of Kelly as well. On all these parishes his devoted work has left an indelible mark.

It is, however, rather of his work as a ringer, than as a parish priest, that our readers would wish to remember him. In his early days change ringing was practically unknown in the West of England—it had never penetrated further than Bristol. The earliest record is to be found on a tablet in the tower of Kelly Church which runs: 'Be it remembered that on Saturday, January 21st, 1865, 3 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung in this church, being the greatest number of changes ever rung in Devon by men of the county,' Mr. Kelly, at that time an undergraduate at University College, Oxford, ringing the 3rd bell. From that time, for a space of over 60 years, he has been identified with all that has tended to foster ringing in the West. For all that long period it has largely been a matter of spadework, coupled with a determination ever to press on in spite of difficulties known only to himself; yet he lived long enough to rejoice that change ringing, though not an indigenous plant, had firmly taken root and was flourishing in the fair county of Devon.

One of the very oldest of the members of the College Youths, and one of the first elected members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers when founded in 1874, Mr. Kelly lived to fill the office of secretary (1890-1896), and, later, president (in succession to Col. C. A. W. Troyle), which office he held from 1896 till the jubilee meeting in 1924, when he felt he ought to hand over the reins to one younger than himself. At this time, also, he solely, by his own wish, ceased to represent the Guild on the Central Council, whose annual meetings never failed to afford him deep pleasure.

On six occasions, between 1895 and 1907, he organised a ringing week in the West, inviting picked ringers to ring peals with a view to showing local men what could and what ought to be done. These tours, luxuriously engineered, not only gave unbounded pleasure to those who took part in them, but aroused immense interest and enthusiasm in the localities visited. Some 47 peals were rung on these tours, the greater number in places where change ringing had never been heard before. In some of these the organiser himself took part. It is not, however, so much as a peal ringer as a pioneer that the Rev. Maitland Kelly should be remembered. His frequent, and often, lengthy journeys, by road or rail, sometimes for weeks and months at a stretch, to help on a struggling band at its weekly practices; his genial presence ever welcomed at annual or branch meetings—in fact, wherever and whenever he felt he could do something for ringing in the West, there was he invariably to be found. Above all should mention be made of his unremitting work in the Kelly tower, ever engaged in training young men, with the certainty of losing them in the near future, but well content to know that he had laid the foundations, leaving it to others to make use of the materials so diligently prepared by him.

Though a gun accident some years ago caused the amputation of a foot, he still carried on his instruction work till nearly the end, when, supported by the belfry wall, he would ring, conduct, or stand behind a youngster and steer him through a plain course or six-score.

Clergy not only sought his ready help in preaching, but many of the laity were accustomed to seek his advice in many unexpected quarters. As an example, barely two months ago, as the oldest subscriber to the Lamerton Hunt, his good offices were sought to solve difficulties which had arisen over the mastership.

Everywhere, and by all sorts and conditions of men, will his genial presence be missed, and not least by the ringing friends, whose name is legion. It was always a great delight to him to meet them, whether for ringing or social converse. As a proof of this, less than two years ago, on the termination of a tour in Cornwall, three of the band called at Kelly on their way home on the Saturday afternoon, on the chance of seeing him. His delight in meeting them was profound. He talked of their kindness in visiting an old man, not only at dinner that evening, but again before bedtime, and several times on the Sunday. So late as two months ago he more than once spoke of the pleasure their visit had given him. It was

ever so; what he felt on that occasion he felt towards ringers whenever he met them.

A family of nine sons and daughters are left to mourn him, a great number of neighbours and friends, and not a few of the Ringing Fraternity. R.I.P.

ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, who was 86 years of age, was born at Kelly in 1842, the third son of Mr. Arthur Kelly, of Kelly. He was educated at Marlborough College and University College, Oxford, where he took his B.A. degree in 1869, and M.A. in 1872. He was ordained a deacon in 1869 and a priest a year later by the Bishop of Oxford. While at Salcombe he added a chancel to the church and started a surpliced choir. Ottery also benefited from his activities, and while there he built a Church Institute, as well as a chapel-of-ease at Waggaton, a hamlet a mile distant from Ottery. In remembrance of the work Mr. Kelly did as Rector of Plympton St. Maurice, three choir stalls were presented by his friends, and a brass tablet in the church commemorates the gift. During his Rectorship an alteration of seats in the chancel was made to accommodate the choir, the font was presented, the bells rehung, improvements made in the tower and churchyard, and an organ installed. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Diocesan Choral Union, and it owes him a debt of gratitude for his long years of service in his endeavours to improve church music in the diocese. As a boy he tolled the bell at Kelly, when the Duke of Wellington died.

TRIBUTES AT DEVON GUILD MEETING.

The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux (chairman of the North-East Devon Branch of the Guild) announced the sad event at a meeting of the Branch at Rackenford on Saturday afternoon, and there was a general feeling of sincere regret. Mr. Molineux said many present, being young men, could know little of the great and important work Mr. Kelly did for the Devonshire Guild, and perhaps hardly realised the heavy loss it had sustained by his death. There were few, if any, in the room who were so closely acquainted with Mr. Kelly as himself. Mr. Kelly was his former Vicar at Ottery St. Mary as far back as 1889, and he was associated with him during his (Mr. Kelly's) presidency of the Guild for 14 years as hon. secretary of that organisation, and for four or five years as hon. treasurer. Mr. Kelly was always full of enthusiasm for the promotion of change ringing. When Mr. Kelly went to Ottery the ringers had started half-pull methods. Mr. Kelly took up the instruction, and the Ottery band became one of the most efficient in the Guild. Perhaps the greatest work in which Mr. Kelly engaged in connection with the Guild was the annual visiting of the different bands, who always cordially welcomed him, and the Guild was indebted to him for the enormous amount of service he did in this and other directions. There was no one in those days—40 years ago—with the same enthusiasm and opportunity to get about the county to congratulate ringers on their efforts, be helpful, and encourage them in every possible way to be progressive. Mr. Kelly was the spirit that animated the Guild in its early days, and brought it success, and he rejoiced that Mr. Powell, who had succeeded to the presidency, was worthily carrying on the old traditions.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, who succeeded Mr. Kelly as president, and was previously secretary of the Guild, said that from the moment he took office Mr. Kelly was always ready to help him, trust him thoroughly, give him a free hand in his work as secretary, and support him in every way. When the jubilee of the Guild came, and years and infirmities were pressing on Mr. Kelly so that he felt obliged to retire from the presidency, a situation arose that might have occasioned difficulty. For Mr. Kelly had been secretary, and then for nearly 30 years president, and was suddenly faced with a young man in the chief office. But he was full of cheer, ever ready to help, encourage, and advise, never expressing a doubt at things being done under a new regime by a young man that might not have been expected always to command the support of an older man. Mr. Kelly's love of the Guild and of change ringing in its best and highest form was at the back of it all. Whether the Guild would have survived without Mr. Kelly's inspiration was an open question, but the tremendous help and encouragement he gave and the work he did were things for which the members had every reason to thank God and to be grateful for the life of Maitland Kelly.

Members stood in silence as a tribute of respect, and, on the motion of Mr. Molineux, seconded by Mr. R. Grater, it was resolved that a vote of sincere sympathy be sent from the branch to the family, some of the members of which were themselves ringers like their father.

The Rev. E. Kelly, who had come over from Oakford, which is included in the Branch's area, thanked Mr. Molineux and Mr. Powell for what they had said about his father, and acknowledged the sympathy of the members. Personally, he had been lagging behind in ringing, but had the consolation of knowing that he gave a promise to do his best to carry on the good work associated with the name of his father.

ALDENHAM.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. at St. John's: Miss Joan Gibbs 1, S. Jones 2, C. H. Horton (conductor) 3, C. Evans 4, W. Inwood 5, W. Gilks 6, E. Southey 7, L. Harpin 8. Ring after evening service.

'WOBBLING.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article does the Methods Committee scant justice. I am not, of course, exactly unbiassed, but I should not have said we wobbled. I should have said that we went to Chelmsford with a very definite idea of what we wanted to do, and were pretty successful in doing it. I know that you have got into your head that we wanted to alter the standards of peal ringing, to change the traditions of the Exercise, to juggle with truth, and generally to play 'Old Harry' with ringing affairs. I should hate to destroy your pleasant delusion (even if I were able), but really our intentions were much more modest. We wanted to get the Council to agree to our printing those compositions; we wanted to prevent the Cambridge coming in under false pretences, and owing to those two we wanted to defeat the Whittington resolution.

We knew quite well our difficulties and the strength of the opposition. Months ago I calculated that more than half the Council were definitely against us, and less than a quarter definitely in our favour. In the Exercise the odds were much greater for, while we could reckon on being supported by all those people who want to ring peals of Cambridge Minor, we could reckon on the opposition (passive, if not active) of most of those who don't want to ring them, and you can calculate the opposition to us by the strength of these two groups. These things, however, are not settled by counting heads, and, anyhow, the Methods Committee is usually in a minority. It is part of our job. We have fought many fights against majorities in the past thirty years, and we always manage to win in the long run. After I had talked to people before the meeting I put the majority against us at about three to one. It behoved us, therefore, to walk warily. You, I know, would have wished us to go in like a bull at a haystack and be soundly beaten. We thought otherwise. We really had the best cards in our hands, and many of them, if we could manage to play them properly; and thanks partly to some bad blunders by our opponents we did manage to pull through. We lost the first division by one vote; we won the next by two or three; and all the rest by increasingly large majorities. Of course, we had to use every fair and sound argument at our disposal, and it is rather unkind of you to say that, because we did not tie ourselves to one argument, we wobbled. You must not run away with the idea that because we advanced other reasons we ever abandoned our contention that these compositions are true and complete, are in harmony with the usage and tradition of the Exercise, and are thoroughly fit for peal ringing.

And talking about 'wobbling,' what about yourself? I should say that the champion wobbler on this matter is the leader writer of 'The Ringing World.' Looking back through these articles the only thing consistent I can find is the opinion that whatever the Methods Committee does must be wrong. No doubt a sound and laudable opinion, but one which I can hardly be expected to agree to. You started on the grounds that the Bankes James Cambridge consists of seven true and complete 720's, and you tried to alter the standard of Minor peal ringing so as to admit that and exclude everything else. Logic, justice, and facts were against you. One thing, at least, has been proved by this controversy. If the Bankes James arrangement is sound, then a whole new class of Doubles and Minor compositions is available for five and six bell ringers. But you are afraid to take the risk. You do not know what to do, whether to stand to your commendation of the Cambridge, or to join with those who would 'scrap the lot.' And so we have in the same issue of 'The Ringing World' your speech, where you try, frantically and with a forlorn hope, to justify the Cambridge, and your article where you relegate it to history with other 'stuff unwept, unhonoured and unsung.' I do not blame you. There is more than one side to this question. But who is wobbling, you or we? And since you have been so hard on us, I should really like to ask you where you stand? Are you for any reasonable, natural developments in ringing, and willing to allow them to be put to practical tests, or are you with Mr. Willson and his hide-bound stick-in-the-muds, who don't want to see any progress at all?

But you tell us that the Methods Committee is going to be surprised and the Bankes James Cambridge made unnecessary by eight complete 720's each with the tenors the right way—to say nothing of fifty-two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. I am not going to be surprised. Unless I am much mistaken, these compositions are already in the MSS. now in front of me. Only I think you have found a mare's nest. I think you will find, when you come to examine the eggs on which the old girl is sitting, that four of the eight are not genuine eggs at all, but only nice white china nest eggs. I think (mind, I say, I think) there are only two distinct 720's of Cambridge Minor which do not turn up 5-6 the wrong way. Each of these has a reverse, and one of them (and its reverse) may be started at three different places. That makes your eight. If anyone likes to ring seven of them as a peal of Cambridge Minor, I don't see what objection there can be, but it is rather stretching the meaning of words to call them eight different 720's. But supposing I am wrong, and these are eight different 720's, what of it? How will they affect Bankes James' arrangement? Will they make it false? If the latter were true when you moved the Hereford resolu-

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THE SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL.

'OUT OF ORDER.'

Dear Sir,—Just a few lines with regard to No. 3 in the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' letter of to-day's 'Ringing World' regarding the secession of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from the Central Council. If you look at page 51 of the latest edition of 'Rules and Decisions,' last paragraph but one, you will see the resolution in question printed in full: 'That in the opinion of the Gloucester and Bristol Association historic bells should not be tuned on the "Simpson" principle.'

Can anyone say that this resolution is not 'out of order' in any assembly, apart from that of the association named? It is, as the president rightly said, the pious opinion of an association, and still stands as such.—Yours, etc.,

W. A. CAVE.

[A long letter from Mr. E. Guise in reply to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies will be published as soon as space permits.]

PRESENTATION TO COLLEGE YOUTHS.

A silver mug, bequeathed to the Master for the time being, and the members of the College Youths for all time, by the late Mr. Joseph Edwin Sykes, eldest son of the late D. F. E. Sykes, LL.B., of Marsden, Yorks, and grandson of the Rev. Joseph Curr, Vicar of North Kelsey, Lincs, has been sent to the society by his brother, Major F. L. Sykes, of Ainsley House, Marsden.

A HAPPY GATHERING.

GUILDFORD AND LADIES' GUILDS MEET.

A very happy meeting, in which the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild joined forces with the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was held at Worplesdon on Saturday, when a party of about fifty were the guests of the Rev. J. C. G. and Mrs. Bruce. A good deal of ringing was done before the service, which the Rector conducted, the Ladies' Guild form being used. Mr. E. Raddon, one of the S. Nicolas', Guildford, band, was at the organ, with Mr. Taylor, of Maidenhead, as 'blower.'

Tea was to have been served on the lawn, but the doubtful state of the weather caused the bountiful meal to be spread in a hut in the Rectory Grounds. Here the Rector and Mrs. Bruce attended to the wants of their guests, and afterwards Mr. J. S. Goldsmith expressed the thanks of the visitors for the hospitality extended to them.

The Guildford Guild had no business to transact, and the gentlemen therefore revisited the tower, while the ladies sat in solemn conclave, with Mrs. Bruce in the chair, and discussed the affairs of their district. Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, general hon. secretary of the Guild, was a welcome visitor. Three new members, viz., Mrs. Edwards (Old Woking), Mrs. Taylor (Maidenhead), and Miss B. Stewart (Aldershot) were elected.

Mrs. Bruce was elected vice-president, Miss H. Mills was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Whittington, Mrs. Melville and Miss A. Fisher were elected to the committee. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Worplesdon in June, 1930, and a quarterly meeting at Wokingham in October.

The Hon. Secretary, whom everyone was glad to see so well recovered from her serious accident, regretted her inactivity during the year, and the members expressed the hope that she would soon be able to resume ringing.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Bruce. Meanwhile the men had been busy in the tower, with touches to suit all tastes and capacities. Among other things Treble Bob was spliced, Cambridge rung and London tried by a band, some of whom did not know much about it. St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were also rung, while when the ladies returned to the tower six of them rang Grandsire Doubles. The tenor is 18 cwt., with a rope big enough for Southwark tenor, but the lady on the end of it did well.

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tion, it is, I suppose, true now. And if it is true, why should it not be rung and appear in our book, even if there is something else which some may prefer? As for the Grandsire Doubles, if anyone talks to you about new six-scores with ordinary Bobs and Singles, ask him if he has ever heard of a little book by one Fabian Stedman published in the year 1668.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

[Mr. Trollope's vivid picture of our supposed 'wobble' is characteristic and entertaining. Characteristic, because he puts his fancies and his theories down as facts, and entertaining because it is just the stuff to tickle the palate of readers, and we have enjoyed it as much as they will. We have argued consistently that the Bankes James' Cambridge should be accepted as true and complete, and in this contention we are supported by one of the members of the Methods Committee (Rev. H. Law James) as well as by other leading authorities on the subject. There can only be 720 rows and 720 changes in an extent of Minor, and you get both these before a repetition is produced in the Bankes James extents.—Ed. 'R.W.']

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *Coffee Pot on the 25th and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Newdigate on June 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. A special appeal is issued to friends in neighbouring associations to join us in making good use of this pretty peal of bells.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Permission to view the new Exchange Buildings and peal of bells may be granted.—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30.—A. J. Bull, Hon. District Sec.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF LAVENHAM BELLS will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—A. Symonds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 12 o'clock. Tea at 1s. per head. Buses leave the Old Cattle Market every thirty minutes after mid-day, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Members and friends are requested to note change of address.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The second quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (10) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Warner's Café at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Alban Disney, 19, Houlditch Road, Knighton Fields, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Old Windsor (8 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready early. As the committee are meeting here will members make an effort to attend? — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 306th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Thursday, June 27th. Bells (12) available from 9 a.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches will be held at Alderton (by special invitation of the Rev. A. D. Pennington) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. All welcome. Please inform either of the undermentioned by the 25th inst. — Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Stanmore bells available during evening. All requiring tea should advise Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, by June 27th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5, followed by general meeting. Tea will be 1s. to those only who have paid their subscriptions; to others, 1s. 6d. Please send word by June 25th. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch in Rossendale on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members and visiting ringers to be present. Subscriptions due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will take place at Epsom on Saturday, June 29th. St. Martin's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea should be sent to Alan Pink, 32, Lower Road, Dorking, or to George A. Card, 7, Gilstead Rd., Fulham, S.W.6, not later than 26th inst.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Bakewell. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet (important business) 4 p.m. in Schoolroom. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m., in Wheatsheaf Hotel. It is imperative that those requiring tea advise Mr. W. J. Alexander, Burton Closes, Bakewell, not later than 26th inst., or catering not guaranteed. It is hoped everyone possible will attend to support this first general meeting in the new Peak District.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Brabourne, by kindness of the Rev. S. K. Lockyear. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. M. M. Vischer. Tea at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is looked for on this annual visit.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow (half fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—District meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at Laverstoke. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at March Parish Church on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) ready 3 o'clock, recently rehung by Taylor and Co. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome. A united gathering is hoped for. Tea will be arranged for those who let me known by June 27th. — H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Waverton on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Will those who expect to be present for tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 26th?—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for officers. — William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, June 26th. — George Lambert, Drummond Hay, E. Grinstead.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting (quarterly) will be held at Mangotsfield on June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business. Election of hon. secretary necessary, due to the forced resignation of Mr. Way, who has left the district.—J. Gould, Chairman, Chapel House, High Street, Shirehampton, Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. A postcard from persons requiring tea would be appreciated.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The second quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. W. Ward, High Street, Bottesford, not later than July 3rd.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 6th at St. John's, Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (a new peal of 8 by Gillett and Johnston) will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business very important, including nominations for vice-president, treasurer, ringing secretary and Central Council representatives. Every member is expected to make an effort to attend. Other ringers and friends also welcome. — F. Hindle, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, on Saturday, July 6th. Fuller particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 2nd.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Great Barr, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting until 8 p.m. Tea provided for all those letting me know by July 3rd.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, July 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and service as usual. All welcome.—W. Ayre.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, Saturday, July 6th. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. F. Mortimer, The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than July 4th. This is most important.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Haslemere, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea. Chiddingfold bells (8) also available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8.30 p.m., Godalming from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Those requiring tea notify, not later than July 2nd, J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 3rd. Earls Colne bells (8) available during the evening.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Guild, when it is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present. Bells at Cathedral (12) and St. Maurice (6) available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again after service. Tea in Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, at 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. Immediately after service the Master (Mr. G. Williams) will arrange for cars to convey ringers to the following towers, where the bells are available for ringing: Bishopstoke (8), Hursley (8), North Stoneham (8) and Twyford

(8). Members intending to be present must notify me by Tuesday morning, July 2nd.—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A meeting was held at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, and was attended by members from Allesley, Bedworth, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, and Stoke, in addition to the local band. The Vicar (Rev. F. Melville) welcomed the ringers, and also sat down with them to a splendid tea in the Parish Hall prepared by the ladies of the parish.

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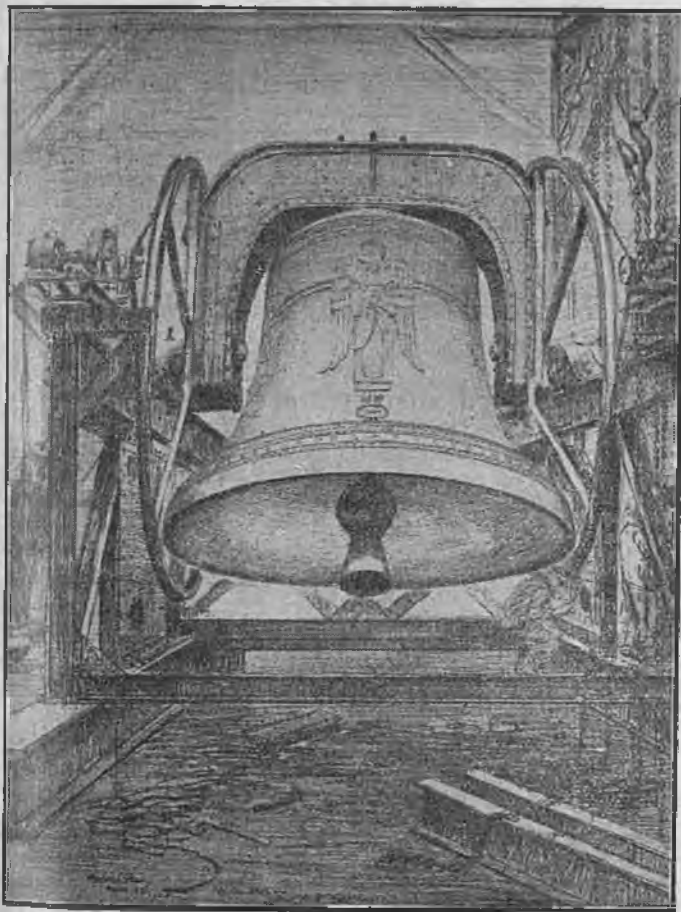
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So far as the appointment of ringers and the ringing of bells are concerned, however, the position is made plain. The appointment, or the confirmation of the appointment, rests with the incumbent, and the bells cannot be rung without his consent. Even the churchwardens cannot authorise the ringing of the bells without his approval, although when it comes to a question of deciding the proper occasions when bells should be rung they appear to have a voice in the matter.

The position of the Parochial Church Councils seems to be one in which their only legal privilege is to find the necessary funds to pay the ringers, where they are remunerated, and to keep the bells in order, while in the event of a claim under the Workmen's Compensation Act, in the event of injury to a paid ringer while in performance of his duties, the Councils, so far as they have funds in hand, and not their individual members, would be liable for damages. The report of the committee is one which should not be indefinitely buried in the archives of the Council or the record of its proceedings. It should be made readily available to all those whom it may concern, and will, in due course, we presume, make its appearance among the Central Council's publications, but in the meantime it should be carefully studied by those in our associations who may at any time be asked for advice.

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On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

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EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7 Treble	STANLEY W. BAYBUTT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JOHN W. CORNFORD 7
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CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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BRANSTON.—On Wednesday, June 12th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob) in 45 mins.: *Jack Dixon 1, *Cyril Speed 2, H. Pearson 3, J. Canham 4, M. Billings 5, C. Clayton (conductor) 6. * First quarter-peal.

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WILFRED G. WILSON ... 2		HORACE BELCHER ... 6	
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3		CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7	
FRANK CORKE ... 4		HARRY A. FOLKARD ... Tenor	

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

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On Tuesday, June 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 6
WALTER BARRETT ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
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JAMES BILBY ... 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
WILLIAM CROCKER ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 4	CHARLES WARWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. J. Stafford. This is the 50th peal Messrs. S. J. Hector and C. F. Andrews have rung together.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 19, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 11.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble		CHARLES DRAPER ... 5	
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2		RICHARD C. BELTON ... 6	
JOSRTH BAILEY ... 3		JAMES GEORGE ... 7	
REGINALD H. BOULTON ... 4		SAMUEL PINDER ... Tenor	

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Ward, of Derby.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	ALFRED H. POLLING ... 5
*WILLIAM L. STONE ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
†KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helen,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*JOHN GORST ... Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 5
*THOMAS BIRCH ... 2	JOHN BREESE ... 6
WALTER J. BATTLE ... 3	JOHN COOKE ... 7
*JOHN BAGLEY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDORF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Oxford. This peal convinced all the band that these bells are sadly in need of the ministrations of a bell hanger.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Boniface,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE R. JONES ... Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 3	HAROLD EDWARDS ... 7
JAMES H. RIDING ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
ERNEST HERBERT ... Treble		CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5	
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 2		ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 6	
AMOS SMART ... 3		WALTER PERKINS ... 7	
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 4		WILLIAM STOCK ... Tenor	

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*ALFRED POTTER ... Treble		MATTHEW BERRY ... 5	
JOSEPH POTTER ... 2		JOHN DENNER ... 6	
BENJAMIN WELSHY ... 3		JOHN POTTER ... 7	
JAMES DENNER ... 4		ARTHUR BURTON ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* 100th peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss J. S. Smith, sister of the Vicar, who had been a member of the choir for 25 years. The ringer of the 2nd is over from U.S.A. on a visit, and it is 23 years since he rang a peal.

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STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALBERT RELFE

Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday; also for the ninth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wenban.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	* GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
THOMAS LOCK 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL QUINTIN Treble	REGINALD REX 5
MISS DOROTHY FUTTER 2	MISS RUBY HAZELL 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	WILFRED ANDREWS 7
MISS ESTHER MATHEWS 4	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Prince of Wales. Mrs. and the Misses Davis very kindly entertained the company to tea after the peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 3
ROLAND BIGGS 2	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 6
F. DONALD BOREHAM 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal of Spliced Major by all, and believed to be the first for the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to the prospective Mrs. F. D. Boreham. This peal contains no bobs, Oxford places being substituted at 1, 3 and 5, which keep the seventh and tenor out of the slow work.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	HARRY BOYCE 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the association, also the first peal of Forward rung in Wales. Rung at the first attempt and without previous practice. 50th peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon David Phillips, B.A., R.D., Vicar for 28 years at the above church. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

FREDERICK W. CRIPPS ... Treble	SIDNEY W. CORDER 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 2	LEONARD STILLWELL 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	KEITH HART 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Five minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 5
* CLARENCE BRIGGS 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
ERNEST NIDD 3	THOMAS HALL 7
ARTHUR W. WARD 4	† RICHARD PICK Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the coronation of King George V.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TEVERSALL.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

F. OSBORNE Treble	W. RILEY 3
A. SMITHSON 2	B. BAILEY 4
F. W. KNOWLES Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. The ringers were afterwards provided with tea by the Rector.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES BILBY Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4
WILLIAM LOUD 2	WILLIAM BAXTER 5
* EDWARD COWARD 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

TITCHBORNE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different compositions.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

* JESSE PEYMAN Treble	ARCHIBALD GOULDING 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE NOICE 5
RICHARD PAINE 3	WILFRED ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor and on tower bells at first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, June 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER <i>Treble</i>	JAMES KNIGHT, SEN. 4
*JAMES KNIGHT, JUN. 2	LEONARD A. TIDY 5
CHARLES W. CLINCH 3	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 4th, also on the anniversary of the wedding of the conductor.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of Plain Bob, 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 15½ cwt.

BERT JOHN <i>Treble</i>	JOHN T. WILLIAMS 4
MISS LUCY THOMAS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
JOHN E. BLOKHAM 3	ARTHUR PYNER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

The ringer of the 4th hails from Morriston, 3rd, 5th and tenor from Cadoston, and treble and 2nd are local.

LINCOLN

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN WILLIAM ROSE ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY CARTER 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FRED WALKER 5
HAROLD MARCON 3	HAROLD WALKER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the festival of St. Botolph, and on the 18th anniversary of the coronation of H.M. the King.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court, two of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. H. HARPER ... <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD HARPER 4
*WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 2	*FRANK P. HARWOOD 5
†FRANK DEWEY 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods away from treble. First peal in four methods as conductor.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN BASS 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	*HECTOR G. BIRD 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	JOHN LLOYD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Major.

HORNINGSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOKES <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD C. COWARD 4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	WILLIAM SHUTE 5
JAMES BELBY 3	NORMAN ANDREWS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. SHUTE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Also in honour of the Marquis of Bath, on whom the freedom of the City of Bath was bestowed a few days earlier. This is the first peal on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HAROLD G. SMITH ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	HARRY PARKER 5
*DAVID SMITH 3	HARRY HOWARD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. HOWARD.

* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Western District of the Herts County Association had a very enjoyable meeting at Tring, on Saturday, June 8th, members and friends attending from Southgate, Walthamstow, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Harpenden, Berkhamstead, Totterhoe, Cookham, Linslade, and Tring. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and during the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, and 'Leverstock Green Surprise.'

Through a clerical misunderstanding, no service was held. Tea was partaken at the Chequers Cafe, and at the close the Vicar, Rev. T. V. Garnier, attended and took the chair at the business meeting.

Apsley End was selected for the place of next meeting, to be held on July 6th for the convenience of the secretary. One new member, unattached, was elected.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Reeves for his trouble over this meeting.

The ringers then adjourned for a further pull on the bells until about 8 p.m., when the back six were lowered in peal. Then ended another pleasant meeting, although there were other 'meetings' afterwards.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Petworth on Saturday, May 18th, when between 40 and 50 members, their wives and friends, attended from Billingshurst, Heene, Pulborough, Warnham, West Tarring, Kirdford, Rudgwick, Rogate, Wisborough Green, Guildford, Portsmouth and Swindon. Standard methods were practised till five o'clock, when the company made their way to the Iron Room, where they were supplied with an excellent meat tea by Mr. Knight.

At the business meeting, with Mr. W. Charman presiding, two new members were elected, A. Ponsford (Rudgwick) and E. Etincap (Kirdford), and the new Wisborough Green band (Messrs. A. Chessman, W. Ford, C. Farhall, A. Gumbrell, A. Gumbrell, jun., H. Hoar, O. King, E. Luxford, B. McDonald, D. Poat, W. Puttick, G. Randall, J. Richardson, B. Skinner and H. Woods).

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Rogate. After votes of thanks to the chairman and Rector for granting the use of the bells, the belfry was again visited. Wisborough Green bells being available, some of the company paid a visit there on their way home.

SUFFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Thomas Beckett, of Shipmeadow, at the age of 42, who passed away on Saturday, June 1st, after a long illness.

Until his illness he was regular ringer at Beccles and Bungay, and he took a very active part in the district in teaching beginners. Among his pupils was his daughter, Violet, who rang her first eight-bell peal at the age of 14.

At the funeral on June 4th, ringers from Beccles, Bungay, and Loddon attended, and, directly after, muffled touches were rung on the five bells at the adjoining Church of Barsham. In the evening half-muffled touches were rung at Bungay by a representative band from the district.

STALEY BELLS OPENED.

CHESTER GUILD AND LANCASHIRE RINGERS' BIG RALLY.

A combined meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Lancashire Association was held at St. Paul's Church, Staley, on Saturday, June 15th, to celebrate the recasting and rehanging of the bells. Ringers turned up in good numbers, and the bells were set going early. Service was conducted jointly by the Vicar, Rev. B. B. Slater, and Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association. The address was given by the Rev. C. A. Clements, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Taking his text from 2 Cor. vi. 1, 'We, then, as workers together with God,' the preacher said that all had their work to do, and all must bear their part if they desired to do their duty. The duty of ringers was to ring the bells, and to see that they fitted themselves to give the best service possible. They were acting in a position of great responsibility, and that brought with it great opportunity. The bells conveyed a great message. They were not calling people to hear a sermon, or to hear lovely music from the organ and choir, but were calling all to the service of God. They must, therefore, put their very best into that call, as only the best was good enough. Why had the people of Staley spent so much money to obtain such beautiful bells as they had heard that day? It was simply because they recognised that the old bells were not worthy of the service of God, and they, as ringers, must keep before them the knowledge that nothing but their best is good enough.

Tea followed in the schools, and over one hundred sat down and enjoyed an excellent meal. The Vicar, in welcoming all to Staley, reminded the ringers that when they were there on the last occasion, a little over a year ago, he said he hoped they would find a great improvement in the bells on their next visit. That hope had now been fulfilled, and he had been assured by all who had heard the new bells that they were a perfect peal.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, in returning thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their kind welcome, said everything had been done to make the day enjoyable, and it was a real delight to be present.—Canon Elsee said that it was the first time he had attended a joint meeting between the two societies, but he hoped it would not be the last. They had had an enjoyable service, a most inspiring sermon, a good tea, and a very happy time together. He certainly agreed with everyone else that Staley had now a splendid peal of bells.

Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the bell founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, returned thanks for all the kind remarks that had been made about the new bells. He could assure them that they as founders had put everything of the best into the job, as they realised that only the best was good enough.

Mr. T. Wilde thanked the local ringers and their lady friends for all they had done to make the day such a success. It was a pleasure to arrange a meeting when the local people gave such ready assistance as they had done that day.

Members then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major until nine o'clock.

The bells, which have been recast and rehung in a new steel frame, with ball bearings and all the latest fittings, are 'a perfect Taylor job.' They are indeed a glorious peal with a tenor 18 cwt. 24 lb. in E. They now only require the loupes in the tower to be treated, to control the sound in the immediate neighbourhood, and this is to be done at once.

Ringers present besides those already mentioned included Mr. E. W. Elwell, hon. secretary Chester Diocesan Guild; Mr. W. H. Shaker, hon. secretary, Lancashire Association; and others from as far afield as Rotherham, Sheffield, Greenfield, Bolton, Frodsham, Warrington, Walkden, Oldham, Middleton, etc., while almost all the towers in the Stockport and Manchester Branches were represented.

Many went to have a ring at Holy Trinity Church, where there is another fine ring of eight by Taylor and Co., which were installed about three years ago. The two churches are about a mile apart, and that Stalybridge is indeed now in possession of two perfect octaves of bells is the opinion of all who were present. Many ringers are already looking forward to an opportunity of renewing the acquaintance.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Monday evening, June 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 1, F. J. Lewis, jun. (age 15), 2, H. L. Cook 3, A. V. Bond 4, H. C. Bond 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. Edwards 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 2nd and 3rd. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank Waters, son of Mr. J. E. Waters, a greatly-respected member of the local band, who is also a chorister at Holy Trinity Church. Mr. Waters very kindly entertained the ringers after the quarter-peal.

SPICED MINOR ON HANDBELLS.

On Thursday, June 13th, at 52, Lammas Park Road, Ealing, 720 Spiced Fullback Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Double Bob and Reverse Bob Minor: J. A. Trollope 1-2, W. G. Wilson 3-4, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 5-6. First 720 in five methods by all.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN RINGERS' OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT NEW ZEALAND CARILLON.

By kind invitation of the proprietors of the 'Newcastle Evening Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and, in fact, all ringers are asked to inspect the Wellington (New Zealand) carillon now installed in the North-East Coast Exhibition, on Saturday, July 13th, at 2.30.

A special demonstration on these magnificent bells will be given by Mr. Clifford E. Ball, Mus.Bac., by courtesy of Messrs. Caddbury, of Bournville.

Tea will be provided in Carrick's Pavilion in the Exhibition Grounds, at 5 p.m., where the ringers will be welcomed by their kindly hosts, as well as by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle (Cdr. A. W. Lambert, M.C.), and the Assistant Bishop of Newcastle, Dr. Cecil J. Wood. Each ringer may be accompanied by one lady.

At 8.30 p.m. all are invited to assemble at the 'Chronicle' Hall, Pudding Chase, Westgate Road, for a musical evening.

Admission to the Pavilion will be by ticket only, which must be applied for before July 6th, to Mr. G. S. Taylor, hon. secretary of the association, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, giving the names of all those wishing to be present.

A DESERVING CASE.

APPEAL FOR AN ECKINGTON RINGER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Knowing the generosity of ringers in general, and quite unknown to the man concerned, I should like to make an appeal for a little timely help on behalf of Mr. Alfred West, of Eckington, near Sheffield.

Briefly, his case is this: Following a serious accident in the mine some years ago, which almost totally incapacitated him, his health has given way generally, and now consumption has him in its deadly grip. The compensation pay he receives is inadequate to meet the requirements of a growing young family, together with those of older ones who are not in regular employment.

Mr. West has been a Sunday service ringer for nearly forty years, but never cared for peal ringing on his own part. As a steeple-keeper, however, he excels, and our bells are in 'the pink of condition' owing to his efforts. A short time ago he quietly intimated that he felt his end was drawing near, and was endeavouring to get his beloved bells in good order before he left us for ever. Hence my appeal.

Any help given by your readers will be gratefully accepted, and should be sent to our Ringing Master, Mr. T. A. Howes-Smith, Solicitor, The Yews, Eckington, and will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

P. JERVIS.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S WELCOME TO HOUNSLOW.

A meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, on Saturday, June 15th. The bells, which are a light and tuneful peal of 8½ cwt., by Warner, were raised soon after three o'clock, and were set going to changes, under the supervision of the District Master, Mr. H. Mance. During the afternoon and evening some 35 members and friends rang touches in various methods, including London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich, whilst the standard methods and the beginners were not forgotten. A feature of the ringing was the striking, not always too good at meetings. A party of 25 belook themselves to the house of Mr. Gash (verger), where tea had perforce to be taken in two 'shifts' or 'round blocks,' the waiting crew beguiling the time with 'Freddy's' famous handbells.

The business meeting followed, at which one hon. member, Rev. Hugh Eyton Jones (Vicar) and one ordinary member were elected.

There were no abstruse problems before the meeting this time, so the routine was quickly disposed of, and the tower was re-visited. The Vicar ascended to the ringing chamber and offered prayer, and a hearty welcome to the association. Ringing concluded at eight o'clock, and the company then adjourned to 'another place,' where the handbells were brought into use for both change and tune ringing. Messrs. Goddard, Tricker and Ellingham delighted the audience with their tunes, whilst Mr. Geo. Cross and others were able to bring off a course of Double Norwich. Successful attempts were made by novices at Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters and Bob Major, not the least overjoyed being the novices themselves.

During the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his attendance and the use of the bells; to Mr. and Mrs. Gash and helpers for providing and serving the tea; to the local men for the welcome extended to the association, the name of Mr. Charles Tricker looming large in this direction. How fortunate for a secretary to have a man on the spot who will so willingly help! It is worthy of mention that the meeting was attended by both young and old in the persons of Mr. Tom Bendle, of Isleworth, and Little 'Dick' Deal, of East Ham, complete with parents.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. M. KELLY.

The beautifully-kept little church in the picturesque grounds of the Kelly estate was crowded with a representative gathering on Wednesday week, when the funeral took place of the Rev. Maitland Kelly. All classes assembled to pay their last tribute of respect, and among the officiating clergy was the Rev. E. S. Powell, who succeeded Mr. Kelly as president of the Devon Guild. The Guild was represented in addition by Mr. T. Laver (general secretary), Rev. Hugh Pigot, chairman of the North Devon Branch, Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, chairman of North-East Branch, and Miss Hanson, secretary, Rev. E. V. Cox (Exmouth), Mrs. Powell, Mr. E. W. Marsh, secretary, South-Western District, and Mr. W. H. Marsh, chairman. The Guild, the Exeter Cathedral band, the Kelly ringers, and two old ringing friends (F. J. Davey and T. Laver) were among those who sent wreaths.

The bells of Kelly Church were rung muffled before the funeral, and were unmuffled afterwards, and at many Devon churches parting tributes were also paid by the ringers.

At Paignton, Devon, on Wednesday, June 19th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 58 mins.: F. Allwood 1, J. Huxley 2, C. R. Walker 3, T. S. Collings 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING RINGER.

On Tuesday evening, June 18th, a pleasant evening took place in the Parish Hall, Heighington, near Darlington, the occasion being the presentation of a chiming clock in rosewood case to Mr. T. Ranson, who has been a ringer at St. Michael's Church for 45 years, and has just retired. The Vicar of Heighington presided, and was supported by Major H. S. B. Surtees, of Redworth Hall, the Vicar of Staindrop (Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier) and others. Major Surtees handed over the gift, which had been subscribed to by the villagers and friends.

During the proceedings two courses of Stedman Triples were rung by ringers from Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on their handbells, viz.: W. H. Porter 1-2, W. N. Park 3-4, G. W. Park 5-6, Roland Park 7-8.

Touches of London Surprise Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor were also rung on the church bells before and after the ceremony by Messrs. W. H. Porter, G. W. Park, W. N. Park, Roland Park, R. W. Gay, W. Oliver, and J. T. Titt, of Holy Trinity, and Mr. T. Clark, of St. Guthbert's, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ARCHDEACON HOWSON HONOURED.**

The very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch held at Sefton was arranged to honour the Venerable Archdeacon Howson, and about sixty members and friends attended, including several of the senior members of the association. Sefton is an old-world village, and the church is an ancient and magnificent one. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., and kept busy until 5.30 p.m., when the service was taken by the Archdeacon, and Mr. George Lunt presided at the organ. After the service all adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous tea had been provided by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Wells). The usual business meeting followed, and was speedily carried through.

At the conclusion the Branch Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his long and valued service to the Branch in particular, and ringing in general. He added that the members desired to show their appreciation in a more permanent form than by formally moving votes of thanks, and he asked Archdeacon Howson to accept the inscribed oak Westminster chiming clock with the good wishes of the members.

Mr. Geo. R. Newton added his testimony to the services of the Archdeacon, and reminded the members of the many ways in which he had helped the Branch.

In reply, the Archdeacon expressed his great surprise, and although he disapproved of such things as testimonials, he very feelingly and sincerely thanked the members for their kind thoughts.

An interesting item of the ringing part of the meeting was referred to—that of a touch of Bob Minor rung by six of the senior members present, their average age being 71½ years.

The meeting will long be remembered as one of the best and happiest gatherings of the Branch.

DISAPPOINTED VISITOR TO HEREFORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I be allowed to reply to Mr. Mears' letter in your columns of June 14th, and to say that we all regret his disappointment on Whit Monday in not being able to get up to the Cathedral tower at Hereford. I am afraid Mr. Mears must have been a late-comer, as there was someone on the door at the west end until 7.15. The authorities are very strict upon having doors locked at 6 p.m. We shall look forward to seeing Mr. Mears at some future time.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. George Middleton, who has been elected Labour M.P. for Carlisle, was formally a ringer at Christ Church, Crewe. Mr. R. T. Holding informs us that in 1902 Mr. Middleton took part in several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples. He resigned from the tower owing to the irregular hours he had to work in the Post Office.

Mr. Edwin Shepherd, of Exeter, completed on June 6th 50 years as a member of the Devon Guild and of St. Sidwell's Society.

Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn has given up his appointment as a representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and has resumed his practice as an architect at 23, Station Road, Rickmansworth.

Mr. Joseph Potter, who has resided for many years in the United States, is now on a visit to England, and on Saturday rang with the Lancashire Association his first peal for 23 years.

The ringers, as well as the Church Council, of Cadeleigh, a Devon village near Tiverton, have resigned as a protest against an appointment to the incumbency made by the Bishop of Exeter, after the patroness of the living had offered it to the former curate of the parish.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' was rung at Birmingham on July 2nd, 1886.

At the dedication of All Saints' Church, Poplar, on July 3rd, 1823, the Cumberland Youths rang the first peal (Grandsire Caters) on the bells.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

WHAT RINGERS CAN DO.

Sunday, July 7th, has been fixed as the Day of Thanksgiving for the King's recovery.

It is a day when the church bells throughout the country should play a special part in the national rejoicing, and an effort should be made at every church with a ring of bells to mark the occasion in some special way. Not only should the bells be rung before the thanksgiving service, and the other customary services, but, as suggested in our columns recently by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, something should be done to distinguish the proceedings from those observed on an ordinary Sunday, such as ringing in the early morning where it is practicable, or at the conclusion of the Thanksgiving Service. Also, as Mr. Edwards remarked, there may even be an opening in the special form for ringing a few rounds at a central point in the service itself.

Doubtless there will, in addition, be many peals rung in connection with the Thanksgiving, and it is hoped by the Central Council to lay before His Majesty, with an appropriate letter of congratulation, particulars of the part which ringers in this country play in connection with the national expression of joy.

HATFIELD'S NEW BELLS DEDICATED.

The two new bells, the gift of the Bishop of Exeter and Lady Florence Cecil to St. Etheldreda's Church, Hatfield, were dedicated on Thursday, June 20th, before a large congregation. Prior to the service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the local society of ringers. The service was conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector of Hatfield (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus). In his address the Bishop explained that the bells were erected in memory of his son, Capt. Rupert Edward Gascoyne Cecil, who was an enthusiastic member of the Hatfield Guild of College Youths, and whose wish it was the two bells should be given. The ceremony was well attended by ringers from St. Albans, Hertford, Baldock, Harpenden, North Mimms, and Essendon, and after the service touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Bob Major were rung.

The quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major previous to the service was rung by the following: A. Shepherd 1, G. Austin 2, R. Richardson 3, J. Shepherd 4, L. Shepherd 5, D. W. Richardson 6, J. G. Dunham 7, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 8.

The new bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

ISLE OF WIGHT FIVE BELL TOWERS.

An interesting and most successful bye-practice meeting was held in the Island on Saturday last, when three somewhat secluded five-bell towers, viz., Chale, Shorwell and Brighthorne, situated in the southern part of the Island, were visited by Island members of the Guild, many of whom had their first pull on these bells. The attendance was most gratifying to those who suggested and arranged the meeting. Chale tower was first visited, and good use was made of the bells, the frame of which has a blank space in readiness for an additional bell. At tea, Dr. J. B. Williamson voiced thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the foreman, Mr. H. Chiverton, whom he proposed as a member of the Guild. This was seconded by Mr. B. J. Snow (district secretary), and carried.

A move was then made to Shorwell, where the party was met and welcomed by the Vicar and local ringers, and several touches in various five-bell methods were scored. Brighthorne tower was reached rather later than the scheduled time, but, thanks to Mr. Creeth, the bells were in readiness and were soon set going, and many good touches were rung. This will not be the last five-bell practice meeting to be held in the Island, especially if the doctor has his way again in the matter.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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BROADCASTING.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, reporting for the Broadcasting Committee, said that, as most of the Council knew, the talk on bellringing was given on September 19th, and he had received reports on it from personal friends in different parts of the country, saying that it came through very clearly, and the sound of the handbells was perfect. Undoubtedly, the broadcast had done a certain amount of good. It required a great deal of labour and time in preparation, owing to the fact that everything had to be done in a quarter of an hour. He was gratified to find that he so far succeeded in meeting the conditions that when they had a rehearsal in the belfry of St. Clement Danes—and they had to thank the Rev. Penington Bickford for the use of the handbells—they got through the lecture, with the illustrations, in 14½ mins. Actually at the studio the announcer took up a few moments, and they, therefore, overran the time a little, but the announcer in charge allowed them a little extra time, so that the course of Stedman Triples at the end might be finished. Mr. Edwards quoted from one of the letters he had received from a correspondent at Laughton, near Sheffield, which said that the talk had led to a band being formed, and the belfry invaded, to the delight of the Vicar. The bells were rung at Christmas, a thing which even the sexton, who had been there for 50 years, could not remember having happened before. There were three bells (laughter), and six ringers, and a splendid enthusiasm in the district, and it was now hoped to augment the bells (applause). Mr. Edwards added that the broadcast was almost worth giving for that one result.

The President said the Exercise at large was grateful to Mr. Edwards for all the trouble he took over the broadcast and the rehearsals. They were also grateful to the band of ringers who demonstrated with the handbells. He knew that the talk stirred up a good deal of enthusiasm and delighted many people in many parts of England.

Mr. T. H. Beams asked if they were going to have any repetition of the lecture.

The Hon. Secretary: Nothing has been arranged. Having 'made a hole in the ice,' we may, perhaps, be able to do something in the future, after allowing a suitable interval.

The report was adopted.

PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

The Council next came to the various resolutions on the agenda, the first of which, 'No. 7,' was, 'That this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the bells do not strike in 720 or 120 different orders respectively before beginning the next 720 or 120.' It was moved by Mr. R. Whittington, who said that in the year 1911-12 the Council passed this resolution: 'That peals of Minor 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.' The object of the resolution now before the Council was, he said, to ask them to confirm that decision, and to say that peals of Minor and peals of Doubles must conform to those conditions.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who seconded, said they did not want someone to come along later on and say that the Council did not mean what it said by the motion. What they intended was that in Doubles they should start the 120 changes from rounds and should finish at rounds; and the same with Minor, that they should start from rounds and finish with rounds, 'and have none of this "jiggery-pokery"' (laughter). They wanted to have things clear this time (hear, hear).

Rev. E. S. Powell suggested that Mr. Whittington should alter his resolution to read: 'That each 720 shall be true in itself and shall begin from and end with rounds,' and in similar terms with regard to Doubles. He sympathised with Mr. Pulling, because when he read the first resolution he thought they might try to drag in the Bankes James composition.

Mr. J. Hunt said the resolution carried at Hereford was the starting-point of this discussion, and Mr. Law James added fuel to the fire by saying that the resolution at Hereford implied seven different 720's as being required for a peal of Minor. He (Mr. Hunt) disagreed. It was never intended that a peal should consist of seven different compositions. That would be a great penalty on the six-bell men. There were plenty of men in that room who could call a peal of Stedman Triples or a peal of London from a non-observation bell, but there were a great many in the Exercise in the country districts who could not call 720 or even 120 from a non-observation bell. Last year Mr. Powell wanted to say that ten different 120's should be called in a peal of Doubles. He would like to ask Mr. Powell how many towers there were in his own county of Devon where there were men to call such a peal. To insist on seven different 720's they would be penalising the ringers, and instead of making ringing progress they would be putting a brake on.

Rev. E. S. Powell said the amendment he had got was to the effect 'that this Council will not recognise as a peal of Minor or Doubles any composition in which the 720's or 120's were not true and complete and which did not start from and end with rounds.' He would certainly prefer that to the motion as it stood, but if the

amendment were carried he should much hope it would be defeated as a substantive motion. Muddled as the position was at the present time, he felt very strongly that the Council had better have things as they were with the Hereford motion, to see what happened and bring the thing forward in a year or two's time. At present they had not sufficient knowledge to affirm what was false and what was true.

Mr. F. W. Perrins seconded the amendment.

Rev. H. Law James said he took it the amendment brought out exactly what the proposer and seconder meant, but what the proposer and seconder said would have included the Bankes James Cambridge and would have excluded everything else. He took it they wanted to rule out everything except 720's which began and ended with rounds.

Several members: Yes.

Mr. James asked the members to imagine on the clock face in the room six rows of figures, spaced at ten-minute intervals. The first row was 1234, with the others in the following order round the dial: 1324, 1342, 1432, 1423, and 1243. If they read the rows from 1234 in either direction they would come back again to 1234. They thus had the whole six in one natural round block. How many times did rounds appear in these six rows? Once only. The fact was, there was a great deal of confusion arising in this matter simply and solely because when they wrote their peals and touches and courses they wrote 123456 at the top, went to the bottom and wrote it at the end. They wrote it twice, but if they wrote it round the clock face they would see that all this talk about beginning and ending with rounds amounted to nothing. There were six rows and there were six changes. Rounds at the end was the rounds at the beginning. If it was a repetition it was false, and it was either a repetition or it was not a repetition. Strictly speaking, it was not a repetition; it was the same thing. The whole thing was a round block, and they came back exactly to where they started.

Mr. W. Willson: Will you explain how, in your brother's Cambridge, in which the last change of the 720 is a bob change, and the bob is not made until the backstroke lead of the treble, that backstroke lead can be the first row of the next 720? The effect is not between the treble rows but at the backstroke of the treble, which proves that the full treble lead should be included.

Mr. James said according to Mr. Willson's idea rounds at the beginning and rounds at the end were counted as two rows instead of one, and if they counted them as Mr. Willson wanted to count them they would ring rounds not eight times but fifteen times in a peal.

Mr. T. Faulkner: Rounds at the beginning is only to steady the bells.

Mr. W. A. Cave: Would a peal, or 120, or 720 be legal if we had no rounds at all at the beginning? If we started off 214365 and rang to the end, would that be a 720? ('No.') Rounds at the start is only a preliminary. I maintain that 214365 is the first change, and 123456 is the last for all practical ringers.

Rev. F. L. Edwards: If you started off straight into a method without any preliminary rounds, there would not be 720 changes, because the first would not be a change. When you have your preliminary rounds and start into changes, then the first row of the method is the first change. If you started without preliminary rounds you would not change from anything, and the first row would not be a change at all.

Mr. Coles asked if the amendment meant that each 720 or 120 was to start from and end with rounds. He had been trying all day to get at this point, whether these 720's were to be treated as separate peals or one whole peal of seven 720's. Until they settled that point they would get no further with this motion.

Mr. Whittington said he was prepared to accept Mr. Powell's amendment, and Mr. Pulling, as seconder, also agreed.

Mr. Trollope said he wanted to make it clear that those who voted for what was now the resolution would quite certainly vote for the exclusion of the Bankes James Cambridge. He knew there were a lot of people there who wanted to preserve the Bankes James Cambridge; if they voted for that resolution it ruled it out. He suggested that the best thing they could do was for both the amendment and the resolution to be withdrawn and let them leave the question for a little while. The discussion that day had proved that there was a great deal of difference of opinion, and, whatever resolution they passed, this division would remain. Would it not be better, therefore, to leave the matter as it now stood with the Hereford resolution. It would have to be amended, but it was enough to go on with. Let them leave it and see whether the six-bell ringers wanted this Cambridge Minor. With all respect to the Council, the final judgment did not rest with them; it rested with the Exercise at large.

Mr. Willson: I move the closure. There is always this red herring drawn across the trail.

Mr. Trollope said the final judgment must be with the six-bell ringers, and if the six-bell ringers continued to ring this arrangement of Cambridge Minor it would be weighty proof that there was something in it. The Council ought not at this time to turn it down.

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SUGGESTED DEFINITION OF A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The numerous letters and articles in your paper on the subject of peals of Minor have got me so mixed up that I hardly know how to start.

I have lately looked through a book called 'Rules and Decisions of the Council and an account of its work.' I can only think that the copy I have is either 'hopelessly false' and out of date, or that members of the Council, who occupy so much of your space in pouring out their wandering and complicated thoughts, have not read, marked, learned and inwardly digested it.

Will somebody please tell me if the following resolution, which appears in this book still stands good, or has it been overruled or repealed by the Council or lost by the Methods Committee: 'That peals of Minor 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. A peal may be lengthened, etc.' (1911-12.)

I believe that another resolution on the subject has since been passed, but it is not in the book which I have, and I cannot remember its exact wording, but so far as I know it only amplified the resolution quoted above, and was not intended to be in substitution for it.

Much as it may be regretted, the Bankes James Cambridge is not, and never has been, a peal which could be recognised by the Council. The first so-called 720 does not end with rounds. It may be intended to start with rounds, but no amount of argument will convince anyone with the slightest amount of intelligence that this is the same thing as ending with rounds.

I know nothing about the merits or otherwise of various callings of Doubles. Before the Hereford resolution there appears to have been no decision as to what constituted a peal of Doubles. At any rate, there is nothing about them in the book I have.

I have spoken to quite a number of six-bell ringers about Bankes James' composition. What of their opinions? They all seem generally agreed that this composition is more worthy of being called a peal of Surprise Minor than a peal consisting of seven 720's of Cambridge with the tenor called W.H.W. in each one.

And what of the opinions of the members of the Central Council? By whose authority can they say what or what shall not constitute a peal of Minor? How many of them are Minor ringers? I do not think it would be hard to find among them a few, at any rate, who cannot ring Cambridge Minor, who have never seen the figures of Bankes James' composition, who do not know what is the effect of calling five consecutive bobs in the method, or who could call the composition if they had the figures.

The only fair way of dealing with the matter is to let those who are regularly ringing the method decide, and I should like to know if there are among your readers ringers sufficiently interested in the subject to use their best endeavours to persuade their respective societies to send representatives to the Central Council pledged to support a proposition in favour of a rule in the form of enclosed draft.

Although this may not be 'bullet proof,' it is certainly far more definite than any of the vague resolutions which have previously been proposed or passed.

Any society interested in peals of Doubles can easily arrange to have placed before the Council a resolution as to them framed from the enclosed draft.

By the way, has any band ever rung a 5,040 of Minor with a covering bell or bells? If they have, let them read the Decisions of the Central Council and then say if they are entitled to claim it as a peal.—Yours faithfully,

G. L. GROVER.

East Clandon, Surrey.

The draft definition of a peal of Minor, which is sent by Mr. Grover, is as follows:—

'A peal of Minor (whether Plain, Treble Bob, Surprise or Mixed) shall consist of not less than seven extents comprising 5,040 changes. A peal may be increased beyond 5,040 changes by the addition of any number of extents and/or a touch. The extents shall be rung consecutively without other ringing or a cessation of ringing between any of them. The touch (if any) shall follow the last extent without other ringing or a cessation of ringing between the extent and the touch.

'For the purpose of this rule—

'(1) An extent shall consist of 720 different changes rung consecutively and without other ringing or a cessation of ringing between any of them, and shall start by changing from backstroke rounds to the handstroke change and finish by changing from the handstroke change to the backstroke rounds.

'(2) A touch shall consist of any number of different changes less than an extent and shall commence and finish in the same manner as an extent, and its changes shall be rung in the same manner as those of an extent.

'One method or any number of methods may be used to produce an extent or a touch.

'The calling of one extent may be the same as the calling of any other extent, and the calling of a concluding touch may be similar to the calling of any extent in a peal.

'Notwithstanding anything in this rule contained the composition of Cambridge Surprise Minor known as the Rev. Bankes James peal shall for all purposes be deemed a peal and always to have been a peal of Surprise Minor.'

THE COUNCIL AND THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. C. T. Coles has broken out again. He says: 'This at the behest of members who could not back up such a proposition by a single sound argument' (the assertion that the 120's and 720 are false), and adds: 'When we ring the Bankes James Cambridge Minor... we ring 720 changes each seven times, excluding rounds at the beginning, but including rounds at the end.'

If he is not wrongly reported, he condemns himself, for in the Cambridge Minor the exact reverse is claimed. It is claimed that the rounds rung before you go off must be included, otherwise the last change of the orthodox 720 repeats in each instance.

Mr. Coles and the Methods Committee can have it which way they like, but they cannot have it both ways. In a nutshell, if rounds are included at the beginning, you cannot come back into rounds again without a repetition. Is that clear?

If rounds are excluded at the beginning, and included (per Mr. C. T. Coles) at the end, then each of the six 720's are false, the last change of each repeating with a plain lead previously. Now, which way will they have it? Is that plain enough?

To say that there are no more false changes in the block of 2,160 than there would have been had the 720's been kept intact, is no excuse. I am quite aware of all the Cambridge virtues, and said so at the Council meeting, but the cold fact remains that there are 719 true changes, and the 720th is used as the first of the next 720. This means that the last change of a 5,040 must be at handstroke, and it must not be rounds.

Here is an argument—sound or otherwise, according to ability to digest it. If every bob in a touch or peal is necessary to complete the said touch or peal, then the backstroke of the treble lead is necessary, for in Cambridge the Bob is made at the backstroke change of the treble lead, proving, I think, the absolute necessity of including that change in the 720, which is fatal to the six 720's of Bankes James composition. (The seventh is not his.)

If Mr. Coles will write out any of the 'mixed Doubles' he can play tennis with the false changes. Just draw a line at the 120th change, and in the words of the jazz poet, 'anyone can see with only half an eye.'

Mr. Trollope in his letter describes me as 'Mr. Willson and his stick-in-the-muds.' I am not opposed to progress of any kind, but I am conscious that there are many things worth conserving, and which you cannot improve upon. There is very little virgin soil to dig in these days, and I see no true progress in adulterating the erstwhile genuine goods, to make more of them.

W. WILLSON.

P.S.—From 'Rules and Decisions,' Central Council: 'Practical ringing. On all numbers of bells, a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds,' 1898 and following years, repeated 1902.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Sunday evening, June 16th, at the Parish Church, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. M. Heathcote (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Bettison (conductor) 2, J. Ginever 3, E. Wilson 4, C. Beckley 5, C. J. Partridge 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Heathcote, mother of the ringer of treble, who was interred in the churchyard on the previous Friday. The deceased lady was very well known and respected locally. She was also very interested in and fond of listening to the bells.

At St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on June 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins.: F. Collins 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, A. Goodwin 3, A. Coppock 4, L. Clay 5, F. Turner 6, D. Vincent (conductor) 7, E. Blood 8. Rung half-muffled in respect to the late Lady Dainsfort, mother of the Vicar.

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Rev. F. L. Edwards proposed as an amendment that in view of the fact that the practices affected by this resolution were at present in an entirely experimental stage, further consideration be deferred until a future meeting.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and said the question of seven 720's constituting one peal was the crux of the whole matter, which people must bear in mind.

Rev. H. Law James: If you vote for this resolution as it stands are you prepared first of all to cross out from every peal book in the country the peals of Cambridge Minor that have been rung with my brother's arrangement? ('No,' and Mr. Pulling: They have been rung before this resolution.) Is the Yorkshire Association prepared to cross out the 9,119 extent of Treble Bob Major with the tenors together, and in which Jasper Snowdon rang? Logically, they ought to, because, after all said and done, what is sauce for six-bell gander is sauce for the eight-bell goose.

The amendment to postpone consideration of the question, on being put, was declared carried by 34 or 35 votes to 24. It was then put as a substantive motion and carried.

(To be continued.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH AT MILTON ABBEY.**

The summer meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held on Saturday week, when Milton Abbey was revisited after several years. To show the popularity of this remarkable place, over 100 ringers and friends met and joined in the service at the Abbey. Those ringers who were making their first visit to the Abbey (after an enjoyable motor drive from Bourne-mouth and Weymouth, picking up en route in three coaches), entered by the Milbourne Road, which sinks into a wooded glen and comes out on the Abbey Road, and their first impression was one of amazement. The place breaks unexpectedly on the view, and being at a height, the scene, looking down on the lake and the silver scenery all around the Abbey grounds, is indeed a sight worth visiting. The Abbey comes into view between the trees and makes a fine picture. The building stands in the great wooded park in the centre of Dorset. It is a superb Gothic structure, with an elaborate tower, many beautiful windows, and exquisite flying buttresses. It is of Saxon foundation. King Athelstan, the religious and warlike grandson of Alfred the Great, founded the Monastery of Milton in the year 938, as a thanksgiving to God for a remarkable revelation which he received on Milton Hill, and which told him he would conquer his many enemies and become King of England. Much more might be written, but enough has been said to show that the Abbey Church of Milton is not one of the least noteworthy and interesting of the great abbeys of Britain.

The first stop en route to Milton was made to Bere Regis (Kings-here), where the fine peal of six (in D) was rung to Minor and Doubles. This halt gave the visitors the opportunity of looking round the church, made famous in Hardy's novel, 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles.' The bells at the Abbey are a light peal of eight (but very noisy in the ringing chamber). They were available from 2.30, and were rung up to 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Ellwood), who gave the members a most hearty welcome. At the conclusion of the service he kindly conducted them round the Abbey. Subsequently tea was partaken of at the Hambro Arms, everything being laid out on the lawns for the large party. But alas, the poet's description of 'flaming June' was not realised, for by teatime the sunshine had all gone, and heavy clouds brought the rain, and consequently the meal had to be partaken indoors.

A short business meeting was held, at which 18 towers were represented, including a good number from the neighbouring Branch of Wimborne, and two ringers, Messrs. Chandler (Hereford) and J. A. Waught (Woodford).

In the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Gundry), presided, supported by Revs. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch), C. J. Ellwood and C. D. Job, and Col. and Mrs. H. D. Robson (West Lulworth). Apologies for absence were received from the president (Earl Shaftesbury), Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule, Messrs. R. N. Dawes (chairman), J. W. Smith (Dorchester), E. Hutchings (Abbotsbury), and A. Gray (Frampton).

The following members were elected: Mrs. H. D. Robson (honorary), Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association (life), and Mr. W. Dorey (ringing). Wyke Regis having already been proposed for the next meeting, it was decided to hold this gathering on Saturday, July 27th.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman to the Vicar, the organist and blower (a noted ringer), and Mr. North, of the local band. The Secretary also thanked the Vicar for his kind assistance and for the use of the bells during the afternoon and evening, also the Rev. P. W. Taylor (Bere Regis), Rev. H. A. Caryll (Hilton), and Rev. Canon A. L. Helps (Puddletown). The business ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. Although it was still raining, the members motored through the park to Hilton and also to the Abbey, and rang several touches in the standard methods.

PRINCE OF WALES' BIRTHDAY.

For the Prince of Wales' birthday, on Sunday, June 23rd, 500 Spliced Triples, being ten sections each of Stedman and Grand sire, was rung for morning service at Milverton, Somerset: R. Scott 1, H. Norman 2, W. Cross 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Knight 5, A. J. Andrews 6, A. Tout (conductor) 7, S. Sharland 8.

At Farnham, Surrey, 630 Grand sire Triples: H. Burningham 1, C. Edwards 2, T. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Clapshaw 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Also 464 Bob Major by: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, F. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

At St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on Sunday, June 23rd, in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. G. Miles (conductor) 1, J. A. Dart 2, P. L. Miles 3, E. E. Welham 4, A. Culmore 5, A. Waddington 6, W. E. Judd 7, C. Warner 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, June 9th, before evensong, 1,260 Grand sire Triples in 44 mins.: R. C. Smith 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, H. Greenough 3, R. G. Rice 4, G. F. James (conductor) 5, B. Corderoy 6, A. T. Busby 7, H. Appleton 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**MAYOR OF BEWDLEY'S GIFT OF SOUVENIRS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch, held in the old-time borough of Bewdley, on Saturday, June 15th, brought together a good muster of ringers from all over the county. Good use was made of the bells in the afternoon, and service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Raymond Hollis), who, after extending a hearty welcome to the Branch, gave a very appropriate address.

Tea was served on the Rectory lawn, the members enjoying themselves in the beautiful surroundings. At the business meeting which followed, the Rector presided, and was supported by the Mayor and Mayoress of Bewdley (Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Frost), Mr. A. H. James (churchwarden), Mrs. James, Mr. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master, Northern Branch), Mr. S. Holt (Ringing Master, Western Branch), Mr. T. J. Salter and Mr. W. Short (Central Committee representatives), etc.

Apologies were received from Mr. A. E. Parsons, Old Hill, who attended the service in the church, but was unable to come to the tea and meeting, having only just recovered from a serious illness, Mr. R. Knowles (Ringing Master of the association), Dr. Miles and Canon M. S. Newland.

Several new members were added to the roll, including the Mayor of Bewdley, who became an hon. member. The Mayor thanked the members for his election. He said it was the first time he had ever been to a meeting of bellringers, but now that he was a member he should try to be a frequent visitor. He announced that if they cared to accept, he would be pleased to give each one present, as a memento of their visit to Bewdley, a souvenir in the shape of a cigarette ash tray with Bewdley Church and tower impressed in the centre.

Mr. T. Hemming moved, and Mr. H. G. Bird seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor for the kind thought which had prompted the gift.—The vote was carried with applause.

On the proposal of Mr. T. J. Salter, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Stone.

It was agreed to refer the question of instructors to the Central Committee.

The Secretary moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding at the meeting, for arranging the service, for the use of the bells, and for allowing the use of his beautiful grounds. He coupled with the vote the names of the Mayor and Mayoress for gracing the meeting by their presence.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and the Rector, in reply, said it had given him the greatest possible pleasure to have the association at Bewdley.

The Mayor also acknowledged the vote of thanks, and said it had been one of the most pleasant afternoons he had spent amid quite a happy family gathering.

Mr. T. Hemming moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Broad and the splendid band of lady helpers at the tea table, also to the lady organist.—This was carried unanimously, and the members then returned to the tower to enjoy further ringing, which closed a very happy gathering.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES FRATERNISE.

The annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern area of the Yorkshire Association was held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, and although the numbers fell short of expectations, about 30 being present, a very enjoyable time was spent. The towers represented were Ecclesfield, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and St. Marie's, Handsworth, Rawmarsh, Doncaster, Arksey, Tickhill, Treeton, Canisborough, Wortley, Rotherham, Norton, Staveley, Killamash, and Chesterfield. Tea was served in the Church Institute, and was favoured by the presence of the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Alton), who also took the chair at the business meeting, during the course of which he was elected an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association. Four resident ringers were elected, viz., Messrs. Shackleton, Smithson, Thorpe and Darby, all of All Saints', Sheffield. In addition, Messrs. McGuinness, Marcon and Carter, of Lincoln, and Mr. S. R. Roper, of Croydon, were elected out-county life members.

For the next quarterly meeting an invitation was given by the secretary to hold it at Arksey, near Doncaster, and this was accepted, the date to be October 19th, 1929.

Mr. S. F. Palmer gave a short account of the arrangements made to date for the annual Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, which is to be held in Sheffield on September 21st next. Votes of thanks to the Rector, to the ladies for their services at tea, and to the local company were heartily carried, and replied to by the Rector. It is hoped his appeal for help to teach his boys the science of change ringing will not be heard in vain.

A LEEDS BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday, May 12th, for evening service at Leeds Parish Church, six courses of Stedman Caters (648 changes) were rung in honour of one of the ringers, Mr. H. Lockwood, who celebrated his 71st birthday: J. A. Teale 1, J. Hutchinson 2, H. Lockwood 3, Redfearn 4, F. Renton 5, Jessop 6, F. Drake 7, G. Barraclough 8, V. E. Ash (conductor) 9, H. Smith 10.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**EAST BERKS BRANCH PRACTICES.**

In spite of counter attractions such as fishing, military manoeuvres inside as well as outside the Branch, and regattas, an instructive practice took place in various standard methods at Old Windsor. One member succeeded in calling his first touch of Stedman, and still another man to 'turn in' tenors has been found. One of the ladies present also showed such affection for one bell that it was nearly presented to her.

Several weekly practices are now gradually being worked, and it is hoped that before many months are passed a definite and regular list of practices will be available for Branch members.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 15th, when the following towers were represented: Brightwalton, Beedon, East Isley, Hampstead Norris, Highclere, Newbury, Shaw, Thatcham, Woolton Hill, and the Bucklebury ringers. Visitors were also present from Oxford, Abingdon, Reading, Englefield and Berrham. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. M. Thorp), who gave a very helpful address. Mr. G. Davis presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Victory Hall, when upwards of 50 sat down to an excellent tea.

The business meeting followed with the Rev. E. M. Thorp in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

A combined meeting with the Winchester Guild was fixed for Saturday, August 10th, at Newbury. The autumn meeting will be held at Peasmore on Saturday, September 7th.

The Rev. V. W. Peake, of Midgham, was elected an honorary member, and two new ringing members were also elected.

A sum of £5 was voted from the Branch funds to Thatcham tower towards recasting and rehangng the bells.

The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. M. Thorp for his address and welcome to the ringers, to Mrs. Davis for presiding at the organ, and also to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Blunden for providing the tea.—The motion was carried with applause, and the tower was then again visited, and some good touches rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double-Norwich and Cambridge Major.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT TOWERS OUT OF ACTION.**

The Leatherhead District held a highly successful meeting at Newdigate on Saturday, when 33 members and friends from Dorking, Newdigate, Leatherhead, Capel, Cobham, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Charlwood, Warnham, Thames Ditton, and Rudgwick, made good use of the 12 bells available (six on either side of the read). Methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, and also rounds for those not yet able to ring changes.

The Rector (the Rev. J. W. Ward) officiated at the service, and gave the address, before which he welcomed the members of the Guild to Newdigate. The address was straight to the point, and was appreciated by all. The service over, tea was partaken of at the Six Bells Inn, and over this the Rector presided. The tea was a most excellent repast, and went far towards making the meeting such a success.

At the succeeding business meeting, the Rector was in the chair. The election of Mr. W. H. Southard, of Truro, as a compounding member prior to a peal attempt was confirmed, and one new member, Mr. F. Haseman, of Dorking, was also elected.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. R. Pink, then proposed the usual votes of thanks, which were seconded by Mr. Albert Harman (Ringing Master).—The Chairman made a witty speech in response.

At this point it was made known to the meeting that Capel bells were now declared to be unringable. The Rev. J. W. Ward promptly invited the Capel ringers to use his bells when they wished to. This generous offer was much appreciated by all the members, and they marked their appreciation in no uncertain manner. We could wish for such an incumbent as this in many other parishes, the names of which spring readily to mind. This district has now two of its twelve towers out of action, and others that can do with alteration. It would seem well to consult that friend of all ringers, the Archdeacon of Dorking, about the matter.

Following the meeting, some of the members returned to the tower for further ringing, and the bells were kept going till 9 p.m., when they were lowered in peal.

This concluded one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Leatherhead District. A.R.P.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 8th, a very pleasant meeting of the Northern Division was held at Middleham, Wensleydale, when members from Aysgarth, Middlesbrough and Thornaby were cordially welcomed by the Rev. T. Young (Rector). Several touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung on the bells. At the business meeting which followed tea, six new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the Rector and the local band was responded to by the Rector himself.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury branches will be held at Alderton (by special invitation of the Rev. A. D. Pennington) on Saturday, June 29th. Bells open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after. All welcome.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, H. Wakeford, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Harrow Weald on Saturday, June 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. Stanmore bells available during evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5, followed by general meeting. Tea will be 1s. to those only who have paid their subscriptions; to others, 1s. 6d.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch in Rossendale on Saturday, June 29th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Expecting a good muster of members and visiting ringers to be present. Subscriptions due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A joint meeting will take place at Epsom on Saturday, June 29th. St. Martin's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The first general quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Bakewell. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet (important business) 4 p.m. in Schoolroom. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m., in Wheatsheaf Hotel. It is hoped everyone possible will attend to support this first general meeting in the new Peak District.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, business meeting to follow (half fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An invitation meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at Brabourne, by kindness of the Rev. S. K. Lockvear. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Preacher: Rev. M. M. Vischer. Tea at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is looked for on this annual visit.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—District meeting, Saturday, June 29th, at Laverstoke. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at March Parish Church on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) ready 3 o'clock, recently rehung by Taylor and Co. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome. A united gathering is hoped for.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for officers. — William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Worth on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3. — George Lambert, Drummond Hay, E. Grinstead.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Barkway on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. A postcard from persons requiring tea would be appreciated.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 4th and 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 2nd.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The second quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (a new peal of 8 by Gillett and Johnston) will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business very important, including nominations for vice-president, treasurer, ringing secretary and Central Council representatives. Every member is expected to make an effort to attend. Other ringers and friends also welcome. — F. Hindle, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 6th at St. John's, Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Great Barr, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting until 8 p.m. Tea provided for all those letting me know by July 3rd.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, July 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and service as usual. All welcome.—W. Ayre.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, Saturday, July 6th. Bells open early. For tea please advise Mr. F. Mortimer. The Cross, Ecclesfield, not later than July 4th. This is, most important.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Haslemere, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by meat tea (1s. 9d. per head) in the School Room. Chidingfold bells (8) also available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8.30 p.m., Godalming from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Those requiring tea notify Mr. R. Hayes, Inverary, Bridge Road, Haslemere, not later than July 2nd.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Guild, when it is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present. Bells at Cathedral (12) and St. Maurice (6) available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again after service. Tea in Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, at 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. Immediately after service the Master (Mr. G. Williams) will arrange for cars to convey ringers to the following towers, where the bells are available for ringing: Bishopstoke (8), Hursley (8), North Stoneham (8) and Twyford (8). Members intending to be present must notify me by Tuesday morning, July 2nd.—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 3rd. Earls Colne bells (8) available during the evening.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, July 6th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead, near Wokingham, Saturday, July 6th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all who wish for tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 3rd?—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal (at the invitation of the Rector) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Names for tea to be sent to me by July 4th at latest. Special meeting at Lullington on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Good attendances requested at both meetings. Further particulars from John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, July 6th, by kind permission of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Knight. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea arranged for those who notify me on or before Thursday, July 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be provided at the Junior Schools at 5.30.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings Road, Leiston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's) 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. A supply of 'Shearn' pamphlets is now available, and a further quantity of badges is being ordered. Numbers for tea, please, by July 1st.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for July: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, July 7th, at 10 a.m., Mondays, 1st (quarterly meeting) at 6.30 p.m., 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 9th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Beckenham on July 6th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at the Parish Hall. Only business: Votes of thanks. Ringing after tea. May I beg you to send me a post card? It really does help.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on July 13th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. A tea will be provided, 1s. 6d. each, to all who send word not later than July 8th to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Suckley on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided for members who notify Mr. Ranford, Suckley, by July 10th.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Business: Nominations for officers, also for Central Council representatives. Will those intending being present please notify the Rev. L. N. Forse, Tarleton Rectory, not later than July 10th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lyme Regis (8 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Reply to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Orsett on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at Whitmore Arms. Will those intending to be present advise the undersigned by Wednesday, July 10th?—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sandon on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Usual arrangements. Danbury bells (5) from 2 till 4 and after the meeting. Cheap tea to all who let me know not later than Wednesday, the 10th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap fares on the District Railways. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Battle Axes at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeob, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Victoria Hall, at 1s. 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, near Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, July 10th. All ringers welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

NAVENBY, Lincs.—The opening of the peal of six bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughbough, will take place on Monday, July 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th (n.v.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each, to members who apply for same, with remittance, by

Tuesday, July 16th; 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. I earnestly beg that all members who intend coming will send for tickets, as it will help easy working for organising officers and caterers.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 16th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: All Saints' (8), St. Gregory (8) and St. Peter (8). Tea at W. Suffolk Tea Rooms 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting follows.—Stedman Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham; Walter Arnold, Earls Colne, Essex, Dis. Secs.

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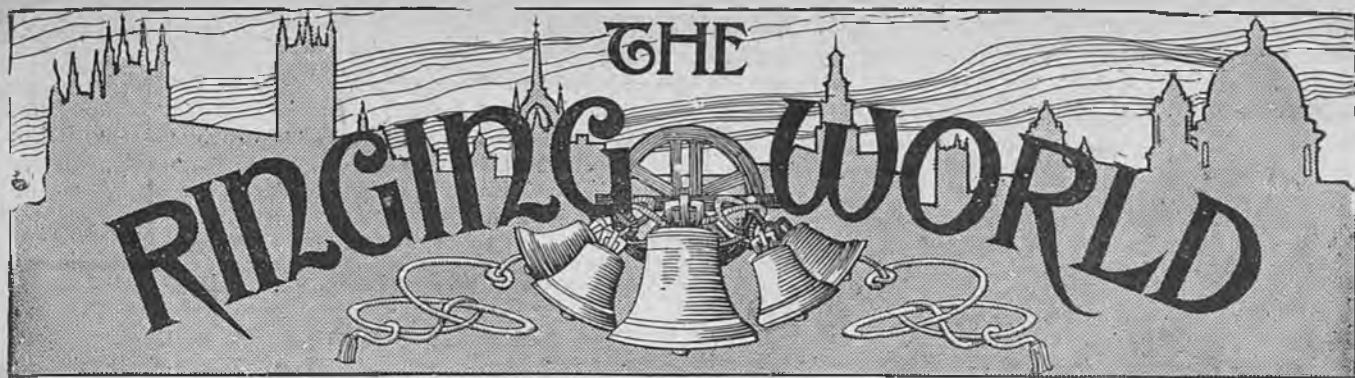
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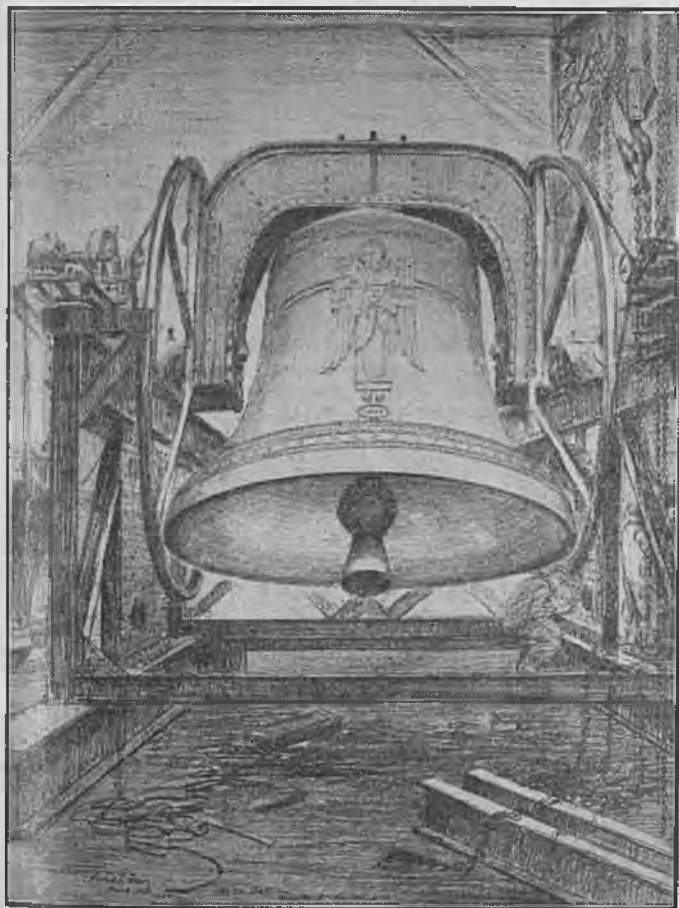
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But if this second resolution passed by the Council is to have any effect at all, it must go further than the minutes of the Council. The associations must act and those who have not got a member on the Diocesan Board or who have no one who is regularly consulted when bell and tower restorations are involved, should take steps to appoint a competent consultant and to let the Advisory Board know that such knowledge and experience is at their disposal. It will probably be best if there is only one consultant for each diocese, and, if his opinions are to carry weight, he must have a practical knowledge which will stand the test of close examination by those who are likely to disagree with him. He must be able, if necessary, to argue his case, because where the antiquarian expert has to be met it would be futile if the 'practical man' could not keep his end up in an argument and fatal to any future acceptance of his recommendations if his contentions are lightly upset or his prestige damaged. Having found the man with the knowledge necessary adequately to fill the post, the association should then take steps to ensure his recognition by the diocesan authorities. Probably the best way in which this can be done is through some influential clergyman or layman who has the ear of the Bishop. A merely

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TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

GILBERT GUEST Treble	JOHN ROUND 6
JOHN PRICE 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	*ALBERT PRESTIDGE, SEN. 8
CHARLES W. COOPER 4	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 9
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 5	*ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. Tenor

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

* Father and son and first peal on ten bells and first attempt by both. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps, Vicar of Dudley and President of the above Guild.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST HUNT Treble	FREDERICK J. SPICER 6
THOMAS J. HULL 2	WILLIAM NASH 7
FRANCIS KIRK 3	BEN JARMAN 8
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	WALTER AYRE 9
JOHN MALYAN 5	*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by T. J. HULL.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung for evening service on St. Peter's Day, also for the bicentenary of a peal of eight being hung in this tower. The present 3rd, 5th and tenor are the old bells cast in 1729 by R. Phelps, of Hertford.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

JAMES MARSH Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JOHN BROWN 2	JOHN SANDERSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 8
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(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, June 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WELLINGTON LITTLE COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRANCIS TOMPKINS Treble	REGINALD S. COOK 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6
JACK STOPP 3	HENRY GOLDING 7
HERBERT GATES 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

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* First peal. The first peal in the method, which is No. 76 in the Central Council Collection. Rung with a 4th's place bob, and at the first attempt. A birthday compliment to Master Henry Peter Ayre.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble	† FREDERICK WELLER 5
SAMUEL TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM WALKER 6
* WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	† WILLIAM GORMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. † First peal. A birthday peal for Percy Spice and for the only daughter of E. J. Dobbie. Rung on St. Peter's Day.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E flat.

JOHN BREESE Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
JOHN GORST 2	THOMAS ROGERS 6
JOHN BAGLEY 3	JOHN COOKE 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
WILLIAM SIMMONDS 4	* FREDERICK APPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since a recent overhaul by Mr. R. White, of Appleton.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

HENRY W. GAYTON Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
LEWIS CHAPMAN 2	FRANK KIRK 6
JAMES GARRATT 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 7
AMOS SMART 4	WILLIAM J. STOCK Tenor

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	JAMES BASSETT 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F. sharp.

* JAMES MCCLUSKEY Treble	ARTHUR PASHLEY 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	HARRY MORGAN 6
ALBERT NASH 3	† PERCY GLEDSTONE 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

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

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

* WILLIAM T. CLARK Treble	WILLIAM PICTHALL 5
† RAYMOND FORSHAW 2	FREDERICK HINDLE 6
WILLIAM ROBINSON 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
EDWIN JENNINGS 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED H. WATSON Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
JAMES BETTS 2	FRANCIS W. NAGTON 6
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	TONY R. PRICE Tenor

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On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's Grandsire, twelve of Plain Bob, twelve St. Simon's and eight Stedman Slow Course. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* W. PARKES Treble	F. KNOWLES 3
H. BAILEY 2	A. SMITHSON 4

BERNARD BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal. Rung for St. Werburgh's Day.

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SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-LESS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. T. LEADBEATER Treble	C. HINTON 3
J. MARDELL 2	W. J. CHESTER 4
S. DANIELS Tenor	

Conducted by W. J. CHESTER.

J. Mardell is a local man; the rest hail from Lois Weedon.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 27, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHABURGA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE Treble	JAMES H. RAPER 4
JOHN A. GODFREY 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
Cecil V. EBBERTSON 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty 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 Canterbury Pleasure, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	*SAM SAUNDERS 4
*MRS. H. BAKER 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
*HARRY BAKER 3	†THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in four methods. † First attempt for a peal of Minor. Ring as a farewell to the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, who is leaving East Peckham to become Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Rochester.

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM HAZELDINE Treble	*WALTER LONGMAN 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	GEORGE BIDDLEPH 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal in seven methods. This peal was arranged for 4th and 5th ringers, who hail from Lawton, Cheshire. W. Hazeldine hails from Biddulph, the others from Norton. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. E. Wheelton for the use of the bells.

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

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and one each of April Day, Pitman's, Morris', Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES PRICE Treble	WILLIAM EVANS 4
JAMES P. HYATT 2	WILLIAM FLETCHERS 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE 3	ROBERT G. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYATT.

rung on and in honour of St. Peter's Day. First peal in four methods on the bells and by all the band.

WARGRAVE RECRUITS.

The Thames-side village of Wargrave boasts of a band of 17 ringers, five recruits having recently joined. Some steady spade-work is being done and an endeavour made to maintain interest among both old and new ringers.

One June 25th, in honour of the Vicar's wedding, which took place in Yorkshire on that day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 48 minutes, with 4, 6, 8 covering: W. Boggis 1, F. Buxton 2, T. Wetherall 3, A. May 4, J. Brant, jun., 5, C. Buxton 6, J. Brant, sen. (conductor), 7, J. Collyer 8.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JAMES W. SMITH Treble	THOMAS C. WARD 4
ALFRED B. KING 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS 5
CHARLES ABLITT 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

FREDERICK PAGE 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	WILLIAM JACKSON 7-8
PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Barnes.

BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

Considerable attention has been drawn to the ringing of church bells by a letter which appeared recently in 'The Daily Mail,' from Mr. C. E. C. Kendle, of 71, Lewisham Park, S.E.13, who complained of the ringing of the bells at Lewisham, and asked if they came under the head of public nuisances. He added:—

'The jingle-jangle must be heard before the extent of the nuisance can be conceived. On Monday, June 3rd, for instance, the bells began at 6 a.m. and rang for 55 minutes. I got up and went to the church and protested to the chief bellringer.

'On Sundays the bells ring from 10.15 to 10.50, and often from 5.30 p.m. to 6.25.

'On Thursday the ringers surpassed themselves, ringing from 6.30 to 8.35 without a stop.

'These bells are not pealed; and they are rung without discrimination, method, or rhythm.

'I am not prejudiced against church bells, but they should be chimed rhythmically and tunelessly.'

One of the difficulties with complaints of this kind is that the ordinary public, reading such a letter, is unaware of the motives that have prompted it. Mr. Kendle is, we are informed, a school-master at Lewisham, and lives 300 or 400 yards from the church, and not long ago he publicly complained of St. John's bells, which are about a mile away from his house.

The ringing on June 3rd was, of course, to celebrate the King's birthday, and that 'on Thursday' was a peal attempt, which came to grief just before half-way, and when the names of the band are known (H. Warnett, sen., A. W. Coles, J. Bennett, H. Warnett, jun., E. Garrard, J. Dafters, J. E. Davis and C. W. Roberts), the suggestion that 'these bells are not pealed, and they are rung without discrimination, method or rhythm,' is really too funny—to ringers. Unhappily, the misrepresentation in the public Press cannot be countered by such knowledge, and Mr. Kendle may probably be well satisfied that his complaint received so much notice.

People who make complaints of this kind are not always prompted entirely by public motives; there is sometimes personal feeling behind them. It would be interesting to know if there is anything behind this present attempt to stir up trouble at Lewisham, where in the forty years' experience of Messrs. H. Warnett, sen., and C. H. Walker there has been only one previous complaint.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Southern District held their meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, June 15th. There was a good attendance of ringers, the following towers being represented: Darlington, Holy Trinity, St. John, St. Cuthbert, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Hurworth, Gainford and the local tower, members of the Newcastle Cathedral Band, also members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, from North Ormesby and Ripon. Touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening. Twenty-three ringers sat down to a good tea, arranged by Mr. H. Shipp, captain of the local band.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier, for the use of the bells was passed and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Shildon on Saturday, September 7th.

SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to the hon. secretary of the Central Council, I beg to point out that he has entirely misinterpreted my remarks regarding the sum of £4,000. I did not state that the Central Council had received approximately £4,000.

However, to make clearer my point stated in 'The Ringing World' of May 31st, I give the following:—

(The following figures are extracted from the hon. treasurer's books of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers.)

It has cost this association to be represented at 16 Council meetings the sum of £35 19s. 1d., an average of £2 5s. per annum. Aggregating the 36 years that the association was affiliated or represented, this totals £81.

Take this average as a basis for 32 affiliated associations, Guilds and societies, the total is £2,592. To this add the sum received by the Council in affiliation fees (I have not included these in the extracts from the hon. treasurer's books), the total is £3,242 (not far off my mark). So you see, Sir, what affiliation to the Central Council has cost associations and members.

Now, I ask, are the associations entitled to express their opinion upon matters of importance to the Exercise and instruct their members how to vote?

I contend that, the sooner the Central Council realise that they are in existence to create Sunday service church bellringers, and that scientific matters are of an aside nature, the better for the future of the Exercise.

There should be a greater stimulus from the Central Council to urge the well advanced ringers to teach young ringers.

One point of Mr. Young's letter is interesting, that is, he states that the Council has £130 in hand or invested. Had he mentioned this in his statement of accounts printed in your journal of May 17th, would it have influenced the question of associations paying larger affiliation fees?

Now, to turn to Rev. C. D. P. Davies' letter, re the last two or three lines of your opening paragraph in your leader of May 31st, which Rev. Davies most cordially endorses, might I say that I, too, most cordially endorse what you have stated in your views. Furthermore, I can assure you that an effort was made to place the matter for discussion upon the Central Council agenda, but, alas! as I have previously stated, the members of the Council are afraid, or too reserved, to bring the matter forward even though for a healthy discussion. I have correspondence to substantiate this fact that an effort was made.

Having failed in that direction, I reverted to what has been attempted before by leading members of this association in 1912 and other periods before that.

The late Mr. Raymond (Jack) Wilkins was one of the most clear-minded of men, and his sole object was the welfare of the association and its younger members. He proposed in 1912 that the association should cease affiliation.

Mr. F. K. Howell, a stalwart of this association for nearly 50 years, has periodically remarked that the association merely wasted money by remaining affiliated, and urged that the money should be spent by sending the 'representatives' to our towers to teach the young ringers. Can it be said that these men were 'fogged'?

Mr. F. G. May, who was once a member of the Council, afterwards tried to reduce the number of representatives from this association.

Mr. Howell was, with Mr. Wilkins, anxious to keep to the most important point, i.e., the fundamental principle of teaching ringers to ring the bells of the House of God and for His service, not to the point as to whether to ring what the Central Council described or prescribed.

After all, Mr. Davies must agree with me that the main object of our being ringers is to ring the bells for Sunday service, and we should be better served in our organisation if the Central Council made efforts to fill the empty towers and attach ringers to the ringer-less ropes.

With regard to his points, I think further comment is necessary.

1. I must remind him that the president of the Council definitely stated to a member: 'You are not here as a delegate,' and in view of this I do not agree with what Mr. Davies writes.

Personally, I should not (and I do not think any member of the Council would) disregard the words of the president and continue as a delegate, even though Mr. Davies now suggests that this is what may happen. At this point I would remind him of the question of 'Diplomas for young ringers.'

This item was placed upon the agenda of this association in 1928 (according to its reference from the Central Council), and he will remember that there was a difference of opinion, but without full discussion he, as chairman, said, 'Of course, we leave that to the members' own discretion.' As a member of the Council at that time, I was anxious to have the views of my association, but could not get it.

2. The ruling of the president was not wrong, and some few days ago I wrote him stating that I considered his ruling just, according to the rules of his Council.

3. The motion from this association was in the hands of the Central Council in plenty of time to have been rectified, had the Central Council intimated that the motion was not in correct order.

4. I have had advice upon this matter, and I refer it to the Central Council that they might have an opinion from its Legal Committee.

Associations are constituted bodies for one year only. If it is clearly made out, as it is with this association, that the rules of the Council cannot be accepted as binding, then the rules of the association come first and foremost, and when the motion to cease affiliation is passed, there is the end of it. And that being so the fees are not payable. The hon. secretary of the Central Council has been good enough to confirm this in a letter of his dated April 25th, as follows:—

'I cannot give you the name of the person, inasmuch as the money was sent anonymously on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. But, of course, should your association elect to withdraw at your annual meeting, the money can be returned to you.' Therefore, Mr. Davies will see that the money was not payable according to our rules and according to the hon. secretary of the Central Council.

It is impossible for the officials of this association to run counter with the officials of the Central Council or to the rules of that body, because in 1920 this association (with other associations) informed the Central Council that they could not accept the rules of the Central Council as binding.

If I was wrong in regard to the holding of affiliation fees, as Mr. Davies asserts I was, would it not be proper for the hon. secretary of the Central Council to write to the executive committee and complain of my action? No, Sir, the action of the hon. secretary appears to negative the motion upon our agenda by accepting anonymous affiliation fees.

As then, and now, the Central Council will leave no stone unturned to reserve its autocracy.

With regard to the comfort that Rev. Davies speaks of in his last statement, I might mention that I forecast this to Mr. Cave at the conclusion of our meeting, and I agree with the selection and election of Mr. Cave as a 'permanent' member of the Council. I sincerely hope that this will prove to be so.

My contention is this, give the members of every Guild throughout the country a chance to bring matters of importance before the Central Council, not by haphazard methods, but by a duly constituted rule in both the Central Council rules and that of its affiliated bodies.

It would be ridiculous for any member to quote rules of the Central Council to the ringers of England, as they do not know, and, so far as my experience and knowledge goes, they do not care, what the rules are.

I would add a quotation from a speech by the late Sir A. P. Heywood at the inauguration of the Council:—

'They had yet to make a position for themselves; and it depended upon the judgment with which their decisions were drawn up, whether the Council would come to be regarded as the final authority upon all ringing matters.'

What was the reply to this of 80 per cent. associations affiliated in 1920? And, furthermore, why?

I reiterate my statement. Upon all matters of importance to the Exercise the associations should decide which way their representatives voted. Upon scientific matters (which are of secondary importance to the Exercise) they would use their own discretion.

The Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council are somewhat anticipating in regard to church bells and street noises. I could name many towers in the west where peal ringing used to take place every few weeks, and at that time there was Sunday service ringing. In these places there are no Sunday service ringers now, and peal ringing is gone for ever.

As long as parishioners are accustomed to the sound of bells there is no fear of their being suppressed, but immediately a lapse occurs then they prefer the silence.

To stimulate ringing by helping struggling Guilds and by gradually filling the empty ringing chambers should be the foremost point of all associations, and should be the main policy of the Central Council of Church Bellringers.

In conclusion, I would point out to Rev. C. D. P. Davies that the annual meeting of this association was extensively advertised and copies of the motions spread broadcast. I regard the small attendance as an indication of approval given to the motion, otherwise members would have been there to defend the Council. The other 34 members supporting the motion must reply, if necessary, to the point as to whether they were 'fogged,' but I rather fancy that they have sufficient intellect to know which way to vote.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE,

Late Member of the Central Council.

OXFORD.—On Friday, June 28th, at New College tower, in 52 minutes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1,261 changes: A. Dubber 1, W. Blake 2, W. Brigham 3, W. H. B. Wilkins 4, S. Hounslow 5, W. G. Collett 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, V. Bennett 8, W. Simmonds 9, G. Horwood 10. Rung on the college commemoration day.

IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND.

WHERE JAMES BARHAM RANG.

BY W. H. F.

Following his annual practice, Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, spent Whitsuntide in the county of Kent, where Mr. H. Parkes, with Ashford as a centre, kindly fixed up five towers for peal attempts during a three days' stay. Members of the Kent County Association rallied round to help the visitors, and the respective clergy and towerkeepers did their share to welcome them, and the result was most satisfactory to all concerned both as to the weather and peals accomplished. A word of praise is due to the Southern Railway Company and the Cambrian bus service, who did yeoman work to convey masses of holiday folk through the 'Garden.' Their efficiency allowed the ringers to fulfil the programme, even if 'corridor stand' was enjoyed by the London men on homeward way.

The Church of SS. Mary and Ethelburga, Lyminge, has not lost any of its historical interest. The marble tablet beside the south porch reads: 'The Burial Place of St. Ethelburga the Queen, foundress of this Church and first Abbess of Lyminge, A.D. 638-47.' The relics of the Queen were removed in 1085 to St. Gregory's, Canterbury, by Lanfranc. She was a daughter of Ethelbert, King of Kent, 633, and portions of the original church founded by her are now visible, after a thousand years' interval. Excavations and restorations reveal Roman, Saxon, Norman and Danish periods, the last-named of destruction in their various raiding expeditions to England, before the Norman Conquest. The tower, usually of most interest to ringers, was built by Cardinal Morton, completed in 1527. The bells, dating from 1631, were cast into a ring of six, the trebles added in 1904 with new steel frame and fittings complete. They form a pleasing octave, ringing being carried on from the ground floor open to the nave.

Mr. J. Steddy, of the garden of Eden-bridge, has vivid recollections of the excavated ruins. Some 25 years ago he made a 'nose dive' into them whilst hurrying to the tower on a dark night for a peal attempt with the writer. Since then iron railings have been erected alongside the path. For many years Mr. W. E. Pitman, M.B., was organist at this church before moving to Canterbury, and there are several ringers in the county who have had the pleasure of acting as 'nurse' pro tem. to his young offspring, so that 'Father' might take part in a 'touch' on practice nights. Mr. J. H. Cheeseman, who began his career as a conductor with a peal of Minor in this tower on the old six bells, was born a few miles away, and we find the same family name in peals recorded by Barham, that man of Kent, at Maidstone more than a century and a half ago.

The towerkeeper, Mr. Tanton, met the company at the church. He is well over 70 years of age, and is still a 'goer.' He asked most kindly after the health of Harry Barton, of Deal, and his 'walking mate,' who both took part in the first peal of Major on the bells with him—a gentle reminder of another quarter-century gone.

The 'unexpected' is proverbial in ringing outings, and the beginnings of this one were very dismal when two men were marked up 'absent without leave.' The Lord Bishop, who resides beside the church, saved the situation by not only granting permission to ring but allowing the use of his telephone as well. The missing couple were 'rung up,' and soon afterwards switched into Double Norwich to the glory and honour of Queen Ethelburga.

On leaving the church, the party complied with the letter of the L.V. law by gathering round a small wooden box divided into 24 squares. They privately placed the contents of the box into the inverted handstroke tittum position. Readers will sympathise with the American prohibition tactics of the company when it is known that the contents suited all palates.

AT CANTERBURY AND ASHFORD.

At St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, the absence of Mr. E. Buesdon, through indisposition, was regretted. His excellent substitute well earned the 'star' accorded him in the peal list. At the conclusion of the peal, local listeners congratulated the band at 9.30 p.m., whilst local closing hours, 10.30, allowed the latter to enjoy their second repast since early morning. The organiser met with another difficulty on the way home. A burst tube of the motor-cycle meant a five-mile walk in the clear moonlight for him and Mr. Pillion Cheeseman. At the time of writing, the Whitsun 'death roll' of motor cyclists number 21. A few more are on the 'same way home,' and it is rumoured that Parkes is on the list of eligible riders.

On Sunday, at Ashford, to quote from an 18th century peal board, 'The exponents of the grand art of change ringing ascended the noble campanile of the Parish Church and rang that ingenious peal, known to the Exercise as . . . There were 16 men present to do duty for the 10.30 a.m. matins, and some of them, it is to be feared, did not attend the 5 a.m. ringing to honour the gayest of the Church's festivals by an early morning peal. However, what was done was well done in Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative, and the visitors' book duly signed.

The church, dedicated to St. Mary, has a tall and handsome central tower, a landmark prominent for many miles in all directions, surmounted with massive turrets at each corner, and finished each with spiral and weather vane. There is much oscillation when the bells are rung in rounds. Most of the towers in this part of the

county are very similar in outline, and take after the Bell Harry tower at Canterbury Cathedral. There are ten bells, the two 'dead' trebles employed for tune chiming, which are none too happy in their selection, one for each day of the week. The majority of the old eight were cast by Hatch about 1620.

At Harrietsham, the Vicar kindly permitted a Sunday afternoon peal, the attempt for Superlative lasting an hour. The completely new peal of bells, frame and fittings, left the two men concerned no excuse for the failure. After tea, the party rang for service at 5.30 p.m. The tower is at the west end of the nave, with a large Gothic archway now filled up with the new organ, destroying the view of windows east and west the entire length of the church.

There have been three different ringing floors—the present beneath the bells and the former one on ground floor, where the iron sally guides are still to be seen. The original ringing floor, where the Lenham and Leeds company did so much ringing—after the eight bells were put in in 1742—was level with the head of the west door, and had an open balcony on the nave side. It was reached by the same old stone stairs, but the door is now built up.

OLD PEALS RECALLED.

An old peal board has been saved, and is now on the walls. The following are the lines recorded:—

'In this Tower was completely Rung by the Lenham Company the following eight-bell peal, viz.: December 8th, 1746, was rung 10,080 changes of that admired Peal call'd Bob Major Doubles, in 7 hours by John Epps treble, Saml. Grayling 2nd, Thos. Barham 3rd, James Barham 4th, Abm. Barham 5th, Wm. Hunt 6th, John Freeland 7th, John Hunt tenor.

'March 5th, 1743, was rung a Musical Peal of 6,720 Changes of Oxford Treble in 4 hours 21 minutes, including Jacob Blundell and Benjn. Walker.

'June 13th, 1743, was rung 6,720 Bob Major in 4 hours 31 minutes, including Wilm. Eagles.

'N.B.—Here was also Rung 5,040 Bob Major (including Nichls. Grayling and Ideu Plane), also 5,040 Bob Major Triples, 5,040 Plain Bob Triples, 5,040 Fullham Triples, 10,080 Bob Major and 5,040 Bob Major Doubles Reversed.

'The above Ringers first Instituted the Leeds Society, whose performance in Ringing has not been equalled by any Society of Ringers. And there is now surviving Saml. Grayling, John Freeland, Abm., Thos. and James Barham, and John Hunt, who new erected this Inscription, and these six Ringers, with the assistance of Thos. Lacey and Wilm. Davis, Rung at Leeds January 1st, 1793, 5,040 Bob Major in 3 hours 12 minutes, whose ages when added together is 577 years. And it is remarkable that this Peal completes one Hundred peals Rung at different Places not less than 5,040 changes each by the above James Barham. 1794. R. T. Bottle.'

Barham's 'century' is probably the first recorded by any change ringer. On examining his peal book it will be seen the two 1743 performances mentioned on the tablet are not recorded in it.

There is a framed card which says: 'Peal of 8 Bells were cast at Whitechapel in 1742,' and that Thos. Lester cast 14 peals for the county of Kent between 1735 and 1769.

There is a doubt as to this being the fact. Six bells were cast in 1742, and two trebles added, and the 5th recast in 1744, according to the inscriptions. Surely the old Kent veterans never broke three new bells in two years.

(To be continued.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most successful meeting of Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Wargrave on Saturday, June 15th. Ringing commenced at 3.30 on the fine ring of bells, situated near the River Thames. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. M. Winter), who afterwards kindly showed the ringers the points of interest in this most beautiful church, now completely restored after being almost totally destroyed by fire early in 1914.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, kindly provided by the Vicar, and 30 ringers sat down.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. J. Paice, gave notice that the next combined practice would be at Finchampstead in July, and that a joint meeting with the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild would be held at Hawley, Hants, on August 31st.

The Secretary, on behalf of those present, thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for providing such a bountiful tea: and the organist, who kindly attended at great inconvenience.—The Vicar briefly replied, and invited those present to take a walk round the Vicarage grounds.

Owing to illness no further ringing could be done at Wargrave, but at Twyford good use was made of the bells until nine o'clock, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Little Bob Major, with rounds for beginners. The towers represented were Binfield, Boyne Hill, Cookham, Finchampstead, Hurst, Hillingdon, Slough, Twyford, Wargrave, Wokingham (All Saints'), while the Master and the general secretary of the Guild were also present.

THE HISTORY OF BELLS AND RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The very fine report of the Literature and Press Committee of the Central Council, quoted in your issue of June 7th, p. 361, mentions the publication of the splendid volume, 'Bells Through the Ages,' which is, as stated, a great addition to bell literature. One has only to see the favourable criticisms of it in many of the leading papers and magazines, and to hear of the enthusiasm which it has evoked in 'outside' circles, to know that it really fills a long-felt want, i.e., a comprehensive work giving all sides of the subject of bells, viz., early history, celebrated bells, founding, decoration, change ringing, chimes, carillons, legends, etc. It has met with a splendid reception, and can be looked upon as a standard work of reference in this many-sided subject.

The 'L. and P.' Committee then state that a further work is in course of preparation, and I assume (I trust correctly) this refers to the work I have now been commissioned to write on the 'History of Change Ringing.' Whereas Mr. Nichols' work deals almost entirely with the many phases of bells, mine is to be on ringing. Already, in response to my last appeal in these columns, I have had much help from many ringing friends all over the world, and valuable MSS. and books kindly lent, as well as historical data copied for me. I have now completed several chapters, dealing with the commencement and growth of change ringing, early ringing societies, ancient peal records, etc., and many other sides of our interesting 'art and science.'

May I once more appeal to any ringers who have, or know of, any ancient accounts of ringing in the old days, old peal records or such-like, kindly to let me know, or send copies for insertion in my forthcoming book, which I want to be as comprehensive as possible.

I am sincerely grateful to the many who have already sent me much valuable information.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

A BISHOP IN A CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

On Sunday afternoon, June 16th, Bishop Thomas, of U.S.A., ascended the 250 steps to the Durham Cathedral belfry, and watched the ringing for the afternoon service. He said he was delighted, as he had never seen bells rung before. It would be interesting to know if a Bishop has sat in a Cathedral belfry and watched ringing for a service on any previous occasion.

THREE GENERATIONS PEAL.

COMMEMORATION BOARD UNVEILED.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Stockton Parish Church in 3 hrs. 25 mins. on March 15th, 1924. A unique feature of this peal was that three generations of the Newton family took part in it, their respective ages being at that date 68, 44, and 19. The ringers were as follows: William Newton (grandfather) 1, William L. Newton (grandson) 2, James W. Newton (father) 3, Alfred E. Bacon 4, Rev. Albert Simpson 5, Thomas Hensher 6, William Ellerington 7, Thomas Lancaster 8, Thomas Metcalfe 9, Joseph E. Sykes (conductor) 10.

To commemorate this peal, a board was unveiled on a recent evening by the Rev. G. W. Froggett, M.A., Vicar of Stockton, and a number of ringers from the district attended the ceremony.

Mr. Froggett made reference to the fact that Mr. W. Newton has been connected with the church and belfry for over 55 years, and expressed the hope that he and his family would continue their connection for many years to come.

As the board was unveiled and the ringers read the inscription, memories of the conductor, his genial personality and his never-failing enthusiasm for peal ringing came back to them. They realised with profound regret, that 'Uncle Joe' will conduct no more peals on this side of the veil.

The bells were rung in Grandsire and Stedman Caters both before and after the ceremony, the three generations taking part.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

A very happy gathering took place at SS. Peter and Paul's Church on Saturday, June 22nd, when upwards of thirty visitors joined the local society for the ringing anniversary. During the afternoon and evening several short touches on these far-famed bells were rung, the methods being Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge and Superlative. The handbells were also brought into use. Among those present were Messrs. G. B. Lucas (Walthamstow), J. Lee (Streatham), T. King (Shipley, Yorks) and Miss K. Willers (Trumpington, Cambs). Other places represented were Bury St. Edmunds, Cornard, Culford, Colchester, Coggeshall, Bergholt, Fornham St. Martin, Groton, Halstead, Hassett, Horringer, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Sible Hedingham, Otley and Wallington (Surrey).

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. G. Lennox Conyngham for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Symonds, towerkeeper.

On the Sunday evening following, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, arranged specially for Messrs. T. King and G. B. Lucas, came to grief after 1,180 changes of excellent striking.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

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Holt's Original was rung for the first time on July 7th, 1751, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, when the composer called it from manuscript.

Carter's odd-bob peal of Stedman was rung, non-conducted, on handbells by the College Youths on July 10th, 1917.

Father and son rang their first peal of Grandsire Caters at their first attempt at Dudley last Saturday, and a correspondent asks if this is the first time this has been done.

A sentence of two months' imprisonment was passed at Sandwich, Kent, on Monday week, on Charles Reynolds, who was accused of assaulting his uncle, Alfred Reynolds, in the belfry of St. Peter's Church. Mr. Alfred Reynolds is the sexton, and the assault took place while he was engaged in ringing the curfew. It was said that the younger man came to the belfry and shouted like a madman. He then struck his uncle on the cheek and in the mouth.

THE YOUNG BRIGADE.

At the age of 11 years 4 months, Master F. J. Bowley, jun., of Kirby Muxloe, near Leicester, rang a peal of Doubles, 5,040 changes, on five bells (no cove). Is this the earliest age yet in peal records?

W. P. Whitehead called Holt's Original twice before his 16th birthday. His first peal as conductor, however, was Superlative one month after his 15th birthday. Before he had turned 18 years he had called 40 peals and headed the M.C.A. conductors' list in 1925.

The correspondent who sends us the above particulars says he is unable to answer Mr. E. H. Spice's query regarding a seven-method peal, but he would like to ask a similar question in regard to the following methods, all rung at the age of 14 years by W. P. Whitehead: Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Treble to Cambridge Major, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Kent Treble Bob Major, all rung 'inside' with the one exception, and the total for the year 17 peals.

Among others who have made an early start in peal ringing have been E. G. Matthews (youngest son of Mr. J. D. Matthews), who rang 1-2 to a handbell peal of Bob Major at the age of 13½ years, and Harold J. Witchell, son of the late Mr. Bernard Witchell, who rang the 5th at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Birmingham, to a peal of Stedman Triples when he was 13 years 10 months old.

PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have followed with interest the controversy on the question of the necessary conditions for a peal of Minor, and I think that those who are interested in the matter would do well to pause and consider why the ruling in the 'Rules and Decisions' was framed.

In the 'eighties' a habit had grown up of ringing fourteen 360's all in different methods; and these performances were considered by some to be superior to seven 720's in different methods. But, when the fact that in ringing a 'half-extent' the tenors could always be kept together was taken into consideration, it became apparent that these performances were inferior to, and not in advance of, the seven 720's. Hence the ruling as it at present stands.—Yours, etc.,

E. BANKES JAMES.

Scafield Park, Fareham.

CUMBERLANDS AT EPSOM

One of the oldest and the youngest of ringing societies fraternised on Saturday at Epsom, when the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a joint meeting. The Cumberlands came from a wide district round London, and included three generations of one family from Crayford, with 'Teddy' jun., with recent scholarship honours sitting lightly upon his shoulders, the youngest among Cumberlands. The Master of the Royal Society supervised the ringing, which began with rounds on the pleasant peal of ten for some of the least experienced. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Royal and London and Bristol Surprise Major followed.

The Rector (the Rev. C. R. P. Muir) had arranged a delightful service, the full choir being present and rendering music, including an anthem, worthy of a full church. Tea was served in the adjoining Church Hall, formerly a brewery, and now housing many of the parochial activities, including a boxing saloon, in which, in the winter, the jockey apprentices of this world-famed racing centre disport themselves. The Rector is a man of wide views and sympathies, and his welcome to the two societies was wholehearted. He presided at the tea and was accompanied by Dr. C. F. Waters, the organist. Mr. J. D. Matthews, the Cumberlands' Master, proposed a very cordial vote of thanks to the Rector and choir, and this was seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who welcomed the Cumberlands to the area of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The Rector replied, and the members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Concluded from page 410.)

AFFILIATION FEE INCREASED.

In the absence of Mr. E. W. Elwell, who had had to leave the meeting, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved: '(a) That honorary members pay an affiliation fee of 5s. each per annum; (b) that associations in future pay a fee of 5s. per representative per annum.' Mr. Jenkyn said the reason for the proposal was that the Council certainly wanted more money. They were going on to-day with the same affiliation fee that they started with, which, he thought, could hardly be said of anything else. Prices had all gone up, but the Council went on with the same affiliation fee. In these days the associations were considerably better in funds than they were when the Council began.—The Rev. C. A. Clements seconded.

Mr. J. Hunt moved that the portion of the motion relating to hon. members be deleted. His association (Bath and Wells) was quite willing to support the second proposal, and instructed him to vote for it, but they would not tie his hands with regard to the hon. members. The Council, he contended, were not justified in penalising the men who came there at their own expense, after being elected by the Council for the assistance they could give.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, who seconded, said honorary members were placed on the Council for the work they had done or were doing for the Exercise or the Council, and they ought not to ask them to pay five shillings, as well as defray all their own expenses. He thought it would be a 'cheek' to do so. If the Council were short of money, let them say so and go openly to the associations and ask for it.

The amendment was carried by a large majority, and the proposal to impose an affiliation fee on the hon. members was thus defeated.

There was no discussion on the second part of the proposition, to increase the affiliation fee of associations from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per representative, and it was put to the meeting and carried by 44 votes to six.

CONSULTANTS FOR ADVISORY BOARDS.

The Rev. H. Drake proposed: '(a) The Council asks each association to appoint a consultant to the Advisory Committee or Committees in its area. (b) The Council asks each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to Parochial Church Councils, to Diocesan Conferences and to the Church Assembly.' Mr. Drake said the resolution had been described as one which the Council carried several years ago. That was not so. The difference was that on the previous occasion they did their best to get the Advisory Committees to recognise the associations and also to get the Parochial Church Councils to recognise the ringers. His present resolution put it the other way round. It asked each association to allocate someone whom the Advisory Committee for the diocese could consult, if they wished to do so, and it also asked each association to make every effort to get as many ringers as possible elected to the Parochial Church Councils, the Diocesan Conferences and the Church Assembly. The ringers, he said, were the best people in the different parishes to put on the Council—they were the most intelligent people (laughter and applause), because their art, as they had found out that day in the difficult questions they had discussed, had taxed the intelligence of the most intelligent people in the country (laughter). Therefore, they were the people who ought to be on the different Councils and who should make up the greater part of each Diocesan Conference and of the Church Assembly (laughter and applause). Why was it necessary to put forward this resolution? Ringers, as a rule, were rather retiring people and the result was they did not get put on the Parochial Church Councils. It seemed to him that it was their duty, as a Council, to do what they could to encourage ringers to stand for election. He hoped, if the resolution was carried, that the members would go back to their parishes and to their dioceses and say that they had been asked to put forward ringers as members of the Councils, members of the Diocesan Conferences and members of the Church Assembly, and, added Mr. Drake, amid laughter, he hoped they would all meet at the first meeting of the new Church Assembly.—Mr. C. J. Sedgley seconded the motion.

Mr. C. H. Howard asked what was the result of the previous resolution that was passed, recommending that on all Diocesan Advisory Boards there should be someone with a knowledge of bells and ringing. The present resolution, he thought, did not go far enough. A consultant was not in such a strong position as a member of the Advisory Board. He was appointed to the Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Board by the late Bishop. At that time there was an application for a faculty concerning the bells from a certain parish, and the faculty had been refused. Had he been only a consultant he could have done very little, but, being a member, he was able to plead the case and eventually, after first getting the question postponed so that it might be further considered, he succeeded in getting through a unanimous recommendation that the faculty be granted. He was in a much stronger position as a member of the Board, because, as a consultant only, the case would probably have been decided in his absence. If they could get the Boards to allow at

least one member from each association, they would be doing a great deal better service than merely asking for a consultant.

The Rev. C. A. Clements said the associations could not appoint anybody to an Advisory Board. It was entirely in the hands of the Bishop and his adviser, the Chancellor of the Diocese.

Mr. Howard said he did not suggest they could appoint anyone, but they could ask the Bishop in each diocese to do so and suggest that the association should nominate a suitable person.

Mr. Beams said what many of them wanted to know was how to get the Bishop's ear.

Mr. J. Hunt said in the Bath and Wells Association they appointed someone as adviser, who acted gratis, and was prepared to go to any church to make inspections and attend any meetings to report.

VARYING EXPERIENCES.

Mr. F. Wilford said in his diocese one or two clergy wrote to the Bishop of Peterborough suggesting that someone should be appointed with a knowledge of bells and ringing to serve on the Board, and the Bishop asked him to do so. If a Bishop were written to by some responsible person, he would no doubt be only too pleased to appoint someone with the necessary knowledge.

Major Hesse said in the Guildford Diocese the Bishop himself told him that he was a member of the Board, but he had never yet been invited to attend a meeting.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake said as a result of the last resolution of the Council he received a request from the Advisory Board in his diocese to serve as a member to deal with questions arising in connection with bells. On leaving that diocese, he wrote to the secretary of the Board and pointed out that they had made no use whatever of his services. Unless a person was a full member of the Board and summoned to every meeting, they forgot his existence. The reply which he received was that no case had come up in his district. He did not like to give the secretary the lie direct, but two cases had come up within 15 miles of his own parish.

The Rev. H. Law James said in the Diocese of Lincoln the secretary of the Board sent him all the papers, in the cases where bells were concerned, and whatever he (Mr. James) told him to do, he did (laughter and hear, hear).

The President said exactly the same thing happened in the Oxford Diocese. There was no single thing to do with bells or towers which did not go first to their Master, Mr. Jenkyn, who made a report to the Advisory Committee, and they did what he recommended. He was much more valuable outside than on the committee.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said that at first he found himself up against certain members of the Advisory Board, who were mostly antiquarians. He had to fight it out with them: he won, and the purely antiquarians had more or less faded out.

The Rev. H. Drake said his resolution was not opposed to what Mr. Howard had said. There was no reason why they should not have a member on an Advisory Board if they could get one, but that was not a thing they could do as associations. What they could do was to have a consultant. In his diocese their difficulty was the same as it had been in Mr. Jenkyn's. They were supported by one of their Archdeacons and had appointed a consultant if the Advisory Committee chose to consult him. At the present moment it was hopeless to try and get a ringer on the Advisory Committee. He thought, if consultants were appointed, no Advisory Committee would dare to neglect them in the future as they had done in the past.

The resolution was then put and carried.

NOTICE OF THE COUNCIL'S MEETINGS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved: 'That the rules of the Council be amended in order to provide that the notice and agenda of each annual meeting of the Council be published at least eight weeks, instead of twelve weeks, prior to such meeting.' He said this motion had been framed, in consultation with the hon. secretary, to facilitate the arrangements for the meetings. The present twelve weeks' notice, which was given to enable associations to consider the items on the agenda, had proved to be somewhat too early, as it was found difficult to arrange the business so far ahead. If the notice appeared eight weeks before the meeting, little would be lost, as the four weeks deleted always came in Lent, when few, if any, important association meetings were held.—Mr. C. T. Coles seconded and the motion was carried without discussion.

A MATTER FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATIONS.

A motion stood on the agenda in the name of Mr. W. Ayre, who, however, was unable to be present through illness. It was as follows: '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 hon. secretary, whose name had been put on the agenda as seconder, moved the resolution. He said he did not expect to have to 'father' the resolution, because he only intended to second it 'pro forma,' in order that it might be discussed. He thought, however, there was something in the proposal. Some six or seven years ago it was rather urged there should be some sort of fund for this purpose, and the Council could not go very far wrong if it appointed a small committee to investigate the possibility of a

scheme. If the motion was carried, he would suggest a small committee, consisting of Mr. Ayre, himself and one other member. They could then present a report in a year's time.—Mr. James George seconded, saying he thought it would be a very good thing.

Mr. T. Groombridge asked if it was a suitable thing to be taken up by the Council. He thought it was a matter for the associations. Several associations had formed their own benevolent funds, and he was of opinion that each association should run its own fund.

Mr. C. T. Coles said before the Council appointed a committee it should be very careful not to interfere with the financial provisions of the different societies, otherwise it would tread on the tenderest spot of the associations. Some of the associations might be pretty hard pressed to find the additional affiliation fee, but to formulate any plan which would spend some of their funds would be going a bit too far, and he should vote against it.

Mr. P. Crook said a Police Conference, of which he was a member, discussed a similar scheme at great length, and came to the conclusion that it was best to leave each individual place to carry out its own work.

The proposition was lost by a large majority.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The Council was next asked to fix the place for the next meeting. The President said their rules laid it down that the first meeting of a new session should be held in London, so that London was the place for next year. The secretary had been trying to get an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury to meet at Lambeth Palace, in the famous and magnificent library, and they had received a telegram saying that, subject to no unforeseen occurrence, the Archbishop would be only too pleased that the Council should meet there, and to welcome them if possible (applause).

'A BIG BUSINESS.'

Mr. James George referred to the fact that a directory of ringers was published by the Bristol United Guilds. It was, of course, by no means complete, and he thought the Council might consider the issue of a book which would contain the names and addresses of all ringers.

The President: That would be a big business. If you wish to discuss it you must draw up a resolution and send it to the secretary, and it can then be debated at the next meeting.

THE PRESIDENT'S RECOVERY.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said they were all fully aware, but they might be inclined to forget, that that was the first meeting of the Council since the very serious illness and operation of their president. It was perfectly wonderful how he had steered them through the business that day. It had been a trying meeting and difficult, but the way in which Canon Coleridge had gone through it had been perfectly splendid (applause). They were all glad to see him and congratulated him upon his recovery. He proposed a vote of thanks to him for presiding (applause).

Mr. T. Faulkner seconded, and, on behalf of 'the rank and file,' said how gratified they all were that their president had been restored seemingly to his normal health (applause).

'COUNCIL MUST BE KEPT YOUNG.'

The motion having been carried by acclamation, Canon Coleridge replied. He said that during his illness it was a great source of consolation to him to know that he was thought about, and in many cases prayed about, by ringers throughout the length and breadth of England. The best times that he had were when ringers came to see him. One of his visitors was an old man of 80, another was a boy of about 16, who gave up the whole of a Sunday and came a long distance on a bicycle to bring him a dozen eggs. It was most touching. Every Sunday he had visits from ringers, and he knew he was in the thoughts of many others. He was thankful to say that, so far as he knew, he was now in the very best of health (applause). He could not help feeling, however, that age was upon him. Therefore, he wanted them to think most carefully before the next meeting who they were going to elect as their president. He had had the privilege of serving for three sessions—nine years—and on one other occasion he took the chair, which made ten times altogether. By next year he would be 72, and election meant three years' work, and they ought to get a younger man. He had said that before, but he hoped they would bear it in mind this time. Youth must be served, and the Council must be kept young, with new ideas, and not have old fogies foisted upon them (laughter). The President then went on to propose a formal vote of thanks to the Mayor and to the Sub-Dean of Chelmsford for their kindness in welcoming the Council, also and especially to Mr. C. H. Howard and other members of the Essex Association, who had done so much for their comfort and entertainment. The association had done everything it could for them. Members of the Council had been welcomed on the previous day at the jubilee gathering equally with the association's own members, and they had enjoyed themselves immensely. He thanked Mr. Howard and all associated with him for all they had done (applause).

This concluded the meeting, and the members and their friends were afterwards entertained to tea by the Essex Association. Later a social evening was held at the County Hotel.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN PEAK DISTRICT.

A general quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, and, after what looked like a bad omen (a funeral and a serious illness near by), a successful meeting was held at the fine old Parish Church of Bakewell. Although on account of the funeral matters were held up for a time, eventually the bells were available, and good use made of them until 7.30 p.m. Visitors and friends from Burton, Derby, Dore, Eyam, Leicester, Nottingham and elsewhere arrived. The committee met and carried out the usual routine duties, and on several points made recommendations to the general meeting. Tea was held in the Town Hall, about 40 members being present, but, owing to the influx of other parties, it was not possible to hold the meeting there, so all adjourned to the Church Institute. The vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin) took the chair, and was supported by the general hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Wallace).

The Chairman first spoke of the great loss the association had sustained in the death of the president, the late Mr. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., and asked all to stand in silence a moment to his respected memory. It was decided to carry on for the rest of the year with the present officers, and the members are asked to think of some gentleman suitable to fill the office of president, but first to make quite sure that anyone so nominated will stand, as certain proposals have failed in the past for the reason of the nominee being unable to take the office.

The following members, elected since the annual meeting, were duly confirmed, viz., 2 honorary, 4 life, 21 ordinary ringing.

A good report of the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford was given by one of the delegates (or representatives), Mr. J. Swinfield, and supplemented by the chairman, Mr. J. Griffin, who is an hon. member of the Council.

Ringers members were asked to pay their subscriptions more regularly and to help all they could with the working of the association. A good start has been made in the formation of the Peak District, and this has added a stimulus to the good work originally begun by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, of Dore, and others. Several new members have been made, and at Castleton two were now becoming quite proficient. It was hoped all the band would join.

The Rev. W. P. Wright said he would do all he could for these members and for ringers at other towers, and hearty invitations would be given to them to join in at Eyam and Dore, or any other tower where change ringing was done. It was hoped gradually to get in all the towers of the district.

Mr. J. Griffin had to leave the meeting at this juncture, and Mr. W. E. White took his place for the concluding portion, which was principally occupied with the matter of finance trustees. The hon. treasurer explained that since the death of the president, who was joint trustee with Mr. W. Willson for certain War Stock held by the association, the usual notice had been sent to and duly acknowledged by the department dealing with such matters, and Mr. Willson was now sole trustee. The War Savings Certificates held by the late Mr. Chambers were now in the hands of his executors, pending final clearing up of the estate. It was proposed and carried unanimously that these matters stand over—being in quite safe and capable hands—until the annual meeting, when new trustees would be appointed.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the bells and to the local men for arrangements were duly passed. Adjourning to the belfry, further ringing was indulged in, ranging from Grandsire to Norfolk and London Surprise.

A FAREWELL.

On Thursday evening, June 27th, as a farewell to the Rev. C. H. Reynolds, who is shortly leaving the parish, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire, was rung at Huntingfield, Suffolk, by five members of the Halesworth Society: W. Pierce 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, A. H. Took 3, James Howard 4, C. Moss 5. This was followed by 720 Grandsire, in which R. Kemp, of Huntingfield, rang the treble to his first 720, also 360 Grandsire, with G. Gowan, of the local band, ringing the treble for his first 360.

A young band has been recently formed here, and is making good progress. A six-score of Stedman Doubles concluded the evening's ringing, after which the Rector came to the tower and thanked the ringers for their visit, which he much appreciated. The ringers wished him 'God-speed' and health and happiness upon his retirement.

EGHAM AND MAGNA CHARTA.

In honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday and in connection with the Magna Charta anniversary celebrations, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Egham Parish Church on Sunday, June 23rd, in 46 minutes: W. Brants 1, W. Welling (conductor) 2, F. Worsfold 3, E. Goater 4, E. Burley 5, H. Chaffey 6, W. C. Parker 7, W. Peck 8. Rummymede, where King John signed the Charter, is within sound of Egham bells.

BELL RESTORATION.

AN AUTHORITATIVE BOOKLET.

A valuable booklet has been placed in private circulation, entitled 'Bells Old and New,' and deals with various aspects of bell restoration as they concern the Church, the Bell Founder and the Antiquary. It has been written by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, head of the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, but, although coming from the pen of such an eminent authority, it is in no sense an advertisement, and no existing bell foundry finds mention in it. The little work is devoted to the enlightenment of all who are interested or concerned with the care of church bells, and is chock-full of information and guidance for the uninitiated. It deals briefly with the modern development of the bell and offers advice with regard to tuning and recasting, which could not be more disinterested if it came from a writer entirely outside the industry. In defence of the bell founders and the suggestions which they make to church authorities when called in to report, Mr. Johnston says:—

'Bell founding and hanging represent a skilled and highly technical trade carried out by only two or three firms in any one country; and the bell founders are normally the *only experts*. It is, therefore, difficult or impossible to get reliable expert opinion except from the firms engaged in the work. This is where the difficulty lies.

'There is, unfortunately, a tendency to judge the contractor merely from a commercial standpoint, because recasting means, obviously, an additional price. But, if the founder has sound business principles, he knows that only honest advice pays in the end, and that his reputation is built on consistent advocacy of what he believes to be the right course. He will not condemn a bell that is "nearly true within itself," or one that can be corrected satisfactorily, if he knows his work and has the interests of the church, his clients and bells in general at heart—as any successful bellfounder must surely have.'

Mr. Johnston quotes an interesting experiment which was carried out to show that harmonically tuned bells have a greater carrying power than, what we may for convenience call, 'the other sort.' Two bells, one false and one true, were a few years ago taken out to the North Sea on a Trinity House yacht. They were dropped on buoys in the ocean and the yacht drifted away from them, following a course which preserved an equal distance from each bell. At close quarters there was no noticeable difference in the power of each bell (they both weighed the same, viz., 3 cwt.). At a distance of half a mile the false bell ceased to be heard, whilst the true bell continued to be heard up to a distance of a mile.

As to whether or not a bell should be recast, Mr. Johnston says emphatically that if it is really old, but is going to spoil musically a peal that is being restored, it should be retained as a relic in the church and replaced by a new one of proper proportions and of good tone and tune; but where it is false in its harmonics and has no particular claim to antiquity, then it should be recast—if there is not sufficient metal to correct satisfactorily the harmonics. This is a sentiment which all those who have a practical acquaintance with old bells will readily endorse.

A section of the booklet is devoted to bell frames, and in regard to the myth that metal frames affect bell tones adversely, Mr. Johnston points out that actual practice does not bear this out. Tone and tune depend on the skill of the tuner, and the musical effect is influenced by the level of the bells in relation to the louvre openings, the height of the belfry and other proportions of the tower and the surroundings in general.

This booklet is one which should be placed in the hands of all church authorities where restorations are contemplated or needed. It deals with a technical subject without technicalities and contains so much sound advice that it ought to be read by everyone interested in church bells.

Mr. Johnston kindly offers to send a copy of the booklet free to any ringer who applies. Application should be made to Mr. C. F. Johnston at the Bell Foundry, Croydon.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful by-meeting of the Southern District was held at Limsfield Chart on Saturday, June 22nd, ringers being present from Seale, Coleman's Hatch, East Grinstead, Crawley, Beddington, Croydon, Merstham, Burstow, Redhill, Reigate, Buckland, Horley and the local band. Tea was partaken of at the Village Hall, 24 sitting down. At the business which followed the Rev. Melville Williams occupied the chair, and thirteen new members were elected, including the Rev. Melville Williams as honorary member, S. Collins, of Seale, Sevenoaks, and eleven members from Kingswood tower as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Redhill in August. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Melville Williams for the use of the bells, for addressing the members at the service, and for presiding at the meeting, also votes of thanks to those who provided the tea, and to those who helped the meeting to success. The tower was again visited, and methods from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor were rung.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In spite of Mr. Willson's attempt to confuse the issue, I still stand by all I wrote in my letter of the 8th inst. I have *not* been wrongly reported, but I have apparently been misunderstood by Mr. Willson. It is difficult to answer all the points he brings in, some of which are quite irrelevant to the main point of my last letter, but I will do my best.

I am not a member of the Methods Committee, and do not *necessarily* identify myself with anything the members of that committee may have said. It is, therefore, unfair for Mr. Willson to say that I want it both ways. I have never said that rounds at the beginning of Bankes James' Cambridge should count as the first change, and it is quite certain that the Methods Committee is not responsible for that statement. That point was made in 'The Ringing World' when the composition was first published, and it was put in as an argument that the composition thus conformed to the Rules and Decisions of the Council. It is no fault of mine that Mr. Willson did not write to you on the matter at the time.

I am quite aware that there is a repetition in each of the first six 720's of the Bankes James peal, but my argument consists of this: We ring ONE PEAL when we ring seven true and complete 720's, each starting *from* and ending *with* rounds. We also ring exactly the same 720 changes, exactly the same number of times, when we ring the Bankes James composition, and some of us also wish to call this A PEAL, i.e., ONE PEAL.

How *can* the latter be termed 'hopelessly false' when it contains the same 720 changes, *exactly* the same number of times, as any peal consisting of 'seven true and complete' 720's? To me it is a matter of definition, and the Council is at liberty to alter its definition of a peal at any time, in spite of anything it has previously decided.

This matter will never be settled if the 'hopelessly false' idea is persisted in, to the exclusion of the real issue, i.e., that of defining what peals on six (and five) bells are to consist of. I feel quite sure that if the Council had had before it the Bankes James Cambridge when it *first* decided what a peal of Minor should consist of, we should have a much different definition to that of 1911-12. Further, because that rule was laid down at a time when the splicing of compositions and methods was practically unknown, is it any reason why changing conditions should not be met? It would be a sorry day for the Exercise if such a peal as the Cambridge is to be banned for fear of opening the door to that 'peal-faking' by unscrupulous conductors that you yourself, Mr. Editor, seem to be afraid of. We should have more faith in members of the Exercise than that.

Members of the Council who were carried away by Mr. Willson's eloquence and his extraordinary illustration of beer and water mixing would do well to read very carefully the eighth paragraph of Mr. Grover's letter in this week's 'Ringing World.' That gentleman's questions are, indeed, very pertinent ones, but are *quite justified*. Our authority is, of course, that we are members of the Central Council, elected by our various associations. But are we justified in using our votes to condemn a composition, that has been rung 56 times, as 'hopelessly false' when six-bell ringers have shown that they want this peal by ringing it more times than they have rung the 'seven true and complete' 720's of Cambridge Minor during the period that has elapsed since the Bankes James' peal was first published?—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

P.S.—Will Mr. C. Severn please publish (with your kind permission) the figures of the peal of Cambridge Minor rung at Killamarsh on February 18th, 1928, described as 'including Bankes James' and Severn's arrangements'?

RINGER RETIRES FROM PUBLIC SERVICE.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. F. W. THORNTON AT GREENWICH.

Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, well known in ringing circles in Kent, has just retired after 40 years' public service. He succeeded his father as messenger to the old Greenwich Vestry, and, upon the incorporation of the borough in 1909, he was appointed Mayor's attendant and mace bearer. In this post he has served under eighteen Mayors, of whom eleven are still living. These have joined in making a presentation to Mr. Thornton on his retirement, and on Wednesday of last week at Greenwich Town Hall Mr. Thornton was the recipient of a gold hunter watch.

The Mayor of Greenwich (Mr. R. F. A. Purkis) paid a warm tribute to Mr. Thornton's long and faithful services, and added that for punctilious rectitude and quiet decorum, which added so much to civic dignity, Mr. Thornton would be difficult to beat.

In the absence of the oldest living ex-Mayor of Greenwich, Sir Ian Hamilton Benn, the presentation was made by the next senior ex-Mayor, Alderman Jackson, who was present when Mr. Thornton was appointed messenger to the old vestry in 1889.

Mr. Thornton, in acknowledging the gift, recalled that throughout his service he had only been absent from one meeting of the old vestry and one of the Council.

From the Town Clerk Mr. Thornton has received an illuminated clock, and from the Town Hall staff an oak clock.

WELDED BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—We have read with great interest your report of the discussion on welded bells that took place at the meeting of the Central Council, because the two bells mentioned are amongst the number that have been successfully repaired by the Barimar process during the last few years. We refer to the bell at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and the bell mentioned by Major Hesse.

We think that we can safely say that everyone who has respect and regard for objects hallowed by time regrets the breaking up and re-casting of an ancient bell, because it is, of course, a new bell of no historic interest that comes back from the foundry.

Really we cannot understand why so many damaged bells have been dealt with in this way, when they could have been repaired by modern scientific welding methods at a much lower cost. The beauty of many an ancient church has been destroyed by 19th century 'restoration,' and it is distressing to think of the old bells which have been ruthlessly broken up and melted down, merely because of a slight crack which could easily have been welded at trifling cost.

We realise, however, that some of your readers may be more interested in the tone of bells and the technique of change ringing than in the history of old bells, and we would like to point out that the welding of cracked bells should be as attractive to them as to the antiquarian. All enthusiastic bellringers must deplore the fact that so many bells are not rung owing to one or more in the peal being cracked and discordant. The cost of re-casting has been too often quite prohibitive, and, as a result, the bells hang in idleness. On the other hand, the cost of welding the bells could no doubt have been raised, and if the bells had been repaired by this means, they would have been in constant use to-day.

Experience shows that a welded bell stands up to continual ringing as well as a new bell, and we say without fear of contradiction that the tone of the bell is restored. This, we think, is proved without a shadow of doubt by the repair carried out to No. 7 in the famous peal at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

It, therefore, appears to us that from the points of view of both antiquarian and bellringer, the repair of cracked and damaged bells by scientific welding is a policy highly to be recommended.—Yours faithfully,

BARIMAR, LTD.

(C. W. Brett, Managing Director.)

DEATH OF MR. YORK GREEN.**VETERAN COMPOSER PASSES AWAY AT CAMBRIDGE.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. York Green, who passed away at his residence in Cambridge early on Sunday morning. The deceased gentleman, who was 77 years of age, had been in failing health for some considerable time, and had done no ringing for over twelve months.

He came to Cambridge in the early seventies, joining the Cambridge Youths in 1875, but soon afterwards left for London, where he was employed at Stratford Works until his retirement.

In London he became associated with many prominent ringers of the day, made many friends amongst the College Youths, and rang several peals for that society. He was a composer of considerable ability in various methods, and many of his compositions still find favour amongst peal ringers.

Retiring to Cambridge in 1922, he rejoined the Cambridge Youths and rang a few peals for the Fly Association, his last being at Fulbourn in 1926. Always of modest and obliging disposition, he was ever ready to help the beginner and to take a rope when his health permitted. He will be much missed.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters: A. Dean 1, J. Hoyle 2, Miss I. Hastie 3, J. Bennett 4, A. W. Coles 5, J. White 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, G. Cook 8, G. Newbury 9, G. Murriner 10.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 23rd, at the Parish Church Memorial Tower, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: F. Levett 1, B. Roper 2, T. W. Paul 3, W. Paul 4, T. Brown 5, W. Bowers 6, J. E. Davis 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—At All Saints' Church, on June 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 48 mins.: J. Newport 1, G. Goddard 2, F. Hunt 3, Harold Creed 4, E. F. Creed (conductor) 5, G. Creed 6. First quarter-peal by the 3rd and 4th ringers.

NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 16th, at the Church of St. Laurence, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: C. Webb 1, P. O. Laffin 2, J. Turner 3, J. Withers, sen., 4, C. Wheeler 5, H. Withers 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, A. Hobbs 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringer of the 3rd.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's Church, on Sunday, June 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. H. Fearn 1, C. Mackenzie 2, F. J. Steele (Manchester) 3, C. Hazelden (Guildford) 4, J. George (composer and conductor) 5, T. Miller 6, T. C. Kelly 7, G. E. Fearn 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 18th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, Southwark Cathedral on the 11th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The second quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (a new peal of 8 by Gillett and Johnston) will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business very important, including nominations for vice-president, treasurer, ringing secretary and Central Council representatives. Every member is expected to make an effort to attend. Other ringers and friends also welcome.—F. Hindle, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 6th at St. John's, Church, Cefn Coed. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Great Barr, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting until 8 p.m.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, July 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and service as usual. All welcome.—W. Ayre.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield, Saturday, July 6th. Bells open early.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, July 6th, by kind permission of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Knight. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Haslemere, Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by meat tea (1s. 9d. per head) in the School Room. Chidingfold bells (8) also available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8.30 p.m., Godalming from 7 to 8.30 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 6th, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Guild, when it is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present. Bells at Cathedral (12) and St. Maurice (6) available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again after service. Tea in Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, at 4 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. Immediately after service the Master (Mr. G. Williams) will arrange for cars to convey ringers to the following towers, where the bells are available for ringing: Bishopstoke (8), Hursley (8), North Stoneham (8) and Twyford (8).—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Earls Colne bells (8) available during the evening.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Barton-le-Cley on Saturday, July 6th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.45. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch. — Combined practice at Finchampstead, near Wokingham, Saturday, July 6th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes', Strand, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Netherseal (at the invitation of the Rector) on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Special meeting at Lullington on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Good attendances requested at both meetings. Further particulars from John Leach, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 6th. Bells (10) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 o'clock.—James Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 6th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea will be provided at the Junior Schools at 5.30.—C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings Road, Leiston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's) 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. A supply of 'Shearn' pamphlets is now available, and a further quantity of badges is being ordered.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Beckenham on July 6th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Service. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rector) at the Parish Hall. Only business: Votes of thanks. Ringing after tea. May I beg you to send me a post card? It really does help.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held on July 6th at Castleton (St. Edmund's Church, 8 bells, tenor 15 cwt.). Tea and meeting 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. Bells available afternoon and evening. The bells of Hope St. Peter's (6, tenor about 15 cwt.) will also be available. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Monthly practice at Dudley, Monday, July 8th, 7.45.—Herbert Sheppard.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on July 13th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. A tea will be provided, 1s. 6d. each, to all who send word not later than July 8th to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Suckley on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea will be provided for members who notify Mr. Ranford, Suckley, by July 10th.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Business: Nominations for officers, also for Central Council representatives. Will those intending being present please notify the Rev. L. N. Forse, Tarleton Rectory, not later than July 10th?—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Battle Axes at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Victoria Hall, at 1s. 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. H. Crowe, Town End, near Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, July 10th. All ringers welcome. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Orsett on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at Whitmore Arms. Will those intending to be present advise the undersigned by Wednesday, July 10th?—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sandon on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Usual arrangements. Danbury bells (5) from 2 till 4 and after the meeting. Cheap tea to all who let me know not later than Wednesday, the 10th.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap fares on the District Railways. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lyme Regis (8 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Reply to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Pirbright on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to me please by July 8th.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch at Leigh-upon-Mendip on the 13th inst. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS are holding a joint meeting at Dunstable on Saturday, July 13th. The bells will be available from 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, near the Church, at 5 p.m. It will be a great help in arranging the tea if a card is sent a day or two previous as to how many we may expect. There is a good bus service. So we hope to have a large gathering.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, Dunstable, and W. Nash, North Mymms, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 13th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Visitors entertained to tea at 4.30 p.m., and a ringers' service at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify me by Wednesday, July 10th. Bus service from Reading.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Monmouth on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held in Northampton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells of St. Giles' (10) before tea, St. Sepulchre's after. Service at St. Giles' at 4.15. Preacher: His Worship the Bishop. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Buildings. Will all ringers and friends make an effort to attend, and all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 9th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Upton Bishop on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (kindly given by Vicar) 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 10th.—J. Clark, Hon. Sec., Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Everton (3 miles from Ranskill and Bawtry Stations), Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) recently rehung, Tower open early. All those who require tea please notify the Rev. F. S. Curtis, Everton Vicarage, Doncaster, not later than July 10th. Good bus service to and from Retford: 'Reliance,' 12.40, 12.55, 3.30 p.m., 4.45 p.m.; Lincolnshire Car Road Company, 12.15, 2.15, 3.5, 4.15 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Robert W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday, July 10th.—S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, tea following. Please notify L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The July meeting will be held at Bromham (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available 2.45. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome, and it is hoped that the gathering will be a record one for the district.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 13th. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., for all who notify Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone, before July 11th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

NAVENBY, Lincs.—The opening of the peal of six bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughbough, will take place on Monday, July 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 16th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each, to members who apply for same, with remittance, by Tuesday, July 16th; 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. I earnestly beg that all members who intend coming will send for tickets, as it will help easy working for organising officers and caterers. —Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: All Saints' (8), St. Gregory (8) and St. Peter (8). Tea at W. Suffolk Tea Rooms 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting follows. —Stedman Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham; Walter Arnold, Earls Colne, Essex, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A bye-meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 20th. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome. —A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The sixth annual festival will be held at Tenby on Saturday, July 20th. Tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. 4 p.m.: Tea at Church House, by kind invitation of the Rector of Tenby. Business meeting to follow. Numbers expected for tea should reach the hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells, N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath) by July 13th without fail.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry. —Meeting at Bourn, Cambs, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. The service will be taken by Rev. Duffill. Please notify for tea. Postcard will do. Come and ring some of Taylor's best. All welcome. —F. Warrington, Longstanton, Cambs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division. —A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, by kind invitation. Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.). —A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea about 5 o'clock, followed by meeting. All requiring tea must send number to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, before July 13th.

ALDENHAM, July 27th. Bells open 3.30. Cheap tickets from all stations to Bushey (nearest station). Buses to church. —C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270. Herts Association meeting.

APARTMENTS.

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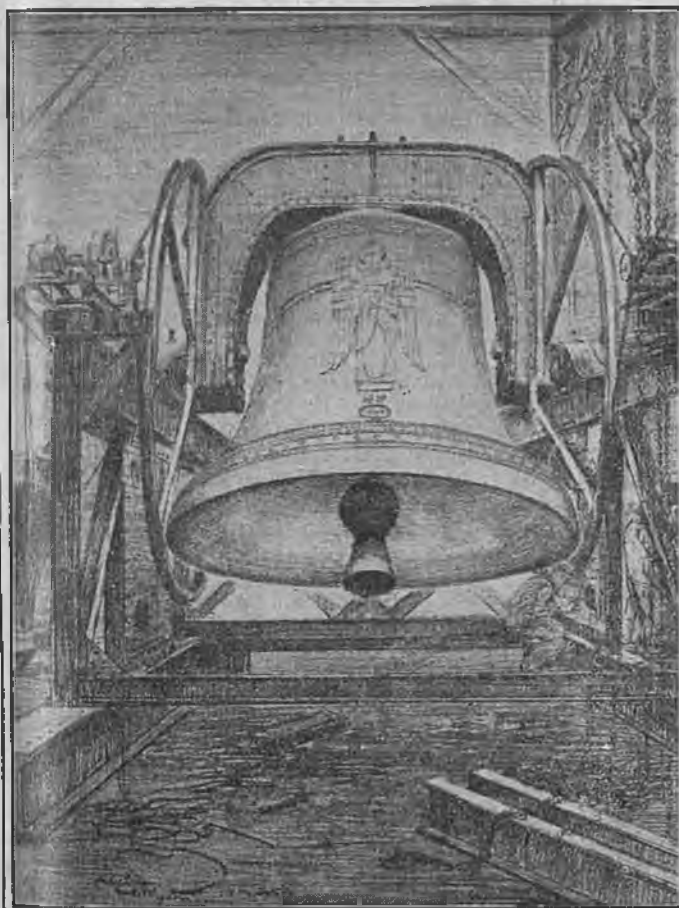
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BENEVOLENT SCHEMES IN THE EXERCISE

The question of how best to deal with cases of extraordinary sickness amongst members of the Exercise was one of the subjects which came before the Central Council, but as will have been seen from the report in our last issue, even the appointment of a committee to investigate the matter did not find approval. Unhappily there arise occasionally instances in which ringers fall upon evil times; when sickness or incapacity leads to a more than ordinary drain upon domestic finances and inflicts a hardship which the man's means are unable to meet. In such cases ringers have constantly shown themselves ready to lend a helping hand, but the help is largely of the haphazard kind, with little or no organisation behind it. In Kent and in Sussex, the associations have established benevolent funds which have done some extremely valuable work, by acting independently, or by being able to supplement, at the moment when it is most necessary, any effort made in local circles. There may be one or two other associations which do likewise, and it was obviously the feeling of the Council that this is the direction in which any aid for distressed ringers should be organised.

The difficulties of a more centralised scheme would, of course, be considerable. In the mass, ringers are an apathetic body, and while they would in all probability resent anything in the shape of a per capita levy for a benevolent fund, they would by their very lassitude make the collection of a voluntary contribution, however small, an almost impossible task, and one for which few if any association secretaries would care to make themselves responsible. We believe that a good deal of the funds which are already in existence has been accumulated from offertories at meetings. It is a well known fact, of course, that association meetings, for the most part, are attended by a limited circle of the more enthusiastic members and consequently the swelling of the benevolent funds is largely dependent on the generosity of a comparative few. And that is most likely what would happen in the case of any larger fund of a voluntary kind—its maintenance would devolve upon a minority of the Exercise.

The only effective way to finance such a fund, so that all contributed, would be by an annual proportionate charge upon each association and to propose that, or anything like it, would, as the secretary of the Middlesex Association pointed out, be treading on a very tender spot. A central benevolent fund, supported by the associations, could only be set up by whole-hearted co-operation and good will throughout the Exercise, but the

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motion which stood in Mr. Ayre's name did not go as far as asking for such a fund, or, indeed, of suggesting any scheme. It merely asked for a committee to investigate the best method of dealing with extraordinary cases, and we are inclined to agree with the proposer (Mr. E. A. Young) that the Council would not have gone very far wrong if it had adopted the motion to see what the possibilities were.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1929, 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 17 cwt.

GEORGE LAW Treble	HERBERT ACOCK 5
BASIL GUY 2	JOHN HOPE 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	JOE SMITH 7
GEORGE J. WINTER 4	EDMUND T. GARDENER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and hung in ball bearings. All the band are local Sunday ringers except the ringer of the third, who hails from Gloucester.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, NO. 11 (VARIATION NO. 1).

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAFER 5
RICHARD C. BELTON 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDE 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	HERBERT FOLCHER 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 2	GEORGE GOWER 6
CHARLES CUTTING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

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On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*ROBERT H. C. COLYER ... Treble	*HARRY PENDRY 5
*CHARLES LORD 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
†THOMAS COLLINS 4	*THOMAS HUMPHREYS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*WILLIAM FRIGHT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*WILLIAM BIONALL 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
WILLIAM R. DRAGE 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN 4	ERNEST BONIFACE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method; also first in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. Messrs. Drage and Dennis were elected members previous to starting.

SIX BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HALFORD Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	FRED HAWKES 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal in seven methods. The band met for Triples, but owing to the indisposition of Mr. R. G. Knowles, Minor was substituted, Mr. H. Bishop also standing out.

KEEVIL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Seven different 720's. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT STOKES Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4
WILLIAM LOUD 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 5
JAMES BILBY 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. HULL Treble	WALTER AYRE 4
ERNEST HUNT 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	BEN JARMAN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Specially arranged and rung for the ringer of the 5th, whose first peal of Minor it was, and first attempt. Also as a birthday compliment to the sister and ringer of the 2nd.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Two 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 20 cwt.

JAMES WOODYATT Treble	CYRIL TANSSELL 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LEWIS.

First peal as conductor. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES IN U.S.A.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am glad of an excuse to send a message from our small group of American ringers to the many friends in England who encourage us to keep the Exercise alive in this country. The excuse is to report a pleasant trip to Groton School by four members of the Boston band, who, with ringers from the school, rang for morning service, and afterwards brought round several well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples.

The Boston men were R. Newton, J. R. Henson, J. Goodhead and W. Bashford, while members of the school who stood in with them were F. Potter, A. M. Brown, S. Whitney, S. W. Sturgis, S. H. Sturgis and W. Sturgis.

The 'go' of our bells is now excellent, since a year ago, when we shipped the headstocks to England and had ball bearings installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

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June 14th, 1929.

DOVER RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Richard Stevens, who was for over 16 years a prominent member of St. Mary's Bellringers, Dover. 'Dick,' as he was familiarly called in the town, was well known in the Canterbury and Ashford districts, where he had rung many peals in various methods. He was also a clever handbell ringer.

His death occurred suddenly at Southampton on Thursday, June 20th. On Friday, June 28th, the bells at St. Mary's, Dover, were rung half-muffled in three of his favourite methods.

EVERCREECH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, June 22nd, the Evercreech ringers, under the leadership of their esteemed captain, Mr. R. Whitehead, and accompanied by the Vicar and friends, had their eleventh annual outing. The party left Evercreech at 7 p.m. for Torquay by charabanc. At St. Thomas, Exeter, a touch of 630 Grandsire Triples was rung. Paignton was reached at 1.15 and at Dellers' a hot lunch was partaken of. Arriving at Torquay, a trip by motor launch to Brixham and back was much enjoyed. After tea the return journey started. At Taunton a break was made for supper, and home was reached shortly after 11 p.m. The weather throughout the day was ideal. Many thanks are due to the captain for his untiring energies in making this outing so delightfully enjoyable.

BRAINTREE RINGERS VISIT SUFFOLK.

The ringers of St. Michael's Church, Braintree, had their annual outing on Saturday, June 29th, when they visited some of the churches in Suffolk. Lavenham was the first stop, and these fine old bells were set going to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. Then on to Stonham Aspell, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round.

Eye was the next stopping place, and, after more Double Norwich and Cambridge, luncheon was partaken of. Wilby, with its bells recently augmented to eight, came next on the list, and here an excellent touch of Superlative Surprise was rung. Thence to Framlingham, where Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge were each brought round. Ipswich was reached about 6 p.m., and after tea St. Mary-le-Tower was visited. There, with the aid of some of the local company, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob Maximus were rung. A very enjoyable day was spent, and the ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and also all the local ringers who helped to make the outing such a success.

MILNROW RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The ringers of Milnrow Parish Church, Lancs, and a few friends visited Loughborough for their annual outing. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have in hand the retuning and rehangings of the Milnrow bells, and the inspection of the celebrated foundry, therefore, had special interest for the party. Travelling by saloon coach via Stockport, Buxton and Matlock, breakfast was served at Belper. Loughborough was reached by 11.30 and at the foundry the visitors were received by Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing Messrs. Taylor and Co., and conducted through the works, where the Milnrow bells, now retuned, were an object of special interest. Another 'job' which attracted special attention was a carillon. The ringers then turned their attention to the foundry peal, but the lightness of the bells defeated their attempts to bring round a touch. Visiting the Parish Church, however, they brought round touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob on the five bells. On the return journey a stop was made at Derby for tea and ringing on the bells at the Cathedral, and the journey home was then resumed via Ashbourne, Leek, Macclesfield and Manchester, Milnrow being reached about 11.30 p.m. after a splendid day. The ringers desire to thank Messrs. Harrison and Fidler for conducting them through the foundry, and the authorities at Loughborough Church and Derby Cathedral for permission to ring.

THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

CHURCH BELLS PLAY A TRADITIONAL PART.

Wherever there was a ringable peal of bells and a band of ringers to handle them, the bells in the churches throughout the land joined on Sunday in the 'national thanksgiving' to Almighty God for his good Providence whereby our Most Gracious Sovereign has been delivered from severe illness to the comfort of the whole Realm, and for the signal love and loyalty of his people made manifest in the time of trouble.' For centuries the church bells of England have played a part upon great national occasions in expressing the feelings of the public and on Sunday their notes resounded over city and hamlet, hill and dale calling the people to join in the service of thanksgiving or adding by some peal or touch a special distinction to the day.

Ringling in many places began on Saturday with a peal, and here are the records of some of the peals specially rung in connection with the Thanksgiving:—

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	THOMAS BEVAN 7
JOHN H. CHRESMAN 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 8
HERBERT E. AUDESLEY 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 9
*HERBERT SHEMMING 4	HARRY SEAR 10
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 5	EDWARD D. SMITH 11
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 6	WILLIAM BOTTRILL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN H. CHRESMAN.

* First peal of Cinques. It was also rung as a compliment to the Very Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, D.D., late Rector of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, who was installed Dean of Canterbury Cathedral on July 1st. Also to Mr. Cecil J. Matthews on the birth of a son and heir. E. Barnett's 50th peal on twelve bells.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Bell Tower,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*MISS AMY JOHNSON Treble	*HERBERT JORDON 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	*FREDERICK JORDON 7
FRED W. GOODFELLOW 3	*FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 8
JAMES HEMMING 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
*JOHN HALL 5	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*EDWARD KEMP Treble	*HERBERT DEVENISH 6
*ARTHUR SALTMARSH 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	LESLIE J. CLARK 8
*RICHARD C. CLARK 4	ARTHUR HEAD 9
GEORGE GREEN 5	JOHN WOOD Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALBERT STOKES Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
JAMES BILBY 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
WILLIAM C. WEST 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 8
WILLIAM LOUD 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 9
SIDNEY HILLIER 5	*FRANK GREEN Tenor

Composed by the late J. CARTER. Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Caters.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY ASHMAN Treble	WILLIAM SWAIN 5
*GEORGE E. ALLIN 2	ERNEST A. WILSON 6
THOMAS BETTISON 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND 7
WILSON ALLIN, SEN. 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	CHARLES BATES 5
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
*JOE BERRIDGE 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY 7
*BERT SHAW 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. Also rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Pegg.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDGAR HUMPHREY Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
ARTHUR H. FULLWELL 2	*NORMAN W. GENNA 6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
THOMAS LOCK 4	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal and first attempt.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*HENRY H. FLOWER Treble	†P. C. CHARLES DAVIS 5
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	WILLIAM R. BOND 7
JIM HURRELL 4	FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung also to celebrate the 36th anniversary of the wedding of their Majesties, the King and Queen.

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On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC EVANS Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	JOHN T. DAVIES 6
*ERNEST W. TRUBSHAW ... 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
ROBERT PICKERING 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Also rung as a peal of welcome to the Rev. Edward Harrison, M.A., who was instituted Vicar of St. Giles' the same evening.
* First peal.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F. sharp.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
JAMES BURDFIELD 3	JOHN H. B. HESE 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by the late YORK GREEN. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

This composition is without the 2nd before the tenor at any one lead.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-A-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES CROFT Treble	GEORGE DANN 5
ALBERT HOLDEN 2	WILFRED BOOTH 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity (Castle Hall),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ROBERT LEE Treble	*GILES E. SHAW 5
*JOHN SIMISTER 2	ALFRED ROBERTS 6
FRANK HODGE 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
ARTHUR JACKSON 4	*PERCY WALTON Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

The 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, and tenor ringers are from St. Paul's, Stalybridge, the 3rd and 4th are local.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM 5
MAURICE T. SYMONDS 2	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... 6
FREDERICK L. LEES 3	LAWRENCE POULSON 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 4	FRANK A. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

The quickest peal on the bells. The tenor man has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

MISS V. SHORTER Treble	JOHN W. WARD 5
FRED J. COOK 2	FRANK HARPER 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	CHARLES W. COOK 7
GEORGE E. CRISP 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Mr. H. J. Bright, a local man, stood out to allow a visitor to ring, and his kindness was much appreciated.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

KENNETH BOWYER Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
MISS EDITH K. KNIGHT ... 2	HARRY TYSOB 5
*JOHN POTTER 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung on the nearest date that was possible.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	BERNARD WELLS 4
WILLIAM D. L. ASHDOWN ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED J. BELL Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... Treble	EPHRAIM LATHALL 4
EDWARD WHITLOCK 2	*HARRY V. SEAR 5
THOMAS C. WALTER 3	ARCHIE LATHALL Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD WHITLOCK.

* First peal of Doubles. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Sear.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER PERKINS Treble	ALBERT MINNEY 4
WILLIAM A. BAILEY 2	AMOS SMART 5
HARRY WOODING 3	HARRY PETTIT Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

Also rung as a birthday compliment to W. Perkins.

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On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

*F. OSBORNE Treble	A. SMITHSON 4
*H. BAILEY 2	B. BAILEY 5
*W. RILEY 3	F. W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Minor.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Primrose, Norfolk, Cambridge, Ipswich, York and Norwich.

ERNEST E. WOODAGE Treble	JAMES BASSETT 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	*ALBERT RELFE 5
ARTHUR H. SMITH 3	JAMES WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* 100th peal. Also a farewell peal for A. H. Smith.

WHITNEY-ON-WYF, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 4,320 of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*DAVID TIMBERS Treble	†REGINALD MORRIS 3
JAMES P. HYETT 2	†EDMUND MORRIS 4
G. JAMES R. PRICE Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal in two methods.

MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES H. MUSSON Treble	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4
HARRY GIBBARD 2	JOSEPH O. LANDON 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

This was also the choir and ringers' annual festival.

SOME OF THE THANKSGIVING TOUCHES.

In many places circumstances did not permit of peals being attempted, but long touches were scored. In the Guildford Diocese an organised effort was made to secure the ringing of the bells at distinctive times, in addition to the usual service hours, and at many places there was ringing after the morning or evening service, or in the afternoon. At several churches, also, following out the suggestion made in these columns, the bells were rung for two or three minutes at a central point in the thanksgiving service itself, and where this was done the effect was most impressive.

Among the records of Sunday's lesser performances were the following:—

For Thanksgiving service at Brewood, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. I. Blewitt 1, H. Hood 2, J. Yarroll 3, A. E. Winterton 4, G. Warner 5, P. Bill 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Perry 8.

At Worplesdon, Surrey, after the Thanksgiving service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Scholfield 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, S. Petter 3, G. Chandler 4, C. Heather 5, H. Blackman (conductor) 6.

At Horley, Surrey, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Slaughter 1, F. Sadler 2, T. Whitmore 3, S. Kenward 4, P. Etheridge 5, G. Illman 6, A. J. Bull (conductor) 7, G. Woodman 8.

At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, for evensong, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. A. Post (Oxford) 1, G. B. Cole 2, W. H. Hewett 3, W. R. Madgwick 4, E. A. Reeve 5, E. F. Pike 6, R. F. Deal 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8.

At Margate, Kent, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Bennett (conductor) 1, T. R. Dennis 2, K. Pattenden 3, C. W. Player 4, *J. Blythman 5, W. R. Drage 6, A. Saxby 7, *F. Gadsden 8. * First quarter of Stedman. The visitors desire to thank Mr. A. Saxby for having the bells in readiness for this and the peal on the previous evening.

At Christ Church, Ottershaw, Surrey, after evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Stephen Sleet 1, H. J. Chaffey 2, C. Sleet 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, D. Sleet 5, G. Sleet 6.

At St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: W. Insley 1, F. Jeffs (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 2, W. Jeffs 3, F. Vickers 4, R. Oliver 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, A. Whitney 8.

At All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major in 50 mins.: *A. Whitney 1, *F. Jeffs 2, F. Vickers 3, W. Botsford 4, *F. Plummer 5, W. Jeffs 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8. * First quarter of Major.

At Leatherhead, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): W. Messam 1, A. C. Otway 2, Miss I. L. Hastie 3, A. Harman 4, A. H. Winch 5, J. H. White 6, C. Smart 7, W. Newbury 8, A. Dean (conductor) 9, G. Marriner 10.

At Ashted, Surrey, two touches of Stedman Triples conducted by J. Hoyle and A. W. Coles respectively, 418 Double Norwich conducted by A. Dean, and a course of Superlative Surprise, the following taking part: W. Cook, G. Cook, J. Hoyle, A. L. Brown, A. W. Coles, A. Dean, Miss I. L. Hastie, G. Marriner, and W. Newbury.

On Sunday evening, at St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, for special Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, F. Smith 5, H. Hills 6, J. Martin 7, H. C. Taylor 8. The service was attended by the Mayor, Borough Council and representatives of the local branch of the British Legion.

At Haslemere, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Furlonger 1, W. E. Taylor 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, R. Hayes 4, R. Overy 5, F. Bowden 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, W. Eldridge 8. Rounds and Queen's were rung before and after the quarter on the ten bells.

At Waford, Herts, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: E. Jones 1, C. H. Surridge 2, H. Milton 3, H. Long 4, S. Edwards 5, R. Bell 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Seaman 8.

At Hounslow, on Sunday morning, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. Collins 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. J. Tricker 3, F. E. Hawthorne 4, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 5, J. Kent 6, R. Martin 7, H. Gash 8.

At Tring Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: H. Bishop 1, F. Keen 2, J. Pulett 3, H. Bull 4, F. C. Reeve 5, C. Badrick 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st and 6th, and rung by an entirely local band.

At Cirencester, Glos, for the service at the Parish Church, 575 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Bond 1, A. Parsons 2, H. L. Cook 3, A. V. Bond 4, J. C. Eden 5, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. Edwards 10; and after the service 287 Grandsire Caters.

At the Parish Church, Buckingham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: H. Cashmore 1, T. Read 2, F. Case 3, E. Lambert 4, L. Smith 5, T. Roberts (conductor) 6, J. Green 7, G. Foddy 8.

At Ash Priors, Taunton, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: E. C. Thomas 1, E. Branchflower 2, H. Sealy 3, A. Tout 4, J. Newick 5, B. T. Jeanes (conductor) 6.

At Wolverhampton, on Sunday morning, at St. Peter's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 55 mins.: W. E. Maddox 1, T. Roden 2, T. Smith 3, G. A. Baker 4, F. Brotherton 5, H. T. Piper 6, W. H. Lawley 7, H. Boswell 8, W. A. Cooper (conductor) 9, H. Knight 10. First quarters Caters 'inside' for ringers of 4th and 8th. Immediately after service the 12 bells were 'fired' 64 times—once for each year of His Majesty's age, G. P. Smith and J. Williams taking part with the above.

At Fairford, Glos, for 8 a.m. special service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. Law 1, I. Hope (conductor) 2, J. Peyman 3, G. J. Winter 4, J. Smith 5, Cooper 6. There was also the usual morning and evening service ringing.

At All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon, prior to the morning service, to distinguish the day from an ordinary Sunday service, the bells were a number of times 'fired,' interspersed with Queen's. Touches of Triples were then rung. For the evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. Ridout 1, T. Ford 2, W. Millard 3, H. Forbes 4, A. Thomas 5, G. Day 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Amos 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, 420 Grandsire Triples: C. Cracknell 1, J. Smith 2, H. G. Welham 3, Roy Woodard 4, F. Bowell (St. Clement's) 5, J. Rose (conductor) 6, G. More 7, H. Cowey 8. For evensong, 224 Bob Major by: C. Cracknell 1, Sid Moss 2, O. Barnard 3, J. Rose 4, R. Woodard 5, H. Welham (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, G. More 8.

At Staveley, Derbyshire, after morning service, 720 Bob Major in 28 mins.: A. Markwell 1, L. G. Palmer 2, F. Dyble 3, F. Parsons, jun., 4, S. Smedley 5, F. Parsons, sen., 6, W. T. Palmer 7, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

At Cranford, Northants, 720 Oxford Bob Minor was rung after the Thanksgiving service on Sunday evening: W. Fellowes (first 720) 1, Miss Sylvia Thursfield 2, F. Penn 3, E. Palmer 4, F. Lewin (conductor) 5, J. Lewin 6.

At St. Andrew's Church, Uxbridge, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 44 mins.: W. L. Gutteridge 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. H. Lucas 3, R. Warnett 4, E. Hancox 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, G. Nicholls 8.

At Rochester Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 57 mins., by the Cathedral Society: W. Haigh (conductor) 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Springate 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, F. Belsey 5, H. Poulter 6, W. Easter 7, C. Norris 8, J. Haigh 9, A. Haylor 10.

At East Hagbourne, Berks, before the service of Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. W. Cox 1, J. Butler 2, W. V. Webb 3, A. H. Webb (conductor) 4, H. K. White 5, F. H. Abbott 6, J. Sawyer 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

At St. Clement's, Ipswich, 720 Norwich Surprise: J. G. Harvey 1, A. V. Middleditch 2, W. Prime 3, H. Shemming 4, V. E. Waters 5, F. J. Long (conductor) 6. Also 720 Annable's London Surprise by: D. Brumming 1, A. V. Middleditch 2, W. Prime 3, H. Shemming 4, F. Bowell (conductor) 5, F. J. Long 6.

At Beckenham, Kent, on Saturday, July 6th, at a London county meeting, on the eve of Thanksgiving Day, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob): C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, W. A. Martin 2, H. Dyas 3, J. H. Crampion (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 4, R. Mackrill 5, E. A. Reeve 6, J. Herbert 7, W. Meek 8.

At Putney, on Sunday, July 7th, for Thanksgiving Day, and in honour of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Southwark, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: E. Cassel, jun., 1, T. Bolton 2, C. E. Collis 3, W. H. Ball 4, E. Cassel 5, J. Herbert 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. Williams 8.

At St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion service, 986 Grandsire Triples: H. Burningham 1, J. Read 2, F. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall 5, C. Edwards 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8. For the 11 a.m. Thanksgiving service 1,008 Stedman Triples: C. Edwards 1, G. Upshall 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, T. Upshall (conductor) 5, C. Wells 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8. Also 168 Oxford Bob Triples, and for evening service 504 Grandsire Triples.

At Northfield, Birmingham, at the Parish Church after evensong, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. B. Yates 1, J. Withers 2, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 3, A. Chambers 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, J. George 6, A. Walker 7, H. Withers 8.

At Sibsey, Lincolnshire, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. Miss Louth 1, W. E. Clarke 2, F. Dewey 3, S. Lovell 4, W. Wilkinsen 5, H. Harper (conductor) 6.

At St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: Mrs. W. Wolstencroft 1, Miss Ida Wolstencroft (first in the method) 2, Miss Ethel Grimshaw 3, J. Gayton 4, E. Johnson 5, W. W. Wolstencroft 6.

At the Parish Church, Luton, Beds, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 46 mins.: F. Blackburn 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, H. Burton 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

At Aberavon, Glam, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: G. Chappell 1, W. Williams 2, F. E. Stone 3, W. J. Nurton 4, C. Jones 5, A. J. Pitman 6, E. Stich (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal in the same method: C. Hughes 1, W. Williams 2, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 3, W. J. Nurton 4, C. Mathers 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stich 7, J. Weathersby 8. All the ringers are Sunday service ringers, and it is the first time two quarter-peals have been rung on a Sunday.

At Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: B. Mason 1, O. Pearson 2, W. E. Fendall 3, H. Johnson 4, J. Price 5, B. Price 6, W. Green (conductor) 7, G. Swallow 8.

At Swanmore, Hants, in the afternoon, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: E. Jacobs, jun., 1, A. Millard 2, A. Watson 3, E. Jacobs, sen., 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor.

A RECORD FOR THE KING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I desire to remind those affiliated to the Central Council that it was decided to tabulate the peals rung in celebration of the King's recovery, and send His Majesty the statement with the expression of our gratitude to the Almighty. This was to be done as soon after Thanksgiving Day as would be found possible.

In view of the above, I would suggest that any such peals be rung within the next fortnight and published in 'The Ringing World.'—

Yours faithfully,
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. C. Cherry, son of the late Lord Chief Justice Cherry, of Dublin, has recently taken his medical degree, and is now holding an appointment in a London Hospital. Mr. Cherry has scored several peals, but his pursuit of ringing has, of course, been restricted by his studies.

Mr. Ernest Morris has just been appointed as hon. consultant on bells, etc., to the Advisory Committee of Leicester Diocese, and has already been called upon to report on one ring of bells.

In addition to his ringing activities, which include the secretaryship of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. Morris is a member of the Leicestershire Archaeological Society, and has written a history of St. Margaret's Church, Leicester (transcribed from three ancient registers). He has also revised North's 'Church Bells of Leicestershire' up to date, and is now engaged upon a 'History of Change Ringing.'

At Pinner, Middlesex, four of the local band, who have been under the instruction of Messrs. G. and H. Kilby, scored their first peal last Saturday, and another rang his first peal of Triples. The 'first pealers' included Mr. T. Humphreys, who is 67, and rang the tenor; and Mr. Charles Lord, who is 72. Mr. James George is a native of Pinner, and it seems, even now, that he will have to look to his laurels.

A correspondent writes to ask whether the Londoners who visited Birmingham on Saturday now thoroughly understand what is meant by 'ye Nelson Touch,' and whether it is a fact that one distinguished visitor found it necessary to take off his coat, so as thoroughly to enjoy the said 'touch'?

Mr. F. E. Dawc, who recently visited Inverness, found the bells in the Cathedral in a very dilapidated condition.

The first peal of Erin Caters was rung 20 years ago to-day at North Shields.

The opening of the ring of twelve bells at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, took place on July 18th, 1798, and on that occasion the College Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Cinquses.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal at East Peckham was Tom, not Sam, Saunders.

The bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will be broadcast on Sunday evening, from 7.50 to 8 p.m.

SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Guise's long letter calls only for one or two remarks.

The idea that the Central Council is 'in existence to create Sunday service church bellringers' is quite new to me. I always looked on this as being the work of the associations, the work of the Council being to give advice to the associations, and through them to their members, who are already ringers.

'You are not here as a delegate.' It seems useless to try and explain to Mr. Guise, as I thought and hoped that I had done in my last letter, that these words of the president do not, and neither the president nor anyone else can, prevent a member of Council from considering himself, and acting in all respects as if he were, a delegate. By doing so, he merely lowers his own status quite gratuitously.

In his allusion to the discussion on diplomas at the jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association last year, Mr. Guise accuses me of putting an end to the subject 'without full discussion.' I must leave my conduct in the chair to the judgment in general of those who were present. There is certainly no hint of such action on my part in your report of the meeting in 'The Ringing World' of June 1st, 1928, and your correspondent was within a couple of yards of the chair throughout the meeting. I adhere to your report of what I did and said.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

APPEAL FOR ECKINGTON RINGER.

In response to the appeal made in our columns a fortnight ago on behalf of Mr. Alfred West, a ringer of Eckington, who is totally incapacitated, and who has a young family dependent upon him, the following contributions have been received:—

	s.	d.
Windermere Parish Church Ringers	...	14 0
W. Pole Routh (Reading)	...	10 0
Wm. Pickworth (Southgate)	...	5 0
W. H. Fussell (Slough)	...	5 0
A. W. G.	...	10 0
A Ringer	...	2 6
	£2	6 6

These gifts are thankfully acknowledged by Mr. T. A. Howes Smith, The Yews, Eckington, near Sheffield, to whom any subscription should be sent.

Mr. West has been a Sunday service ringer for nearly forty years, and his present illness follows upon a serious injury in a coal mine some years ago. The circumstances of the case and the pressing need make this an instance in which members of the Exercise can render invaluable help by a generous response to the appeal.

BELLS OF HATHERLEIGH RECAST. A DEVON RESTORATION.

The old eight bells at Hatherleigh, Devon, cast by Thomas Bilbie, of Cullompton, have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and rehung with all new fittings in the old frame. The work, together with the provision of a new clock, has been carried out at the expense of the Misses E. and H. Churchward in memory of their brother, Mr. George Gould Churchward. The bells, with tenor of 14 cwt. in E, are tuned on the five-tone harmonic principle, and are hung with the latest type of fittings. The oak frame, which was only about forty years old, has been reconstructed and strengthened and mounted on a double foundation of steel girders. The ringing chamber has been restored to its original position, about halfway up, thereby reducing the draught by about 30 feet. The inscription on the tenor bell is: 'Thomas Bilbie, fecit, Cullompton, Revd. G. Glascott, Vicar. John Southcombe and John Turner, jun., Churchwardens, 1813. These eight bells were recast and rehung in memory of George Gould Churchward by his sisters Elizabeth and Heroine. A.D. 1929. J. C. Rossiter, Vicar; F. W. Down and S. Palmer, wardens.'

The other bells bear the inscription: 'T.B. 1813. Recast by M. and S., 1929, of London.' The work of erecting the clock, which is to have Westminster chimes, will be begun shortly.

The dedication of the bells was performed by the Bishop of Exeter in the presence of a very large congregation, and following the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung while the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel from the ringing chamber. The ringers were Messrs. E. Palmer (captain, who has been a ringer at the Parish Church for close upon 60 years), W. Ellacott, J. Short, A. Luxton, G. Weeks, S. Causeley, G. Short, and Tuck. All were agreed that the recasting and rehanging have effected a marked improvement. Everybody spoke very enthusiastically about the tone and 'go' of the bells.

In his address, the Bishop spoke of the early uses of towers and bells, and said that he understood that in Devonshire at the time of the Spanish Armada they were set ringing in all the towns and villages in the county to call men to arms. The bells were used for different purposes. They were rung not only to give the alarm in danger, but also at festivals. Their most important use, however, was to call the people to worship. 'The bells called us together in a body,' said the Bishop; 'don't let us think of ourselves only as a parish, but remember we all belong to one another. Do not regard other denominations as outsiders. Remember that a great army has many regiments with different forms of discipline. We are all fighting the same great enemy. When we hear the bells it is a call to arms. We must remember that we Christians are a great body, and we have a great enemy, and in the end we shall win the Kingdom.'

After the service the bells were rung both by the local men and visiting ringers. The Town Band also gave selections at intervals in the Market Square.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Andover District was held at Laverstoke and Whitechurch on Saturday, June 29th, members attending from Andover, Binfeld, Overton, North Stoneham, Highclere, Winchester, Woolton Hill, Wootton St. Lawrence and Laverstoke. A service, with an excellent address, was conducted by the Rector, Rev. W. Wragge, who welcomed the members to the tower. Tea was served at Laverstoke Mills canteen, followed by the usual business meeting, at which the Rector presided.

Although quite a number of towers were represented, the number of members was small. However, good use was made of the bells, especially for the junior members, who had their first touch in various methods. It often happens that where a large gathering is present the younger members do not get so much opportunity to ring, and so get discouraged.

During the afternoon and evening touches of the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise Minor at Laverstoke, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples at Whitechurch.

A SEVENTEEN HOUR TRIP.

On Saturday, June 22nd, the annual outing of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Ringers, Ipswich, took place. Seventeen members started at 6 a.m. in a motor saloon, and by eight o'clock breakfast was being partaken of at the Blue Boar Hotel, Maldon. Ringing was indulged in at the triangular steeple of All Saints' Church, and also on the six bells at St. Mary's. Other towers visited were Galleywood, Widford, Writtle, and, after ringing at Writtle, the company had the pleasure of witnessing a cricket match in progress, also of listening to a well-struck attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major by officers of the Essex Association.

Upon reaching Great Waltham a splendid dinner awaited the company at Ye Olde Six Bells Hotel, which gave them renewed vigour to manipulate the ropes attached to the heavy bells there. The last place was Chelmsford Cathedral, where a good course of New Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung. The ringing throughout the day included methods up to London Surprise Major. The society wishes to thank all steeplekeepers and others who helped to make this 17-hour outing so successful.

ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL, LONDONDERRY, IRELAND

The bells of this Cathedral were probably the oldest peal of eight in Ireland. One was 'recast for Londonderry steeple' in 1614. Another was given in 1630. Five more were added by King Charles I. in 1638, and the last was the gift of the citizens in 1671. These have now been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, with five additional bells, the tenor weighing 32 cwt., and the total weight being 7 tons 13 cwt.

A dedication service will be held on Thursday, July 25th, at 6.30 p.m., when the Bishop of Derry will officiate, and the preacher will be the Lord Primate of All Ireland (Dr. D'Arcy).

After the service the bells will be rung by ringers from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The B.B.C. will broadcast the dedication and bells from 6.30 p.m. till 7.45 p.m. Those who hear the bells on the wireless are invited to communicate their impressions to the hon. secretary of the Cathedral, James Trimble, Chapter House, Derry Cathedral, Londonderry. Their letters will be preserved amongst the records of these historic bells.

The collection at this service will be for the purpose of providing a memorial tablet to two heroes of the siege of Derry who lie side by side in the North Aisle, Colonel Baker, one of the governors of the city, and Captain Browning, captain of the 'Mountjoy,' killed at the breaking of the boom when the city was relieved. For two hundred and forty years their graves have remained without so much as their names being inscribed over them. Those who have read Macaulay know how much the Empire owes to these men, and it is hoped that within the next year a memorial worthy of the Empire, and of such loyal and devoted service as they gave, may mark their resting place.

Ringers able to attend will be heartily welcomed.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Colne Engine on Saturday. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rector, Rev. J. W. Dunne, officiated, and gave an excellent address. Tea and meeting followed at the Five Bells Inn. Mr. A. Saunders, the District Master, presided, supported by the Rector, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master, N.E. Division), Mr. E. J. Butler (hon. sec., S.W. Division), and upwards of 30 members from Earls Colne, Colne Engine, Halstead, Greenstead Green, Braintree, Sible Hedingham, West Bergholt, Great Bentley, Great Yeldham, Wickham St. Paul, and Romford. The whole of the young local band, eight members, who are receiving instruction from Mr. F. Claydon, of Earls Colne, and making rapid progress, were elected members of the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Gestingthorpe early in September, and the annual district meeting at Braintree in November.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and his address, and to the organist for his services, also to those who provided the tea.

During the evening a visit was paid by Miss Courtauld, by whose generosity the tower has been restored and the ring of six rehung. She expressed herself delighted with the enthusiasm of the ringers and her appreciation of the handbell ringing arranged especially for her benefit.

Touches in various methods, ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise, were rung during the day.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Ringmer on Saturday, June 29th, 35 members attending, representing Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas), and Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Saviour's (Eastbourne), Heathfield, Mayfield, Merstham, Southover, Christ Church (St. Leonards), and members of the local band. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was also present. The tower was opened for ringing at 2.30, and the bells were kept going merrily until about 7.30 p.m. in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

Owing to a prior engagement, the Rector (Rev. the Hon. Campbell Douglas) was not present, and therefore there was no service. The Rector, however, provided a splendid tea for the members in the Parish Room, Mr. W. J. Wilmshurst, churchwarden, presiding, and the wives of the local ringers very kindly waiting upon the gathering.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Wilmshurst occupied the chair, and on behalf of the Rector and himself offered an enthusiastic welcome to the members of the association.—The Hon. Secretary, in responding, thanked Mr. Wilmshurst for his kind remarks, and asked him to convey to the Rector the best thanks of the members for the use of the bells and for the splendid tea which had been provided.

Mr. W. D. Smith, supporting the motion, also thanked Mr. Wilmshurst for his kindness in coming amongst them, and also for presiding at the tea and meeting; he also thanked the ladies who so kindly waited upon the members at tea.

At the close of the meeting the sum of 12s. 6d. was collected for the Benevolent Fund.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

'The King sincerely thanks the members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers assembled at their annual festival for their kind and loyal greetings.'

This royal message was received by the Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild during the summer festival at Haslemere on Saturday in response to a telegram sent by the members of the Guild conveying their respectful greetings to His Majesty upon his recovery.

This was one of the interesting features of an extremely successful gathering attended by over a hundred members and visitors, who came from, among other places, Aldershot, Bagshot, Bramshott, Cobham, Dorking, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Godalming, Haslemere, Hawley, London, Leatherhead, Ottershaw, Walton, West Clandon, Woking, etc. The beautiful peal of ten bells, the tenor of which is only 13 cwt., and which can be heard perfectly both inside and outside the tower, were kept busily engaged in the afternoon, in rounds for the least experienced and Grandsire Doubles, up to Cambridge Surprise Royal, so that everyone who desired might ring. Quite a large proportion of the members travelled by road, and visited Chiddingfold on the way, where the eight bells were utilised during the afternoon.

Haslemere Church, which has associations with Tennyson, was the centre of the proceedings, and the festival service was well attended. In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. O. S. Walford officiated, and the singing of the hymns was led by a piano, the organ being at present under reconstruction.

A RINGING LESSON FROM THE PULPIT.

The preacher was Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council, and his homely address was as from one ringer to others. His text was, 'I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the House of the Lord' (Psalm cxlii. 1). He spoke of the joy of service and of the privilege which ringers had of devoting their skill, their intellect and their strength to serving God in His House. Ringing, he said, was not a very easy thing to learn, and it took a lifetime to become perfect in it. He emphasised the need for perseverance and punctuality. A ringer was not worth much, in his opinion, if he was content to ring the same old thing week by week. God had given him a brain and hands to work and the ability to do something better than he had done before. There was a duty of punctuality due from every ringer. No hand could ever excel unless every member of the band was punctual on the stroke of the hour. The waste of time caused by unpunctual ringers was really terrible.

The preacher next referred to a conversation which he had had before the service with a youthful ringer, and then, quite spontaneously, there came from him a simple lesson to other young ringers present upon how to master Stedman. He added that they must not expect to leap before they could walk, and they must grasp the simple things thoroughly. They must be persevering at home with pencil and paper, and persevering and punctual in the tower at practice. If they would excel at practice it would be the greatest joy of their lives, Sunday by Sunday, to know that it was their privilege to call others to the House of God with the very best touch they could ring. It need not be in a very intricate method—he would sooner hear rounds struck perfectly than a five thousand with false blows in it. Especially on the morrow it would be a privilege to feel that they were among those who would voice the joy and thanksgiving for the restoration to health of their Sovereign Lord the King.

After service, a substantial meat tea was served in the schoolroom. The Rev. O. S. Walford, who is a great friend of the Haslemere ringers, presided, supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer), and Mrs. Walker. Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president), Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Rev. A. W. Armitstead (Hawley), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), etc.

The Hon. Secretary subsequently said there was no business to transact at that meeting, but there were one or two things he wanted to mention. As the day of their summer festival was the eve of the Thanksgiving for the King's recovery from his serious illness, the Master of the Guild, the hon. treasurer, and hon. secretary came to the conclusion that it would be a fitting opportunity for them to send a message of congratulation to His Majesty. Accordingly that afternoon they sent this telegram: 'Lord Stamfordham, Buckingham Palace, London. The members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers now assembled at Haslemere for our annual festival, humbly submit to His Most Gracious Majesty the King our loyal and respectful greetings upon the recovery of His Majesty from his recent grievous illness. We shall join in the celebrations to-morrow by special bellringing, so that the church bells all over this diocese shall play their traditional part in the great national thanksgiving. Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Admiral T. P. Walker (treasurer), J. S. Goldsmith (secretary).' (Applause.) Mr. Goldsmith said he would like to add that there was a certain personal touch in one of the signatures to that telegram. Admiral Walker had been a shipmate of His Majesty, and he believed that when the King, as Duke of York, toured in Australian waters, Admiral Walker was on His Majesty's staff. He

hoped the King would recognise the name again when he saw it on the telegram (applause).

The reply, received later in the evening, is quoted above.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD JUBILEE.

Mr. Goldsmith went on to say that as many of them knew the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, now the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, from which the Guildford Diocesan Guild sprang, was that day celebrating its jubilee. It was most unfortunate that the two events clashed. Originally they had hoped the two festivals would have been a joint affair, but the Winchester Guild began to have some qualms as to the wisdom of having to bring their members across Hampshire to a place which was rather inaccessible to them. The result was that the Winchester Guild decided to give up the suggestion for a joint festival and were holding their jubilee at Winchester. Unfortunately they fixed it for the same day as the Guildford Guild festival, which had already been fixed. He was sorry that the Winchester Guild had not chosen another day, as many members of the Guildford Guild would like to have been with them. But as they could not be with them in person they wanted them to know that they were with them in spirit. They had therefore sent this telegram to the Master: 'Guildford Diocesan Guild assembled at summer festival, send hearty greetings and congratulations upon jubilee, and best wishes for continued success and prosperity of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Hesse, Master.' (Applause.)

In connection with the Winchester Diocesan Guild, some of them knew that a memorial was erected to the memory of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, a former Master of the Guild. That memorial took the shape of new bells at his old church of Milford-on-Sea, and Mr. Pullinger, the secretary of the Winchester Guild, had received from the founders of those bells two excellent photographs. He had sent him a letter with one copy of the photograph, in which he said the would like to offer it to the Guildford Guild as a small token of appreciation of the help which he received from the members in raising funds for the memorial to the Rev. C. E. Matthews. If the picture was accepted, he suggested, subject to the approval of the authorities, that when framed the photograph should be placed in the Cathedral chamber or some other tower prominently associated with the old Guild. Mr. Goldsmith assumed that the Guild would be pleased to accept this picture, and that the arrangements as to its destination be left to the officers of the Guild and the authorities of the Cathedral or some other church. In conclusion, Mr. Goldsmith referred to the illness of Mr. Bernard Clark, until recently secretary of the Farnham District. He was now in hospital having been involved in a severe motor accident which would probably keep him from work for more than six months. He had a fractured thigh and other injuries. With the approval of the meeting he proposed to send a letter to Mr. Clark expressing their regret at his inability to be present and their best wishes for his speedy recovery (applause).

Mr. Walter Harrison said he did not propose to make a speech, but in obedience to instructions he had to propose one or two votes of thanks, if they were going to do their duty as a Guild. First of all, to the Rev. E. P. Pelloe, of Chiddingfold, and the Rev. G. S. Richards, of Godalming, to whom they owed thanks for the use of their towers in connection with the festival that day. They regretted the absence of the Rev. J. M. La F. McNally, Rector of Haslemere, who was, unfortunately for them, away in Scotland, but they welcomed the Rev. O. S. Walford, who, he learned, was an assistant priest in Haslemere some 50 years ago. They were very pleased to greet him, and to see him in the chair. They also wanted to voice their thanks to Major Hesse and Mr. Richard Hayes for the excellent local arrangements they had made for the festival at Haslemere. Those arrangements had gone off very well. Walking up from the station he was much struck by the beautiful tone of the bells. They really sounded most delightful, as they came across the country. They owed one other expression of thanks, and that was to the organist, who had played the piano in church. They were very grateful to him, and, finally, he had to mention their old friend, Canon Coleridge, both for his presence and for his address. They rejoiced to see him fully restored to health after his serious illness.

Major Hesse seconded the vote of thanks, and said he was pleased to see such a good attendance at the festival. He was sorry that a few he had expected had not arrived, but he hoped that all who were present had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. He was particularly glad to see his old friend, Mr. Walford. He had had a great trouble to get him to sit where he was, but he had always been interested in bells and bellringers wherever he had been, and all of them were pleased to see him in the chair.—The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. O. S. Walford, in reply, said it had been mentioned that he was a parish priest in Haslemere 50 years ago. He was afraid that it was even 58 years ago that he first came to Haslemere. He was sorry that the Rector was unable to be present, but he would be pleased to hear of the success of the festival when he told him about it.—Canon Coleridge also replied, and said he was pleased to see so many young ringers present. Some of them were old and

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**LINK WITH HONOURED NAME RENEWED.**

The quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, July 6th, at the Parish Church of St. Margaret, Great Barr, near Birmingham. The church has several interesting features connected with it. The porch and tower were restored in 1892, but built into the wall of the porch there is a stone which shows that the original was erected by George Merihurst in 1677. In the church are many fine stained glass windows; and in the chancel and on the wall of the north aisle preserved in glass cases are some almost priceless tapestry altar frontals. The tower contains a light peal of six, the front five cast by Edward Arnold, of Leicester, in 1796, and the tenor recast by Carr, Smethwick, in 1924. The ringing chamber has recently been painted, and is a credit to the authorities and the young band of ringers who ring there. It is here surely where the most ancient ladder in existence is in regular use. In order to reach the bells one has to ascend by it, and engraved on the side is the date 1715 a.c. The writer of these notes, however, was unable to obtain any reliable information to vouch for its accuracy.

About 24 members sat down to an excellent tea at the Beacon Inn, and this was followed by the business meeting. In the unavoidable absence of the presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Mr. Vice-President Paddon Smith proposed that Lieut. W. H. Hallsworth, of the Indian Army, now at home on leave, should take the chair. He remarked that the name of Hallsworth was an honoured one in connection with the St. Martin's Guild, Matthew Hallsworth, grandfather of Lieut. Hallsworth, having rung many peals in the Bull Ring.—Lieut. Hallsworth, in accepting, stated that although he had not done any ringing on tower bells in this country for 32 years, he was, however, keenly interested in the art of change ringing. He was happy to be present that afternoon, and would also like to become an honorary member of the Guild.—On the proposition of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and supported by the secretary, he was unanimously elected an honorary member.

Owing to the absence of the Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker, who was engaged in 'fathering' a company of London ringers to the city, the Secretary reported that the scheme for the restoration of Aston bells, although not to be put in hand immediately, had not been dropped, but would be proceeded with as soon as a small remaining debt on the organ fund had been cleared off.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on the first Saturday in October.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Merriam for having everything ready, and to the chairman for presiding, concluded the meeting.

A return was made to the tower, where some excellent touches in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor were successfully brought round, four lady ringers taking part.

Lieut. Hallsworth also took part in the ringing, and although he had not handled a rope for so long managed to ring the treble through a touch.

Although the attendance was not all that could be wished, yet the meeting was a most enjoyable one.

NEWCASTLE'S 'GREAT RINGER' DAY.

To-morrow will be a great day at Newcastle, when members of the Diocesan Guild and ringers from all over the North of England will be the guests of the 'Newcastle Evening Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at the North-East Coast Exhibition, where they will inspect the Wellington (New Zealand) carillon, which was cast at the Croydon Foundry. Mr. Clifford E. Ball is to give a demonstration, and afterwards the visiting ringers and their friends will be entertained to tea, and will be welcomed by the Lord Mayor. In the evening there is to be a musical gathering at the 'Chronicle' Hall.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June monthly meeting was held at Rothwell, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Headingley, St. Chad's, Lindley, Guiseley, Drighlington, and the local company. Four new members were elected. The methods rung were Plain Bob and Little Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major. Special attempts were made on the last-named method by various ringers, and it is again to be the special practice method at the next meeting at Calverley.

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grey and feeble, and they looked to the young ringers to carry on the work. If, as he said in church, they were punctual and persevering, they would not go very far wrong.

In the evening there was further ringing at Haslemere, and some of the members also visited Godalming, where, by contrast, the bells go very heavily. One party paid a visit to Privett.

The message to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was acknowledged by the Master, who reciprocated the good wishes expressed in the telegram.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A combined meeting of the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held by special invitation at Alderton on Saturday, June 29th. The company had the honour of welcoming their new Master (Rev. E. S. Selby), who had motored some 30 miles to be present. The weather being fine, members turned up early, and the nice light right of six were soon going.

Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington), who had the assistance of a full choir. The lesson was read by the Rev. E. G. Benson, of Tewkesbury, and the Master (Rev. E. S. Selby) gave a most interesting address.

After the service, all adjourned to the Village Hall, where the members were the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Pennington, who had a very efficient staff of helpers.

The business meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held afterwards, and was cut down to the minimum.

The branch chairman (Rev. A. D. Pennington), was in the chair, supported by the Master, the Rev. E. G. Benson, Rev. W. W. Baker, Mr. W. J. Smith, and over 40 odd members from towers in the Branch.

The Chairman welcomed them all there that day, but he was sorry to inform them that that might be his last chance of offering his hospitality, as he expected soon to resign his living on account of his advanced age.

Charlton Kings was proposed as the place for the annual meeting, which was left for the secretary to arrange.

Mr. H. Wakeford, in a happy speech, proposed a vote of thanks to their host for all he had done for the ringers that day, and mentioned that Mr. Pennington had two hobbies—ringers and railwaymen (applause).—The motion was seconded by Mr. Wm. Hale, and carried with acclamation. The tower was again visited, and good practice obtained.

'GREAT RINGING DAY' AT SAFFRON WALDEN.

The 306th anniversary of 'Great Ringing Day' at Saffron Walden was held on Thursday, June 27th. There was a good attendance of visitors, among whom were Canon Ridout (St. Albans, Johannesburg), Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master of Essex Association), W. and G. R. Pye, E. J. Putler (Leytonstone), G. B. Lucas (Walthamstow), T. Groombridge, sen. (Chislehurst), G. W. Faulkner (Barking), E. Duffield (Colchester), C. H. Kippin, D. Cooper (Beddington), W. H. Lawrence (Little Munden), G. and T. Jordan, T. Watts (Stansted), Dr. E. Taylor (Sevenoaks), son of the late Mr. E. Taylor, J.P., of Saffron Walden (a former Master of the Saffron Walden Society), and others. The local ringers taking part were Messrs. A. E., E. A., F. J., and L. E. Pitstow, A. James, F. Dench, G. Sparrow, R. Strong, W. Parish, F. Ridgwell, A. Simmonds and H. Sketchley.

The day was opened by the society ringing Cambridge Surprise Major, and the bells were kept going all the morning. At noon, an excellent touch of Stedman Cinques was rung for the service, which commenced at 12.30 p.m., the sermon being preached by the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. L. Hughes.

After the service all went to the Rose and Crown Hotel, where an excellent hot lunch was served, the Vicar presiding. At the conclusion, Mr. A. E. Pitstow, on behalf of the Saffron Walden Society, welcomed the visitors, and said he was pleased to see so many present. In reply, Mr. W. Pye said he was pleased to be able to attend another anniversary of this ancient society. It was 37 years since he first visited the tower, and in those days he came to practice Double Norwich and Superlative. It was the first time he had been to Saffron Walden since the funeral of the late Mr. F. Pitstow, and he missed him very much. He looked to the other members of that family to keep up the traditions of the Saffron Walden Society.

Other speeches were made by Mr. C. H. Howard, Dr. E. Taylor and Canon Ridout, who gave an interesting account of bellringing in South Africa.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going all the afternoon and evening, the methods including Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal, and the Major Surprises.

L. E. P.

A LEAD TO WEST SUFFOLK RINGERS.

On Wednesday, June 26th, a practice meeting was held at the Monks Eleigh Church, when ringers attended from Bildeston, Lavenham, Little Walsingham and the local band. A visitor from Shipley, Yorks, was also present. Touches in the following methods were rung on the fine peal of six: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, including 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by: A. Symonds (Lavenham) 1, T. E. King (Shipley, Yorks) 2, K. Whittle (Bildeston) 3, W. Head (Little Walsingham) 4, A. Keeble (Monks Eleigh) 5, S. H. Symonds (Lavenham) (conductor) 6. It is hoped that other districts in West Suffolk will follow this lead by arranging other combined practice meetings, which is most essential for the revival of the art in this part of the country.

OLD GROUND REVISITED.

Thirty years ago St. John the Baptist Association, Leytonstone, started on their series of annual outings, Bury St. Edmunds being the place selected. This year it was decided to revisit this ancient place, and on Friday, June 14th, ten members left Liverpool Street by the 7.10 p.m. train. On arrival they were met by Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and Mr. T. Faulkner, of Barking, and Mr. Chinery and another of the local band conducted them to headquarters, the White Lion Hotel. Next morning, after an early breakfast, a charabanc tour to a number of towers was embarked upon. Messrs. Durrant and Lott joined the party at Ixworth and Walsham-le-Willows was reached at 8.45 a.m. Soon the bells (a good peal of six) were going to Cambridge. It was found, however, that the bells sadly need the attention of a bellhanger, and very little could be done on them. Making their way to Ricklinghall, the ringers found things in good order, and on this handy ring 720 York was accomplished. After touches in other methods to give everybody a pull, a move was made to North Lopham. Here is a handy peal of eight, recently augmented from an old peal of five by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the tone and go being excellent. Touches of Superlative Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. The church at Garboldisham was reached at 12.30. This place is very interesting to Minor ringers. Two stone peal tablets in the tower record peals rung by ringers in bygone days. One relates to a peal of Grandsire Bob rung in 1773, another rung in the year 1822 containing a peal of 5,040, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, New Treble Bob, Norwich Court Bob, Double Bob and London Court Bob, conducted by J. Mellows. 'This great and masterly performance was perfectly completed in 2 hours 54 minutes.' There is also a list of Vicars dating from 1305. A 720 Beverley Surprise was rung, also in masterly style, and a touch of Cambridge. Then at the Fox Inn a substantial hot lunch awaited the party. On the way they passed the grand old tower of South Lopham, where their late friend, W. Doran, used to say hangs the best peal of six in Norfolk, but, alas, they are now in too bad a condition to ring. At Hepton, on another handy ring of six, a good 720 Norwich and a touch of Wells were tapped off. At Bardwell the ringers were again disappointed, for this peal of six sadly need attention, and nothing more than a course of Plain Bob could be attempted on them. Ixworth was next reached, and on the splendid peal of six (tenor 16 cwt.) in this tower a 720 London Surprise, strictly silent, was attempted, but came to grief after two parts had been excellently rung. A 720 Cambridge followed, by No. 2 band, conducted by P. H. Avev. After tea at the Crown Hotel the grand old peal of five (tenor 17 cwt.) at Pakenham was visited, and several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire were rung. The last place of call on Saturday was Barton, where a faultless 720 Ipswich was rung on the light peal of six. Other short touches followed and tracks were then made for headquarters, where a social hour with local ringers was spent in handbell ringing, etc.

On Sunday permission had been obtained to ring on the fine peal of ten at the Norman tower, but time allowed only for two short touches of Grandsire Caters. After breakfast the party took a drive of twelve miles to Long Melford, and were amply rewarded by ringing on a grand peal of eight, recently restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Grandsire, Stedman and a long touch of Superlative being rung. Everyone regretted not being able to inspect this very old church, one of the largest and most historical in Suffolk. After lunch there was a trip to Elvedon, where arrangements had been made to ring at the memorial tower for an hour. On the way the party visited the war memorial, which stands in three parishes and can be seen for several miles standing high above the many trees in the district. Reaching Elvedon bell tower, they found one of the latest products from the Whitechapel Foundry, a grand peal of eight, and the 'go' perfect. Double Norwich and other methods were rung. The last church to be visited was St. Mary's, Bury, where on this well-known ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.) Cambridge and Stedman were rung. Those who took part were Messrs. W. Miller and J. Moule (who went to the first outing 30 years ago), and W. Theobald, A. Prior, E. Smith, P. H. Avev, E. J. Butler, E. Furbank, G. Dawson, R. Molton and the two visitors above mentioned, and all wish to record their best thanks to the clergy for so readily granting permission to ring, to the local ringers for their assistance, and to Mr. J. Chinery, of Bury, for the arrangements made.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DORCHESTER, DORSET—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 minutes: J. T. Godwin 1, R. Hayward 2, C. H. Jennings 3, W. J. Simons 4, J. Morris 5, F. C. Benger (conductor) 6, W. J. Benger 7, J. W. Smith 8. Arranged for Mr. Josiah Morris, of Leicester, and Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis. There is ringing in this tower every Sunday at 5.30 p.m., and visitors are welcome.

HALESOWEN—For evensong, on June 30th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): F. B. Yates 1, H. Williams 2, R. Matthews (conductor) 3, H. Stanley 4, J. Eaton 5, C. Webb 6, J. George 7, A. Hackett 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold their annual meeting, and a six-bell contest, at Meltham on July 13th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. A tea will be provided, 1s. 6d. each.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Suckley on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. —J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Business: Nominations for officers, also for Central Council representatives.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Battle Axes at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, July 13th. Service at 5, followed by tea in the Victoria Hall, at 1s. 6d. per head. All ringers welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Orsett on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at Whitmore Arms.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division. — The next meeting will be held at Sandon on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Usual arrangements. Danbury bells (5) from 2 till 4 and after the meeting.—H. W. Kirtton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Longmeads Cottages, Writtle, Chelmsford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap fares on the District Railways. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Lyme Regis (8 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Reply to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Pirbright on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. — G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, nr. Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, July 13th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch at Leigh-upon-Mendip on the 13th inst. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, near Bath.

BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS are holding a joint meeting at Dunstable on Saturday, July 13th. The bells will be available from 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, near the Church, at 5 p.m. It will be a great help in arranging the tea if a card is sent a day or two previous as to how many we may expect. There is a good bus service. So we hope to have a large gathering.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, Dunstable, and W. Nash, North Mymms, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held in Northampton on Saturday, July 13th. Bells of St. Giles' (10) before tea, St. Sepulchre's after. Service at St. Giles' at 3.30. Preacher: The Lord Bishop. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Buildings. Will all ringers and friends make an effort to attend?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Monmouth on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, tea following. Please notify L. G. Tanner, 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Upton Bishop on Saturday, July 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (kindly given by Vicar) 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Clark, Hon. Sec., Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The July meeting will be held at Bromham (6) on Saturday, July 13th. Bells available 2.45. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome, and it is hoped that the gathering will be a record one for the district.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Nettlebed on Saturday, July 13th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Visitors entertained to tea at 4.30 p.m., and a ringers' service at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bus service from Reading.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

NAVENBY, LINCS.—The opening of the peal of six bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will take place on Monday, July 15th, at 3 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 16th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th (p.v.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets, 2s. each, to members who apply for same, with remittance, by Tuesday, July 16th; 2s. 6d. on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund. I earnestly beg that all members who intend coming will send for tickets, as it will help easy working for organising officers and caterers.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: All Saints' (8), St. Gregory (8) and St. Peter (8). Tea at W. Suffolk Tea Rooms 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting follows.—Stedman Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham; Walter Arnold, Earls Colne, Essex, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 20th. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The sixth annual festival will be held at Tenby on Saturday, July 20th. Tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. 4 p.m.: Tea at Church House, by kind invitation of the Rector of Tenby. Business meeting to follow. Numbers expected for tea should reach the hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells, N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath) by July 13th without fail.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The dedication of the new bells of Eccles Parish Church will take place on Saturday, July 20th. Service in church at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each for those sending their names to Mr. J. T. Potter, 33, Cecil Road, Eccles. Bells open for ringing after service.—J. Hall, Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea about 5 o'clock, followed by meeting. All requiring tea must send number to the Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, before July 13th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, by kind invitation. Those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on July 20th at Horbling. Bells (a new peal of 6 by Taylor) and also at Billingborough (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4 p.m. at Horbling. Tea and meeting at Tateson's Café, Billingborough, at 5 p.m. Those members requiring tea please send me a postcard by July 17th.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A combined meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Bigby on July 20th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Schoolroom, at a moderate charge. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, not later than Wednesday, July 17th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Coventry, on Saturday, July 20th. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each, in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road. Meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 20th. The arrangements will be as usual. Permission has been obtained to view the grounds of the Castle. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.40. Return fare 1s. Will those who wish to travel by bus and require tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, July 16th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley and Leicester Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. A. Ballard, Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton, near Leicester, by Thursday, the 18th. A good attendance is hoped for, all ringers and friends being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Hinckley District; A. Disney, Leicester District.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Tea will be provided for all those sending in not later than Wednesday, July 17th, to Joshua Ramsbottom, 336, Hornby Street, Bury. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—Reports, diagrams, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready early. Tea 5 p.m. at the Café. All ringers invited. It is hoped there will be a good meeting at this charming old village. Please write for tea to Mr. H. Crossland, jun., Darton Road, Cawthorne, near Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (6) on Saturday, July 20th. Will members requiring tea kindly notify the hon. secretary by Wednesday, July 17th?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—Meeting at Bourn, Cambs, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. The service will be taken by Rev. Duffill. Please notify for tea. Postcard will do. Come and ring some of Taylor's best. All welcome.—F. Warrington, Longstanton, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Carhampton on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 5. Dunster bells will be available for ringing—Geo. Stacey.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A special meeting for the unveiling of the Ladies' Peal Tablet will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 20th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow, 1/- per head, to all who notify Mr. J. Garth, School House, Handsworth, Sheffield. A good attendance is requested.—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Nominations for vice-president, treasurer, secretary and Central Council representatives. The Bolton Borough Police have placed their bowling green at the disposal of ringers and their friends on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names, please, by Aug. 6th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203 Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. & E. District) AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).—Joint meeting at Hadley, July 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Barnet bells available during evening. Members and friends of both associations are cordially invited, but please advise your district secretary by July 24th if you require tea, for which 1s. will be charged.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; Wm. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea must let me know first post Wednesday, July 24th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Shoreham, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Further particulars next week. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Marshland Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Marsham on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 6d. each to members and friends, who must send to me their names not later than Wednesday, July 24th.—W. G. Cross, Hon. Sec., 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bathampton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Numbers for tea by July 22nd.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Sturry, where the six bells have recently been rehung, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. Ernest Slingsby, Park View, Sturry, on or before Thursday, July 25th?—P. W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

ALDENHAM, Saturday, July 27th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

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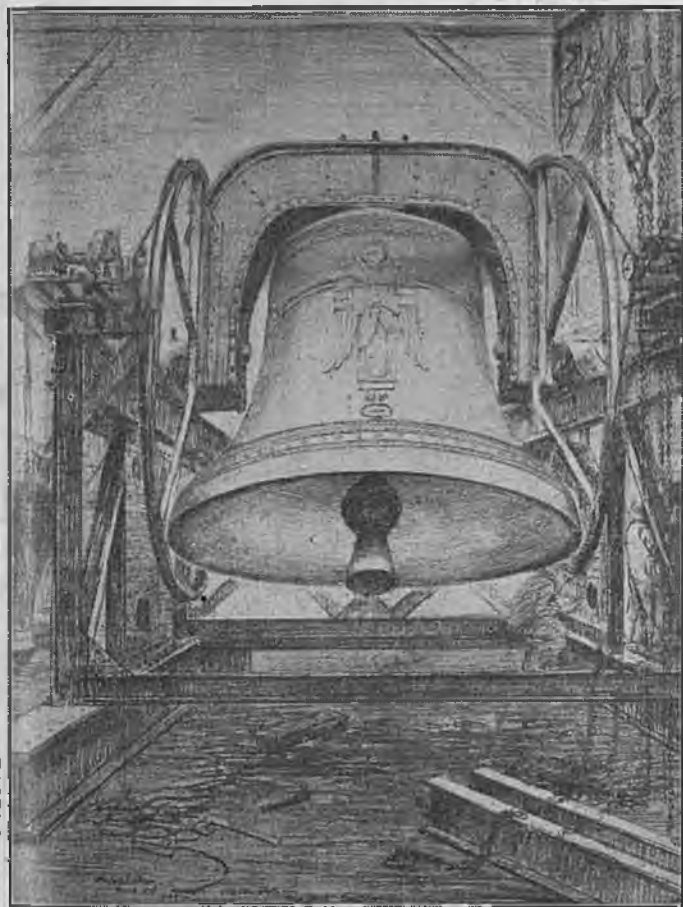
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'We make no apology for reminding members once more that our first duty is to maintain the level of service ringing in our individual towers at the highest possible standard and to spare no pains to attain this end by punctual and regular attendance.' This is the concluding paragraph in the annual report presented to the members by the Master and Hon. Secretary of the Sussex County Association. It deserves to occupy a foremost place in the report of every association and guild throughout the country. Many bands suffer from the unpunctual and irregular attendance of the indifferent members, who check progress, induce apathy, and finally, sometimes, virtually break up the company. Why is it so many ringers think nothing of coming to the belfry five or ten minutes late for practice or service ringing? It must be because they do not fully appreciate the office which they hold. If they happen to be members of the choir they would not think of walking into their places ten minutes after the service has begun, yet they have no compunction about sauntering into the belfry many minutes late. They count for nothing the time of the five or seven other men they have kept waiting; they treat as of no importance the fact that the bells have been silent, waiting their coming; while their attitude with regard to practice is often one of still less consideration. Their colleagues have perforce to wait the slacker's convenience before they can begin and the wasted minutes, as the President of the Central Council said in a recent sermon to ringers, quickly mount up to hours in the aggregate.

There seems to be no remedy to cure the failing in ringers of this type. They know that the rest are to some extent dependent upon them, but instead of this being an incentive to punctuality, it seems to act in the contrary direction, and they rather delight in the 'let them wait' policy which they adopt. It is a great pity that all ringers are not imbued with the spirit of one well-known member of the Exercise, whose example was quoted at the Winchester Guild's jubilee the other day. He has declared that he would no more think of being late for service ringing than he would think of being late for work. And not only does he preach this gospel, but practices it most assiduously. If all ringers would do this, the standard of ringing in the service of the church would quickly be raised, because time, otherwise wasted, would be devoted to improvement. From the first day a man joins a band punctuality and regularity ought to be a creed instilled into him, by precept and example, and he should be taught to realise that, unless he responded, the belfry has no use for him. The finest example of

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punctuality is to be found at St. Paul's Cathedral. Here, a quarter of an hour before ringing time the ringers make the long climb up to the ringing chamber and prepare for their task. Two minutes before the moment for starting every man is at his rope; as the clock strikes, the twelve bells are pulled off and they do not stop again until exactly five minutes before the service hour. Sunday after Sunday, year in and year out, this unflinching programme is carried out—punctuality is looked upon as a duty; there are no wasted moments and the highest standard in service ringing is attained. Why cannot the same thing apply in every tower in the country where there is a band? It would raise the art; and it would raise the ringers in the esteem and respect of the people.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE-MARTYR, THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDGAR HUMFREY Treble	* JACK A. WAUGH 6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
* ERNEST C. S. TURNER 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Treble	HARRY L. AITKEN 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	HENRY JENNINGS 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.	
TONEY PRICE Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	* WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
WILLIAM A. STOTE 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Eight towers were represented, viz.: Shouldham, Norfolk; Stoke Golding, Leicestershire; Coventry; Anstey; Stoney Stanton; Edmon-ton; Leicester, St. John's; Leicester, St. Margaret's. * 50th tower for a peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Friday, June 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Crowland, St. Werberg, Vale Royal, Combermere, Campanilla, Gladstone and Chadkirk. 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.

CADOXTON, NEATH.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN E. BLOKHAM Treble	* JOHN T. WILLIAMS 4
HARRY BOYCE 2	EDWARD PHILLIPS 5
DAVID J. LEWIS 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	ALBERT BOOTH 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	HARRY HOWARD 5
DAVID SMITH 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

Rung to celebrate the completion by Canon G. R. Sanders of 25 years as Rector of Davenham.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

G. H. JOLLAND Treble	* DAISY TAYLOR 3
* MADGE C. JOLLAND 2	T. COPE 4
W. W. GARDNER Tenor	

Conducted by T. COPE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MEETING AT HARROW WEALD.

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild paid its annual visit to the north-west corner of the county on June 29th, the tower chosen on this occasion being that of Harrow Weald, with a pretty peal of six bells. In spite of the absence of several prominent members, including the hon. secretary and vice-president, on holidays, there was a good attendance, and Mr. Albert W. Coles saw that the methods rung suited all tastes.

The Vicar (Rev. C. S. Durham) conducted the service at 5 p.m., and also presided at the meeting, which followed a very excellent tea in the Institute. Mr. Goodship made an efficient secretary.

Eleven new members was admitted, whilst it was announced that joint meetings with neighbouring associations had been arranged at Hadley on July 27th (Herts and Middlesex), also at Broxbourne on August 24th (Essex, Herts and Middlesex). It was left to the hon. secretary to arrange the next meeting of the district. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the Rector of Stanmore (Rev. W. A. Hewett) concluded the business.

Stanmore tower was visited in the evening, where Mr. G. A. Hughes met the members, and the ringing included a variety of methods up to London Surprise Major. Mr. W. Pye, as usual, made a very capable Ringing Master. In all, some 30 members attended and spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

LEICESTER MEN AT LINCOLN.

The members of the St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester, accompanied by their wives, held their annual summer outing on Saturday, June 29th, when they visited the city of Lincoln. The party, numbering 24, were met at the railway station by Mr. George Chester, of St. Peter-at-Arches and the Cathedral, and piloted by him through the quaint old streets. A first-rate meat tea was provided at the Lincoln Co-operative Cafe. Five-thirty saw the party at the Cathedral—in the opinion of the writer, the premier Cathedral of Great Britain—where the new ring of twelve bells were soon mouth upwards. Touches of Triples, Caters and Cinques were rung to the satisfaction of all concerned, while the ladies were shown around the interior of the edifice. Train time came all too soon, and the company reached Leicester about 10 p.m. The best thanks of the society are herewith tendered to the Precentor and the Cathedral authorities for the kind permission to ring, and especially to the veteran Mr. George Chester (who, with the writer, rang in the last peal on the old eight in 1896, with Messrs. Lindoff and Craven) for his invaluable help in filling the role of 'guide, philosopher and friend.'

THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

The following peals, in addition to those which appeared in our last issue, have been rung in connection with the National Thanksgiving for the King's recovery:

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 39½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	* RICHARD T. HOLDING 7
* RICHARD LANGFORD 2	THOMAS HAMMOND 8
* ROBERT SPERRING 3	HENRY W. WILDE 9
* THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	* TITUS BARLOW 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 11
WILLIAM BIBBY 6	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Also first of Cambridge Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

ON THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

THOMAS H. VALLANCE Treble	HARRY L. SMITH 6
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	PERCY HARRISON 8
REDVERS ELKINGTON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9
ERNEST MORRIS 5	RALPH HOBBAARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Also rung to commemorate the royal wedding anniversary of their Majesties the King and Queen. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JAMES PAGET Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	JAMES GEORGE 8
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

VICTOR J. F. BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT 5
HARRY MILES 2	† FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 6
* MISS MARGARET REYNOLDS 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	* FRANCIS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.	
FRANK MORRIS Treble	JOHN EDWIN MARKLAND 5
EDWARD WEBSTER 2	PETER CROOK 6
PETER CROOK, JUN. 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7
GEORGE PINCOIT 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*JOHN BAGLEY Treble	JOHN COOKE 5
LESTER L. GRAY 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 6
*ALFRED K. LEATHAM ... 3	†THOMAS ROGERS 7
JOHN BREESE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Major inside.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRANCIS TOMPKINS ... Treble	JACK STOPP 5
THOMAS J. HULL 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	HENRY GOLDING 7
FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Bob Major.

MACHEN, MON.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

IVOR DAVIES... .. Treble	G. H. MARTIN 5
W. HURFORD 2	PERCY JONES... .. 6
H. BROUGHTON 3	A. E. SLATTER 7
W. PIKE 4	P. TREW Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK J. FLOWER ... Treble	MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5
*MISS DORIS CLAY 2	JOHN CURRY 6
ALBERT E. BUSLEY 3	JOHN W. WOOD 7
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE GILBERT Treble	†HUBERT HATTO... .. 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	†ROBERT S. BUSHNELL ... 6
ERNEST NASH 3	†WILLIAM APPELEY 7
*SAMUEL COVENTRY 4	†FREDERICK KING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM APPELEY.

* First on eight bells. † First of Grandsire. ‡ First peal. All are local members except treble and second ringer. After the peal the ringers were congratulated by the Vicar.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On July 8th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,248 changes) in 45 mins.: R. E. Jones 1, J. Fernley, jun., 2, W. Fernley 3, J. Fernley, sen., 4, T. Wilde 5, W. Hartley 6, E. Bennett (first touch in the method as conductor) 7, W. W. Wolstencroft 8.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	PERCY WITHAM 5
JAMES P. DAVIS 2	HAROLD C. BAVERSTOCK ... 6
ANTHONY V. DENT 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
A. MARTIN STEWART 4	ERNEST J. WHITFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*REGINALD G. ILSLEY ... Treble	HENRY C. CHANDLER 5
†WILLIAM E. LEWIS 2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN 6
GEORGE B. COLE 3	*ERNEST G. GARRARD... .. 7
CHARLES S. BIRD 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell. This was the first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*REGINALD HARPER ... Treble	THOMAS ARROWSMITH ... 5
GEORGE BIDDULPH 2	WILLIAM RIGBY... .. 6
†ROBERT ARROWSMITH ... 3	WALTER LONGMAN 7
EDWARD HARPER 4	†ROBERT MAJOR Tenor

Conducted by W. RIGBY.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal. G. Biddulph's 25th peal for the Guild. First peal by a Sunday service band at this church since 1905.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL Treble	*EDWARD H. KING 5
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

WILLIAM SPICE Treble	PHILLIP SPRINGHAM 5
FREDERICK R. WELLER 2	CHARLES E. NORRIS 6
FREDERICK G. BRENT... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
FRANK BELSEY 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

Arranged for W. Spice, Tunstall, F. Brett and F. Weller, of Canterbury, the rest belong to Rochester Cathedral Society.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBIE 5
WILLIAM M. STONE 2	GEORGE W. STEER 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
JOHN BEAMS 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK B. YATES Treble	FRED PRICE 5
PERCY O. LAFLIN 2	FRANK PERVIN 6
FRANK PERRINS 3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 7
JOHN WITHERS 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

SIX BELI. PEALS.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

PERCY ALMOND Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	GEORGE A. ANDREWS 5
STANLEY G. DAVRY 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by G. A. ANDREWS.

Alan R. Andrews is 12 years of age, and is believed to be the youngest member to ring a peal on tower bells for the association.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER Treble	JAMES KNIGHT, SEN. 4
GEORGE ELLIS 2	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 5
EDWARD E. TIDY 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Willesden, College Exercise, Burton, Overton, Kingston, London Scholars' and Sandal Exercise.

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.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN HOUSE Treble	JEFFREY TOSSELL 4
CHARLES FIELD 2	FREDERICK TOSSELL 5
ERNEST BATH 3	SAMUEL DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by J. TOSSELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,360 of Grandsire and 1,680 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. POOLE Treble	HARRY TURNER 4
JOHN W. LEGGETT 2	WILLIAM D. LEGGETT 5
CHARLES J. BRACKLEY 3	EDWARD W. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

Two extents of Grandsire, and one of Plain Bob were rung alternately. This was the quickest peal on the bells, and all are Sunday service ringers at this church.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Reverse and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

ARTHUR THORNTON Treble	GEORGE HOBBS 4
FRANK LORD 2	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 5
CHARLES H. BIRD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal 'inside.' First in 4 methods for all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

* WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Treble	EDWARD BARKER 4
JAMES H. RAPER 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 5
ALFRED BACON 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal.

ROWDE, NEAR DEVIZES.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

* ERNEST A. PERRETT Treble	FRANK GREEN 4
GEORGE W. ENGLAND 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 5
SIDNEY HILLIER 3	CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHOM Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Brownlee-West and Mr. Sidney Hillier.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

On Friday, July 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY ROBINSON Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
A. WILLIAM T. GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* HAROLD DOUGHTY Treble	* ARTHUR B. JUDGE 4
WILSON ALLIN, SEN. 2	ERNEST A. WILSON 5
HAROLD FRADGLEY 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.
OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE OVER SOCIETY.)

*On Sunday, July 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. A. J. GINN.*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*MANSFIELD GINN Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
DENNIS ADAMS 2	C. ROBINSON 5
WILLIAM BAVIN... .. 3	ARTHUR J. GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* Aged 15 years. Longest length by all on handbells.

SOME THANKSGIVING TOUCHES.

Among the touches rung for Thanksgiving services were the following:—

At Little Munden, Herts, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), being 720 New London Pleasure, 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 60 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillip 4, A. Woolston 5, G. H. Carter 6. After service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, A. Woolston 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, W. S. Lawrence 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, G. H. Carter 4, S. Carter 5, A. Phillips (conductor) 6.

At Rawmarsh, Yorks, for the Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Firth (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Cooper 2, R. Fletcher 3, C. Wilson 4, E. Panminter 5, T. Pickering 6, H. Mortimore (conductor) 7, B. Ingle 8. The same quarter-peal was rung in 42 mins. for evensong, with S. Walker 2nd and R. Macfarlane 8th.

At Chester Cathedral, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Lewis 1, W. Sconce 2, M. Harris 3, J. Swindley 4, G. Gerrard 5, C. Sconce 6, P. Swindley 7, S. Jones, jun. (conductor) 8.

At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 48 mins.: H. Lewis 1, J. Hayes 2, M. Harris 3, A. G. Walkin 4, J. Swindley 5, G. Gerrard 6, P. Swindley 7, Sam Jones, jun. (conductor) 8.

At Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, for the Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: R. Fishwick 1, A. Sewart 2, P. Crook, jun., 3, G. Tyson 4, W. Kay 5, E. Edwards 6, P. Crook (conductor) 7, R. Lindley 8.

At St. Ullyd's Church, Bridgend, Glam, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Smith 1, W. H. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, T. Davies 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, W. James 8.

At Midsomer Norton, Somerset, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: E. J. Wills (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Rogers 2, L. Gunning 3, I. B. Holmyard (conductor) 4, G. Gunning 5, J. G. Hambleton 6, W. Keavill 7, W. Ford 8.

At Sevenoaks, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, W. Turley 2, H. D. Ford 3, P. Turley 4, H. J. Ford 5, F. Paige 6, H. V. Baker (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, S. Comber 8.

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, for morning service, 1,301 Stedman Caters in 50 mins.: W. W. T. Daniels 1, R. W. Hyner 2, N. Allnutt 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, J. Berry 6, S. Palmer 7, H. A. Earl 8, C. J. Gardiner 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Deptford, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 37 mins.: E. J. Rivett 1, W. A. Martin 2, E. B. Crowder 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, W. J. Jefferies (conductor) 5, P. S. R. Steers 6, P. C. C. Davies 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

At St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 58 mins.: Fred Myers 1, J. Gluyas 2, Sid O'Shaughnessy 3, Alf Mitchelmore 4, W. Hamlyn 5, A. W. Myers 6, T. G. Myers 7, G. H. Myers (conductor) 8. Longest length of Major for treble ringer.

At Bath Abbey, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: T. Grant 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, H. W. Brown 3, C. Bell 4, A. Prince 5, W. Crocker 6, W. J. Prescott 7, T. F. King (conductor) 8, G. H. Harding 9, J. Hallet and F. Merrett 10.

At St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, on Sunday morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: V. Matthews 1, W. T. Prior 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Bull 5, W. W. Tucker 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, H. Wacey 8. The bells were again rung after the service.

At Tunstall, Kent, 720 Bob Minor: J. Draper 1, W. E. Spice 2, R. Aylett 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, sen. 6. In the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, W. E. Spice 3, W. H. B. Wilkins 4, S. Taylor 5, J. W. Walker 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, G. Webb 8.—On Monday evening, July 8th, a peal of 5,056 Bob Major was attempted, but, unfortunately, through a mistake the bells ran into rounds at 4,900 changes.

At All Saints', Maldon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) before morning service: H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 1, S. R. Linnet 2, Miss A. E. Waldock 3, E. G. Ellenger 4, F. White 5, A. South 6, F. Chalk 7, J. Ford 8.

At Christ Church, Armley, Leeds, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: H. G. Grimwood 1, J. Hey 2, H. Lofthouse 3, Miss O'Renton 4, A. G. Gaunt 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. Thackray 7, G. Moorhouse (conductor) 8.

At Swinton, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: J. Denner 1, S. James 2, A. Wallwork 3, J. Howarth 4, C. Gudgeon 5, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 6, J. Potter 7, A. Burton 8.

At Penhow, Monmouthshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), called ten different ways: A. Flook 1, T. Morris 2, T. Edwards 3, J. Richards 4, A. Freebury (conductor) 5, S. Flook 6.

At Hoole, Cheshire, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 45 mins.: J. Benyon 1, G. R. Jones 2, A. Newall 3, P. Swindley 4, W. Weetman (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun., 6.

At Killamarsh, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor and 720 of Nethersale Surprise Minor: F. Parr 1, A. Parr 2, H. Greaves 3, G. Burnham 4, W. H. Torton 5, C. Severn (conductor) 6.

At the Parish Church, Eyam, Derbyshire, on July 6th, an attempt by the local band for a peal of Minor failed through an unfortunate trip near the end of the fifth 720, after 2 hrs. 5 mins.' excellent ringing: V. Dane 1, J. Facer 2, F. Barker 3, W. Barber 4, Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor) 5, K. Facer 6.

At Allesley, Coventry, 720 Cambridge Surprise for evensong at the Parish Church: C. S. Aylett 1, C. J. Hunt 2, H. G. Summers 3, W. A. Skote 4, J. W. Taylor (conductor) 5, G. Gardner 6.

At Cardiff, for evening service, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Richards 1, P. Heath 2, Miss D. Richards 3, J. Davies 4, F. Chamberlain 5, W. Heath 6, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 7, J. R. Barker 8.

At All Saints' Church, Hoole, on Sunday, July 7th, for afternoon service, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Benyon, sen., 1, G. A. Jones 2, A. Newall 3, P. Swindley 4, W. Weetman (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun., 6.

At Lyminge, Kent, for morning prayer, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. Sheppard 1, A. Webb 2, E. Hobden 3, G. Webb (conductor) 4, A. Tanton 5, J. Reeves 6, L. Head 7, R. Webb 8. For evening prayer, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Sheppard 1, A. Webb 2, E. Hobden 3, G. Webb (conductor) 4, A. Tanton 5, J. Skeer 6, J. Reeves 7, R. Webb 8.

At Edinburgh, on Sunday morning, July 7th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 377 Grandsire Triples: G. Marshall 1, Miss Taylor 2, Miss Whitson 3, C. Cleveland Ellis 4, W. B. Sampson 5, Stephen H. Wood (conductor) 6, J. Marshall 7, C. Raine 8.—At St. Cuthbert's U.F. Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Miss Taylor 1, Miss Whitson 2, J. Adam 3, C. Cleveland Ellis 4, H. Mann 5, W. C. G. Jenkins 6, Stephen H. Wood (conductor) 7, D. Stocks 8.

At Newbury, Berks, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. H. Adkins, sen., 1, S. Quintin 2, C. Pearce 3, L. Batting 4, R. Rex 5, E. W. Smith 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, C. Osgood (first quarter-peal) 8. The ringer of No. 4 had not rung a quarter-peal for 15 years. First quarter-peal on the bells since rehanging and retuning by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This quarter-peal was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

At Great Baddow, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: Winnie Lewis 1, G. Green 2, G. Watkins 3, Dr. Spencer Phillip 4, P. Green 5, W. Essay 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Dawson 1, W. Rice 2, H. W. Mance 3, Percy Green 4, H. H. Mance 5, C. D. Nicholls 6, Dr. Spencer Phillip (conductor) 7, A. Richell 8. St. Luke's, Chelsea, bellringers were on their outing for the week-end at Great Baddow, and members took part in both quarter-peals.

At Llangibby, Mon, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples unfortunately came to grief after two hours: G. Knight 1, G. Hawkins 2, E. W. Luff 3, D. G. Clift 4, A. Hawkins 5, G. Pophell 6, W. Williams 7, J. Matthews 8.

After the Thanksgiving service on Sunday evening, at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, Manchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. S. Kellett 1, Thos. Jones 2, W. Moss 3, A. Lees 4, H. Jones 5, F. Stonely 6, T. Timperley (first quarter-peal) 7, P. Cross 8.

At St. Andrew's, Derby, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: H. Inckle 1, Geo. Ward 2, Chas. Hart 3, Geo. Freebrey (conductor) 4, E. Clarke 5, A. H. Ward 6, W. Wallace 7, P. H. Tate 8.

At Springfield, Essex, a quarter-peal of Minor (consisting of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Court, and 180 Plain Bob): J. Myhill 1, I. Poulton 2, Wm. Hawkes 3, A. Davis 4, W. Prail 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6. Also rung as a birthday compliment to William Hawkes, who was 84 on the following day, and was one of the first to join the Essex Association when formed at Writtle in 1879. He rings for service nearly every Sunday morning at the above church.

At Hayes, Kent, on Sunday, July 7th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor, taken from Rev. Banks James' arrangement: G. Harwood 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, F. Keech 5, J. Brown 6.

At Nwuhall, for evensong, in 45 mins., 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Paling 1, H. Hurdman 2, W. Redfern 3, H. Dawson 4, H. Brealey 5, J. Hough (conductor) 6.

At St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, for matins, 720 New Cambridge Surprise Royal; for evensong, 265 changes of Stedman Cinques and half a course of Superlative Surprise Maximus; after evensong, 330 and 254 changes of Stedman Cinques, by the following: R. H. Brundle, W. P. Garrett, C. A. Catchpole, C. J. Sedgley, F. J. Tillet, G. E. Symonds, A. Fleming, G. Fleming, H. R. Roper, W. Tillet, H. Shennings, J. F. Tillet, W. J. G. Brown, H. E. Symonds and A. Durrant.

At St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, 720 Bob Minor: W. J. Harwin (first 720) 1, R. Newman 2, F. Bonfield 3, E. Young 4, E. Bonfield (conductor) 5, A. Bonfield 6.

At Stratford-on-Avon, at the conclusion of the Thanksgiving service, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. W. Wright 1, N. Bartlett 2, V. Hunt (conductor) 3, H. Rawhorne 4, H. Brooks 5, A. Preedy 6. First quarter-peal by a local band.

At Barley, Herts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 43 mins.: F. Hayes 1, W. Mansfield 2, W. A. Tack 3, H. Howard 4, R. Howard (conductor) 5, W. Chapman (first quarter-peal) 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 St. Simon's, 300 Grandsire), in 42 mins.: N. Hayes 1, W. A. Tack (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, W. Mansfield 3, H. Howard 4, R. Howard 5, W. Chapman 6.

At St. John's Church, Whittle-le-Woods, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,248 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Nelson 1, J. Charnock 2, Adam Blogg 3, E. B. Coxhead 4, F. G. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, E. Lawson 7, Alfred Blogg (conductor) 8.

At Great Barr, near Birmingham, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins.: G. Merriman 1, Miss E. M. Ludlow 2, Miss B. Pollington 3, R. C. Ingram 4, J. R. Terry 5, W. Terry 6.

CHESTER.—For the 42nd anniversary of the opening of the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, on July 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Watkin 1, R. Sperring 2, H. Lewis 3, M. Harris 4, J. Swindley 5, G. Gerrard 6, S. Jones, jun., 7, P. Swindley (first quarter as conductor) 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. MEMBERS STILL ON THE INCREASE.

The annual meeting was held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 29th. The bells at the Cathedral were available from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m., and again from 6.15 p.m. to 7 p.m. This privilege was appreciated, as it is only possible to have the use of these bells in alternate years. At St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches the bells were kept going, with intervals, from 3 p.m. until the evening.

Tea was served at the Minster Cafe, where upwards of 70 members and friends refreshed themselves. While tea was in progress the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. J. A. Kempthorne) entered the hall and welcomed the members to Lichfield, at the same time kindly inviting the company to inspect his garden and grounds.

The general meeting followed, presided over by the Archdeacon of Stafford (Ven Hugh Bright). The Chairman congratulated the members upon the satisfactory statement of accounts and report of the year's work. The officers were re-elected, with the exception of Ringing Master, to which office Mr. John Perry, of Brewwood, was elected in the place of Mr. John C. Adams, retired.

The following places have been selected for meetings to be held during the year: Wombourne in September, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, in January, Cannock in April, and Lichfield (for the annual) in June.

The sum of £1 ls. was voted to the Penn bell restoration fund.

When the business was disposed of, the Chairman invited his hearers to visit his garden and to have a 'roll-up' on his bowling green. Those who took advantage of this and the offer from his lordship were well repaid.

The committee, in their report, were happy to state that the society was financially sound, and the number of members still on the increase. Bell restoration in the Archdeaconry was still on the move, the latest additions to the list being the recasting of the ten at Walsall, with two trebles added. This brought the number of rings of twelve in the Archdeaconry up to three, which was unique for so comparatively small an area. The ring of eight at Pattingham had been rehung, while those at Lapley (four) were being rehung, two recast, with the addition of a new treble. The eight at Penn were about to be recast and hung in a new iron frame, ready for opening in the coming autumn. The following peals had been rung during the year: Grandsire Doubles 4, Grandsire Triples 7, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Triplets 7, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Caters 1, Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1; total 28. The committee regretted to record, through death, the loss of Albert Addison, of Bushbury, and Eric Lownes, of Kingswinford.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association is to be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, to-morrow. The notice of this meeting reached us too late to appear in our last issue, and we would remind secretaries that all notices must reach us on Tuesday to ensure insertion in the following Friday's issue.

There was Bob Major in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Lawton, Cheshire, last week, yet the tenor was always kept behind. The solution will be found in our peal columns.

Mr. William Hawkes, who took part in a quarter-peal at Springfield, Essex, on Thanksgiving Sunday, is 84 years of age, and still a regular service ringer.

The first peal by a band of ladies was rung at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912.

Sunday is the anniversary of the peal of 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Over in the year 1923. The peal occupied exactly ten hours.

Forty years ago next Thursday eight James's rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James', Clerkenwell, for the St. James' Society.

THE ATTEMPT ON THE MAXIMUS RECORD.

As has already been mentioned in these columns, an attempt is to be made on August Bank Holiday to set up a new record on twelve bells, and the following notice is now formally given:—

'An attempt will be made on Monday, August 5th, to ring 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church, starting at about 8 a.m., under the auspices of the Lancashire Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

'Composition, Rev. H. Law James' 29 courses.

'All concerned please note.'

A HERTFORDSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

The six bells at King's Walden, Herts, have been rehung in ball bearings, by Messrs. White, of Appleton, the treble having been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The greater portion of the cost has been borne by Major Harrison, of King's Walden, Bury, within whose beautiful grounds the church is situated.

The first change ringing on the bells since the rehangng, took place on July 10th, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 44 minutes by A. Gillings (conductor) 1, T. Cann 2, D. C. Mears 3, H. W. Anstee 4, H. Fellows 5, J. Parkyn 6. This was the first quarter-peal by the tenor man, who is one of the local ringers, and the first on an inside bell by D. C. Mears. Mr. H. W. Anstee hopes to form a band of change ringers at his tower in the near future.

LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT TO BE REVIVED.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Clement Danes' Church, London, on Saturday, July 6th. The attendance was small, only nineteen members being present. Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening, and several members had their first experience of ten-bell ringing.

A short service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, who gave a very interesting and helpful address. The members were afterwards cordially welcomed to St. Clement's by the Rector and Mrs. Pennington Bickford, who both take a very keen interest in the Guild and its work.

At the business meeting, held in the choir vestry, Miss Steel, the president, took the chair. Five new members were elected.

The accounts showed a surplus on the year's working of £3 14s. 11d., which is a very gratifying state of affairs.

The Secretary (Mrs. E. K. Fletcher) reported that the year had been a very quiet one, no peals having been rung. Keen interest was shown in most districts, but the attendance at some of the meetings was not all that could be desired. The Southern District secretary had met with a serious accident while on holiday, and had been unable to carry on for some time, but was now much better and able to resume her valuable work for the Guild. The Central District had lapsed temporarily, but was being revived in the near future. In all other districts regular meetings had been held, and all district secretaries were thanked for their untiring work. Death had claimed three members, viz., Mrs. A. W. Clark, of Croydon, Miss N. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, and Miss B. Stilwell, of Yateley, all keen ringers and supporters of the Guild. Members were again urged to forward their subscriptions as they became due, and save the secretaries time and expense in collecting them.

Miss Steel was unanimously re-elected as president, and Mrs. Fletcher as hon. secretary and treasurer.

The revised rules were discussed and adopted. It was decided to issue reports this year, and to include under their respective districts the names and addresses of all members.

The next annual meeting was fixed to be held in the Western District, at a centre easily accessible, and it was left to the general and district secretaries to make the necessary arrangements.

The thanks of the Guild are due to the Rector of St. Clement's for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held, and to Mr. Sergison for making all arrangements.

RINGING CONTEST AT MELTHAM. NINE TEAMS TEST THEIR SKILL.

The Halifax and District Association's annual meeting and six-bell contest took place at Meltham on July 13th. It was a glorious day, and nine sets had entered the contest. It was decided by the committee that each band should ring 600 changes, any method, and to do away with the usual practice of three leads. The draw was as follows: No. 1, Thornhill; No. 2, New Mill; No. 3, Sandal; No. 4, Friczland; No. 5, Shelley; No. 6, Huddersfield; No. 7, Liversedge; No. 8, Holmfirth; No. 9, Batley; and all the companies selected Treble Bob.

An excellent tea was provided in the school, to which about one hundred and twenty sat down. Ringing was completed at eight o'clock, and the meeting followed immediately afterwards. The president, Mr. E. Earnshaw, occupied the chair. The balance sheet was presented and adopted, on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Lawson (Lightcliffe). It showed a slight increase on the year.

Mr. J. E. Carter proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Meltham (Rev. H. F. T. Barter) for the use of bells, also to the churchwardens and ringers, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.—Mr. W. Idle seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.—The Vicar acknowledged the thanks, and said he thought that bellringing went a long way towards this country getting its name of 'Merrie England.' The mother church of that parish was the proud possessor of one bell, and the same bell was used for over one hundred years. He said the people of Meltham went as far as Marsden to meet the lorry which brought the present peal to the church in 1836, and he thought that great credit was due to Messrs. Taylor, the bell founders, as it was still a 'virgin peal.'

The officers elected for the present year were: President, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham); treasurer, Mr. F. Salmon (Halifax); secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax).

The judges (Mr. J. Broadley, Bradford, and Mr. E. Whitely, Meltham) gave their decision on the contest as follows:—

	Penalties.	Faults.	Total.
New Mill	...	Rung out	
Sandal	...	295	295
Friczland	10	254	264
Shelley	...	Rung out	
Huddersfield	...	253	253
Liversedge	...	156	156
Holmfirth	...	142	142
Batley	10	311	321
Thornhill	...	Rung out	

Holmfirth were therefore declared winners of the cup. It should be pointed out that Thornhill drew No. 1, but were unable to ring, and therefore, according to rule, had to ring last.

The Vicar presented the cup to Mr. J. B. Booth, of Holmfirth, and congratulated them, as it was the first time they had won it.—Mr. Booth suitably replied.

It was decided to have the next six-bell contest at Friczland, near Oldham, as the authorities had kindly offered the use of the bells. It was resolved that in future two six-bell contests be held to one eight-bell.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed the meeting.

THE DISTRICT SECRETARY'S PROBLEM.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Pirbright on Saturday, July 13th. As the bells are rung from the ground floor it proved an ideal place for a meeting on a hot day, as not only was it cool in the ringing room, but just outside the door in the churchyard is a shady tree, under which those not ringing could sit. Members were present from Old Woking, Worplesdon, Pirbright, West Clondon, the Cathedral Church and S. Nicolas, Guildford, and visitors from Croydon, Aldershot, Leatherhead and Beddington. The light ring of six were kept going all the afternoon and in the evening to rounds and methods from Grand sire and Bob Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

The Vicar of Pirbright (the Rev. H. S. Kelsey) conducted the service, and in the course of his address referred to the fact that although the music of the bells could be heard outside the church, the ringers producing it were hidden from view, so that the general public had very little idea of what was really happening in the ringing room. At least one of the members present could not help but think that if the people of Pirbright do not know how their bells are rung it is because they do not want to, for even the oldest inhabitant sitting in his bath chair could see into the ringing room from the churchyard gate. One of the things the District Secretary is sure the ringers did not see is the said secretary a few days before the meeting scratching his head in the middle of the following problem: 'If six members notify you of their intention of attending the meeting, will the weather be fine, and, if so, how many will endeavour to find a place at the tea table?' Fortunately, this time the answer at which he arrived was fairly accurate, for there was ample tea for the 34 who sat down to it.

The Vicar presided at a short business meeting. One new member was elected, and the election of one compounding member was confirmed.

THE RINGERS' RALLY AT NEWCASTLE.

Between 500 and 600 ringers and friends attended the great gathering of ringers at Newcastle on Saturday, when they were the guests at the North-East Coast Exhibition of the proprietors of the 'Newcastle Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, founders of the great Wellington War Memorial carillon, which is one of the outstanding features of the exhibition.

A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

A TRAGEDY OF THE ROAD.

CRANLEIGH RINGER'S DEATH FROM MOTOR ACCIDENT.

A distressing fatality has occurred to one of the Cranleigh, Surrey, company of bellringers, Mr. Elwin Charman, a member of an old ringing family, having been knocked down by a motor-car and dying as a result of his injuries.

It appears that on Saturday Mr. Charman was pushing his bicycle up a hill in a rather narrow road near Cranleigh. He paused at the entrance to Hall Place Drive and beckoned out a motor-cycle combination. Before the combination could come out of the drive a motor-car came over the brow of the hill. The two vehicles collided, and the motor-car crushed Mr. Charman against a pillar-box. He was removed to the County Hospital at Guildford, but succumbed to his injuries on Sunday. An inquest was held on Tuesday, when a verdict of 'Death from misadventure' was returned. He leaves a widow and family, with whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

Mr. Charman had been associated with the belfry at Cranleigh for many years. He was an old member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and became one of the foundation members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A most successful quarterly meeting was held at Monmouth on Saturday, when members mustered well from both Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire. The bells, a ring of eight by Rudhall, were recast, it is stated, from the original bells brought over from France and presented to Monmouth, after his successive victories, by Henry V., who was born at Monmouth. Very welcome visitors were the Coseley (Staffs) ringers, who were on their annual outing, and who, prior to the service, took part in the ringing. Service was held at 4.30, both the Vicar and curate taking part, the latter giving a very interesting address.

Following the meeting, tea, which had been very generously provided, was served in the Church Room. The business meeting followed, the Rev. C. K. Smith presiding.

Augmentation, restoration, and instructors' reports were received, and the representatives to the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford presented their report.

Progress since the last meeting in various ways was reported by the hon. secretary, and it was decided to hold the next Monmouth meeting at Caldicot in September, the next Glamorgan meeting to be held at Llantrisant. New members were also elected. After the usual vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a pleasant one, special mention was made of Mr. Leonard Jones, the local leader, for all he had done.

The bells were then rung until late, and brought a most successful and pleasant gathering to a close.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SPADE WORK IN PEAK DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Peak District was held at Hope and Castleton on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing commenced on the heavy peal of six at Hope (tenor reputed to be 19½ cwt.), and some amusing antics were witnessed as one after another tried their hands at keeping her going, not the least interested being the venerable and genial Vicar, who seemed quite tickled at the idea that his bells should present a problem to experts in the art. A pleasant chat with the Vicar and local ringers completed the proceedings, the question of the renovation of the bells and the taking up of change ringing by the local company being mooted and courteously received. Several of the locals accompanied the party to Castleton to receive a little variation.

Arrived at Castleton, a very well-going but rather unmusical peal of eight awaited the party, with a tenor about 15 cwt., and good use was made of the bells by ringers from Ashton-under-Lyne, Bakewell, Castleton, Dore, Hope and Sheffield Cathedral, a welcome addition to the gathering being Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft and party from Ashton, who were on a motor tour.

A substantial tea was provided at the residence of Mr. Payne, the genial vergier and steeplekeeper, and a short business meeting followed.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, one new member, Mr. R. R. Somerset, of Hope, was elected, and Eyam was suggested as the next meeting place on the second Saturday in August. Further ringing took place till about 8 p.m., plenty of opportunity being given to the Castleton and Hope ringers, several of whom expressed their intention of attending future meetings.

JUBILEE OF THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

FIFTY YEARS OF GROWTH.

The jubilee celebration of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which took place at Winchester on July 6th, was a great success, over a hundred members and friends being present. The Guild was established at a meeting at Basingstoke on June 26th, 1879, largely as the outcome of efforts that had been made by the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill (then of Winchester College and now of Berkhamstead), and the Rev. Canon Madge (Winchester). Both these gentlemen, happily, survive, but a number who were actively associated with them are no longer with us. The diocese at that time was a huge one, taking in the county of Hampshire, a big part of Surrey and the Isle of Wight. Change ringers were few and far between, and the means of intercommunication limited. But the spirit of belfry reform was abroad; the enthusiasts worked unsparingly. Various centres became rallying points, and among the practical ringers who did some wonderful spade-work were men whose names should ever remain emblazoned on the records of the Guild, like the late Henry White, the late John W. Whiting, George Williams and others, Mr. Williams having, since his return to the diocese, filled the offices of hon. secretary and Master. Other names which have been prominently associated with the progress of the Guild have been the late Rev. C. E. Matthews as secretary, Master and president, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was secretary for four years.

The division of the diocese in 1927 led to the towers in the new Guildford Diocese forming their own Guild, but the reorganisation of the remaining territory into the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild has given new life and growth to the old organisation, which to-day is more vigorous than ever. Interest in the jubilee commemoration was shown by ringers throughout the area, and representatives were present at the gathering from the following towers: Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Brockenhurst, Christchurch, Fareham, Freshwater, Highclere, Hursley, King's Somborne, Lynton, Micheldever, Milford-on-Sea, North Stoneham, Portsmouth Cathedral, Portsea, Romsey, Ryde, Sherborne St. John, Southampton, Stockbridge, Swanmore, Titchborne, Titchfield, Twyford, Wickham, Whitechurch, Woolton Hill, Winchester, and Yateley.

Among the visitors were Mr. E. Alex Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, Mr. E. C. Merrett (Brighton), representing the Sussex County Association, Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Mr. C. T. W. Coles (Walthamstow), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. S. Quintin (Newbury), and Mr. G. Bull (Binfield). Canon Madge joined the members at the service, but was not able to attend the tea. The two next oldest members present were Mr. G. Williams, who joined at Soberton in February, 1880, and Dr. Beales, who joined at Weybridge in June, 1880. The twelve bells at the Cathedral and the six at St. Maurice's Church were rung during the afternoon, and the members then sat down to tea together in the Masonic Hall. Canon Braithwaite presided, supported by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), Rev. N. C. Woods, the hon. secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), the Rev. Canon Goodman, the Rev. S. M. Watson (St. Maurice, Winchester), the Rev. Harold S. Morris (Twyford), Mr. E. Alexander Young, Mr. J. W. Elkins, Mr. Wilfred Andrews, etc.

After tea, Mr. G. Williams announced apologies from several, including the Rev. B. C. Taylor (Binsted), Rev. F. C. Sear (St. Mary Bourne), the Rev. W. E. Thomas (Romsey), the Rev. Evan Jones (Hedge End), Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. H. Barton (Ventnor), and others. He also read letters from the Rev. A. D. Hill regretting that, owing to rheumatism, he was unable to be present and conveying his congratulations. He wrote that he was proud to see that the Guild had grown and prospered so well. The Master also read a telegram of greeting, congratulation and good wishes sent by members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at their annual festival.

EARLY HISTORY.

Mr. Williams then went on to say that the Guild was founded on June 26th, 1879; he was elected a member on February 25th, 1880, and was probably the oldest member present that afternoon. There was very little ringing and very few ringers in those days, and one had to run all over Hampshire and Surrey to get enough men to ring a peal. The first peal was rung by the Guild on December 27th, 1881, at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, and was conducted by Stephen Brooker. Of the eight who took part in the peal, Mr. George Sayers, of Ashted, and Mr. C. Dudley, of Dorking, were the only survivors. The second peal rung by the Guild, and the first in Hampshire, was at Soberton, on January 17th, 1884. That was his first peal, and he was the only survivor. Not till September 24th, 1887, was a peal of Stedman rung by the Guild—the tower was that of St. Peter's, Fareham; the occasion was the birthday of J. W. Whiting, and the conductor was J. W. Washbrook. The next peal of Stedman was by a resident band on August 26th, 1889, also at St. Peter's, Fareham. This was the 50th peal by the Guild in a period covering just over ten years. It was only in recent times that peals in more advanced methods had been rung in Hampshire by resident bands. He would like to see more of the enthusiasm of the old days shown by the younger members in turning up for practices and for Sunday service ringing. In this connection, he

passed on to them the remarks which he read recently in the annual report of the Sussex County Association, reminding members that 'their first duty is to maintain the level of service ringing at the highest possible standard, sparing no pains to attain this end by punctual and regular attendance.' Mr. Williams gave the names of the secretaries of the Guild during the 50 years of its existence as follow: Rev. A. D. Hill, 1879-81; Rev. H. A. Spyers, 1881-90; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 1890-96; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 1896-1902; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 1902-06; Rev. C. W. Scott, 1906-08; Rev. W. E. Colchester, 1908-12; Mr. G. Williams, 1912-19; Rev. Sir John Herschel, 1919-21; Rev. N. C. Woods, 1921-23; Mr. G. Pullinger, 1923 to the present time. The Master concluded by extending a hearty welcome to visitors from other districts.

The Rev. N. C. Woods said he had two messages to give. One was from the Bishop of Portsmouth, their co-president, who rang him up that afternoon to give his very best wishes and blessing to the Guild, and the other was from Canon Robinson, who also sent his very best wishes (applause).

Canon Braithwaite, who was greeted with applause, said they were grateful to Mr. Williams for the information he had given them. It was always interesting to know the history of any society, because they built their future on the history of the past. They saw the great progress that had been made in the ringing in the diocese, and were glad to see such a large number of young men present on that jubilee day. He did not want to make a speech, but in his position as chairman he wished to give a toast—that of 'Prosperity to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Belling-ringers.' He did this with all his heart, and he hoped that the towers visited that day would be pleased with their work, and that they would go on giving more and more advanced touches as they were able, commencing with simpler ringing and going on further and further. He appealed to the younger members to regard the advice Mr. Williams had given with reference to regular and punctual attendances, by which they would learn more and more of the great and beautiful art of bellingring (applause).

Mr. E. A. Young said it was very kind of Mr. Williams to mention him as a visitor. As secretary of the Central Council, he felt he was there in a representative capacity, and, on behalf of the great body of bellingringers throughout the country, he cordially endorsed all the good wishes that had been expressed by the chairman.

Mr. C. T. Coles (Middlesex Association) warmly congratulated the Winchester Guild—which was one of the first in the country—on its success during the past 50 years. In listening to what had been said about those early days, one could but feel that the Guild met a long-felt want. In congratulating them on the past, he wished them even greater prosperity in the years to come (applause).

Mr. E. C. Merritt (St. Peter's, Brighton) also expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and added his congratulations on the jubilee.

Rev. S. M. Watson and Mr. F. E. Dawe also spoke. The latter endorsed what Mr. Williams had stated as to bellingring in the days when the Guild was started. There was a difficulty in getting practised ringers in those days; he was living in Devonshire at the time, and they had to go all the way to Oxford to get a man to make up a peal of Grand sire Triples.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF RINGING SOCIETIES.

The members then attended evensong in the Cathedral, where the Rev. N. C. Woods gave an address from Zechariah xiv. 20, 'The bells—Holy unto the Lord.' He spoke of the first importance of everything which concerned in any way the worship and praise of Almighty God, and said that by no means the least important item was the belfry. He therefore made no apology for addressing them on the subject of bells, bellingringers and bellingring on the 50th anniversary celebration of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. 'Worshippers,' he said, 'have, from time immemorial, been summoned to church by the ringing of bells; indeed, the church bells were, for centuries, the only means by which the people knew the time of day. The study of bell lore is an intensely fascinating one. It is so full of romance, and takes us back to early times in a way which cannot fail to hold us enthralled. Who does not know country villages—and, indeed, cities and towns, too—where very ancient customs still prevail in connection with bellingring? What memories bells bring back to us! What associations they have with important events in our lives! As time goes on, and people become less romantic in a utilitarian age, these old customs drop out one by one; but we, in this city, have at least one such ancient custom remaining—that of ringing the curfew at 8 o'clock each night.'

The preacher went on briefly to sketch the evolution of change ringing and the growth of ringing societies from the days of the Scholars of Cheapside, formed in 1603, and the Ancient Society of College Youths, established in 1637. 'The 18th century and the earlier part of the 19th century,' he said, 'are well known as times when matters ecclesiastical were not as we would have them to be, and it is not surprising to read that ringers and ringing were greatly prejudiced in the eyes of the public. However, about half-way through the 19th century things began to improve, and in our own diocese we find our Cathedral ringers being taken in hand by two clergy, one a Minor Canon of this Cathedral, and the other an

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DEATH OF A YOUNG LANCASHIRE RINGER.

On Friday, July 5th, there was laid to rest in the graveyard of Halsall Parish Church, Lancashire, the body of James Whittaker, one of the local band of ringers. The deceased was only 19 years of age, and was respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was a most promising young ringer. Four members of the belfry acted as bearers, and shortly after the interment 720 Treble Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled: J. Gardner 1, T. Prescott 2, A. Mawdesley 3, W. Huyton (conductor) 4, H. Serjeant 5, E. Blundell 6.

VISIT TO YORK.

The ringers of St. Ignatius' Church, Sunderland, accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. G. H. J. Baily), the curate (Rev. G. D. John), the churchwardens, and by their wives and lady friends, a company of 32 in all, had their annual outing on June 26th, when they visited York. An early start was made, and, arriving at York at 9.20, the visitors were welcomed by two of the Minster ringers, Messrs. Fearnley and Ricketts, who kindly acted as guides, and after a most interesting walk along the city walls a visit was paid to Messrs. Rowntree's Works. The great chocolate makers have very complete arrangements for the entertainment of visitors, and five lady conductors showed the party through the various departments. After dinner at the White Swan, a visit was paid to Escrick, a lovely model village six miles south of York, with a beautiful church which has been restored after being burnt down about five years ago. The belfry is very well appointed, and large enough to have accommodated the whole of the party, and the lovely bells were soon set going in touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative. A real Yorkshire tea followed at the Black Bull Hotel, and full justice was done to it. Heartily thanks were then accorded to the churchwardens for their presence and their contribution to the expenses, a welcome given to the visitors, and thanks to the Dean of York and the Rector of Escrick for the use of their bells, and the secretary for his services in making all the arrangements, in which Mr. Imeson, of the Minster, had rendered valuable assistance. The party were then photographed by Mr. Frank Ainsley, and the visitors and ladies had a walk through the beautiful gardens of the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rev. Trollope, and the ringers returned to York for a ring on the middle eight of the Minster, but unfortunately they found there was not sufficient time for a ring. They, however, had the pleasure of seeing 'Great Peter' (10½ tons), and learnt with amusement that he is half-raised every day at noon, and continues to sound for 7 or 8 minutes after the ringer leaves the chamber? Reluctant steps were then made for the station, and the party arrived home at 10.45, after an almost 'perfect day.'

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assistant master at Winchester College, who conducted a practice in No. 4, The Close, on December 5th, 1878. In the following year, 1879, we find the same two enthusiasts organising a meeting at Basingstoke on June 26th, at which the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers was actually established. In these early days of the Guild transport was very difficult, and we find that in order to attend a committee meeting at Basingstoke these two men had to walk from Winchester to Micheldever to catch a train to Basingstoke. We also find other members of the Guild walking or bicycling on the old-fashioned high bicycles, all over the diocese, to attend meetings, ring peals, and teach would-be ringers in a way which compels admiration. We even find one early member giving up a good appointment altogether in order to attend a tower to take part in ringing a peal, because his employer would not allow him to leave off for the day! It is a pride and joy to us who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our Guild's foundation to know that the two clergy, who were virtually our founders, are alive to-day—indeed, one of them is actually here this afternoon. It would not be possible to mention by name all those to whom the Guild has reason to be grateful, but I feel that it is only just and proper that the names of Francis Thomas Madge and Arthur Dur Boulay Hill should be mentioned, as it is to them we owe the inspiration which brought our Guild into existence; and it was in great part their influence, encouragement and enthusiasm which inspired the early members, and caused the Guild—small at first—to become the flourishing institution it is to-day. In conclusion, I would say to the clergy, "Know your ringers, and appreciate the part they take in the worship of the sanctuary"; and to the ringers I cannot do better than quote the words of their present Master (himself one of the very earliest members of the Guild): "I always make a point of turning up to ring for each service on a Sunday, just in the same way as I go to my daily occupation; and I think it is no less than any incumbent can expect of his ringers, that they should endeavour to attend at least one of the services. If a ringer is a conscientious thinker, he will feel it his duty, on principle, to do this." God, Who has brought us through the first 50 years of our existence, bless and keep our Guild, now and in the future; and of His mercy pardon our shortcomings, and accept what we have done, what we do, and what we hope to do to His honour and glory.

In the evening the bells of the Cathedral and St. Maurice's Church were again rung, and parties were made up to visit Bishopstoke, Hursley, North Stoneham, and Twyford, there being a ring of eight at each of these churches.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Sandon on Saturday, July 13th. The bells were set going just after 2.30 p.m., and at the subsequent service the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Williams) officiated and gave an address. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) read the lesson.

A splendid tea was served at the Crown Inn. Mr. Geo. Green (District Master) presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, the Rector, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams, Dr. Spencer Phillips and Mr. H. W. Kirton (District Secretary). Three new members were elected from Danbury and two from Sandon were re-elected. It was arranged to visit Southminster and Tillingham in September, also to hold the annual meeting on November 16th at Galleywood.

Mr. C. H. Howard thanked the Rector for his address, and Mrs. Williams for playing the organ.—The Rector said that he felt very proud to have an association meeting at his church, as they had only five bells. It was the first time there had been a meeting at Sandon, and he hoped that it would not be long before there was another.

There were 31 present, including five lady ringers from Great Bad-dow and Galleywood. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung on the bells, and the tower at Danbury was also open in the afternoon and evening.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

Although rather difficult of access, over 40 members and friends put in an appearance at the meeting at Orsett on Saturday, the weather now being at its best. This was the association's first visit to Orsett since the rebuilding of the church, which was partially destroyed by fire in 1926. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were soon going to Kent, followed by touches in various methods till 4.30, when service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Dewhurst), who, in the course of his address, remarked how pleased he was to see such a fine gathering, and expressed the hope that the association would soon pay another visit to this beautiful church and village. A splendid tea was served on the lawn of Whitmore Arms, to the accompaniment of gramophone records. Tea over, business was soon disposed of, four new ringing and one honorary member being elected, and Barking was selected for the place of next meeting, to be held on September 21st. Other district secretaries are asked to kindly note this date.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the use of the tower and bells, and conducting the service, to the organist and organ blower, and to Mr. Keeling and members of the local band for having everything in readiness.—The Rector and Mr. Keeling suitably replied. Leytonstone, Tilbury, Romford, Barking, Maldon, Woodford, etc., were the towers represented, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, London, Carlisle, Cambridge and Spliced York and Durham, Cambridge, Ipswich, Ringers' and Primrose Surprise were rung. The afternoon went all too quickly, and all enjoyed themselves at this well-known but rather out-of-the-way village and church.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at Everton, near Bawtry, on Saturday, July 13th, when the weather favoured the attendance. The bells were ready early for the visitors. The Rev. F. S. Curtis presided over the tea, served on the Vicarage lawn, and the meeting. He was supported by Mr. H. Haigh (hon. treasurer), Mr. H. Revill (hon. assistant secretary), and 24 members from Anston, Barlborough, Gainsborough, Sutton-on-Trent, Gamston, Warsop, Treeton, Worksop, West Retford, Cuckney, Edwinstone, Scotter, Ordsall, and the local company. It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Markham, on an early Saturday in September. Mr. Haigh mentioned that the Crawford cup would be competed for at this meeting. He said that he would like to see a large entry for this trophy.—The following new members were elected: Arthur Ashby and Edger Eggelston (Barlborough), W. Brunt (Worksop), J. Tomlinson, sen., J. Tomlinson, jun., C. Randall and R. Bromer (West Retford). E. A. Wilson (Sutton-in-Ashfield) was elected a non-resident life member, and Rev. E. Roberson, Vicar of East Markham, a vice-president.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, making arrangements for and presiding over tea and meeting, on the motion of Mr. Haigh, seconded by Mr. Barker.

The bells were kept going until 9 a.m., the methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise Minor.

FAMILY RINGERS.

At St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey, on June 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4.6.8 covering, was rung in 44 mins.: E. Hunt 1, F. J. Ewens 2, F. Marchant 3, H. J. Hunt, sen., 4, B. Hawkins (conductor) 5, Edward Hunt 6, H. Hunt 7, A. Hunt 8. All are Sunday service ringers except 5th and 7th, who are attached members of the band. H. J. Hunt is father of Edward and A. Hunt (twins) and H. and E. Hunt (twins), while F. J. Ewens is a son-in-law.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT TROWBRIDGE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the beautiful Church of St. James, Trowbridge, on Saturday, July 6th. Ringing commenced on the fine ring of ten bells about 2.45 p.m., and continued till 4.40 p.m., when the Guild service was held and was conducted by the chairman of the branch, Mr. D. G. Heginbotham, the Rectory being vacant, and the priest-in-charge having another engagement. Mr. Howell was the organist. Later, 23 sat down to tea.

A short business meeting followed, at which the chairman referred to the small number present, considering the position Trowbridge held in the Branch. He extended a hearty welcome to the visitors from Swindon.

Mr. Walter J. Tiley, of Burton, was elected a life ringing member.

A communication was read from the general secretary, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, respecting peals for the King's Thanksgiving Day. Mr. S. Hillier gave a report of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting.

On the motion of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. B. Cook, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hillier for his report, to the chairman for conducting the service, and to the organist.

The visitors present included Messrs. C. Gardiner, H. Bishop, S. Palmer, W. B. Kynaston, N. Allnott and R. W. Hyner, Swindon, Mr. L. A. Wilson, Wootton Bassett, and Mr. E. Coward, Mere, and members were present from Trowbridge, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, Bratton, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Holt, Rowde, Warminster and Melksham. Touches in various standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The poet Crabbe was Rector of Trowbridge from 1814 till his death in 1832, and a monument to his memory, inscribed as follows, is on the north wall of the chancel: 'Sacred to the memory of the Rev. G. Crabbe, LL.B., who died on the 3rd of February, 1832, in the 78th year of his age, and the 18th of his services as Rector of this Parish. Born in humble life, he made himself what he was, breaking through the obscurity of his birth by the force of his genius; yet he never ceased to feel for the less fortunate, entering, as his works can testify, into the sorrows and wants of the poorest of his parishioners, and so discharging the duties of a pastor and a magistrate as to endear himself to all around him. As a writer he cannot be better described than in the words of a great poet, his contemporary, 'Tho' Nature's sternest Painter, yet her best.' This monument was erected by some of his affectionate friends and parishioners.'

It was during Crabbe's Rectorate that the first recorded peal (Holt's) on Trowbridge bells (which had been made a peal of eight in 1800 by James Wells, of Aldbourne) was rung by Trowbridge men, viz., March, 1826. And if their spirits ever visit Trowbridge belfry and see the achievements of Sam and his companions, how pleased they must be to see the good work still going on.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—With the bells half-muffled, on Monday, July 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mark's Church, as a token of respect to the late Mr. P. Burgess, of Worsley: C. Gudgeon 1, W. Jones 2, M. Berry 3, D. Clarke (longest length of Stedman) 4, J. H. Ridyard 5, F. Grundy 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, B. Knight (longest length of Stedman) 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 20th (p.v.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: Rev. R. H. A. Bullock, Vicar of St. Laurence, Reading. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. to members on day of festival; 3s. to non-members. A collection will be taken at the service for the Guild Restoration Fund.—Richard T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Sudbury on July 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m.: All Saints' (8), St. Gregory (8) and St. Peter (8). Tea at W. Suffolk Tea Rooms 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting follows.—Stedman Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham; Walter Arnold, Earls Colne, Essex, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, July 20th. Tea will be arranged. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The sixth annual festival will be held at Tenby on Saturday, July 20th. Tower of St. Mary's Church (8 bells) open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 2.45 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service at 3 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. 4 p.m.: Tea at Church House, by kind invitation of the Rector of Tenby. Business meeting to follow.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, by kind invitation. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, Hon. Divisional Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea about 5 o'clock, followed by meeting.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on July 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — The dedication of the new bells of Eccles Parish Church will take place on Saturday, July 20th. Service in church at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each for those sending their names to Mr. J. T. Potter, 33, Cecil Road, Eccles. Bells open for ringing after service.—J. Hall, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held on July 20th at Horbling. Bells (a new peal of 6 by Taylor) and also at Billingborough (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4 p.m. at Horbling. Tea and meeting at Tateson's Café, Billingborough, at 5 p.m.—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

LADIES' GUILD. — Lincolnshire District.—A combined meeting with the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Bigby on July 20th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Schoolroom, at a moderate charge.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Coventry, on Saturday, July 20th. Committee meeting at 4.45. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each, in St. Andrew's Hall, Binley Road. Meeting to follow.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 20th. The arrangements will be as usual. Permission has been obtained to view the grounds of the Castle. A special bus will leave the Market Square, Wellingborough, at 2.40. Return fare 1s. — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley and Leicester Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. A. Ballard, Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton, near Leicester. A good attendance is hoped for, all ringers and friends being welcome. — W. A. Cope, Hinckley District; A. Disney, Leicester District.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—Reports, diagrams, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready early. Tea 5 p.m. at the Café. All ringers invited. It is hoped there will be a good meeting at this charming old village. Please write for tea to Mr. H. Crossland, jun., Darton Road, Cawthorne, near Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A special meeting for the unveiling of the Ladies' Peal Tablet will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 20th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea to follow, 1/- per head, to all who notify Mr. J. Garth, School House, Handsworth, Sheffield. A good attendance is requested.—H. F. Jacques, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District. — A meeting of the above will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (10)

available from 3.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Service, tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Archdeaconry.—Meeting at Bourn, Cambs, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. The service will be taken by Rev. Duffill. Please notify for tea. Postcard will do. Come and ring some of Taylor's best. All welcome.—F. Warrington, Longstanton, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Carhampton on Saturday, July 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 5. Dunster bells will be available for ringing—Geo. Stacey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Wilton Road, Victoria, on Monday, July 22nd. Ringing commences at 7.30 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m., Business: Nominations for vice-president, treasurer, secretary and Central Council representatives. The Bolton Borough Police have placed their bowling green at the disposal of ringers and their friends on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names, please, by Aug. 6th. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203 Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. & E. District) AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).—Joint meeting at Hadley, July 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Barnet bells available during evening. Members and friends of both associations are cordially invited, but please advise your district secretary by July 24th if you require tea, for which 1s. will be charged.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; Wm. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea must let me know first post Wednesday, July 24th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Shoreham, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Further particulars next week. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Marshland Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Marsham on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 6d. each to members and friends, who must send to me their names not later than Wednesday, July 24th.—W. G. Cross, Hon. Sec., 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bathampton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Numbers for tea by July 22nd.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Sturry, where the six bells have recently been rehung, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. Ernest Slingsby, Park View, Sturry, on or before Thursday, July 25th?—P. W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Dibden on Saturday, July 27th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea by July 23rd.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) ready early. Will all ringers please make their own arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shoreham, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at Ye Olde George Inn at 1s. 4d. per head. Members requiring tea must notify me by first post Tuesday, July 23rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Chesterfield Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Crich, Derbyshire, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers and friends welcome. Tea may be obtained in the village.—Geo. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, John P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Local Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Will those requiring tea notify me by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Elloe Deaneries and Eastern Branches will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. Phillips, The Schoolhouse, Butterwick, Boston, or to Geo. Ladd, Pinchbeck, Spalding, not later than first post Wednesday, July 24th.—Geo. Ladd, Pinchbeck.

ALDENHAM.—Saturday, July 27th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea (Village Club) 5.30. Cheap tickets from all stations to Bushey (nearest station). Buses to church from Bushey to Watford. Number for tea by 23rd.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (Tel. City 4270).

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Also Henlow, if able to arrange. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Olveston. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service (probably) 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will members make a special effort to attend, advising me not later than the 23rd inst.?—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) in the adjoining grounds. Will those intending to be present kindly inform me by Tuesday, the 23rd? All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Long Buckley on July 27th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, Hon. Sec., East Haddon, Northants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 27th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (by kind invitation) and business meeting afterwards. Will all ringers who intend to come please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 23rd?—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Preshute, half-mile from Marlborough. Ringers requiring tea kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Kingsnorth, in conjunction with the church fete. Meat tea for Guild members at 1s. per head. Bells available 2 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend and help forward the church and bell restoration. A card to Mr. H. Parkes, Lynton, Kingsnorth, by July 24th for tea will oblige.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Lane End, near High Wycombe (6 bells), on Saturday, July 27th, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, at 5.30 p.m., for those who notify by 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 27th (by kind invitation of W. E. Neuth, Esq. and the Vicar). Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. All intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, July 23rd.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, July 24th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Rd., Aldershot.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, July 27th.—Tea at 5.45 p.m. Service 6.30. Will those requiring tea please send a card to Mr. F. Lack, Great Staughton Post Office, St. Neots, or let me know by Wednesday, July 24th?—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, July 27th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15 and tea (1s. 3d. per head) at 4.45 at Hunter's Cafe, Prebend Row. Will members intending to be present please let me know not later than the 25th?—Geo. S. Taylor, Secretary, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. —Wm. Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Buses leave Leeds every hour and 40 minutes past each hour.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at Bridgnorth on Monday, August 5th (Bank Holiday). Ringing from 2 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's 4 p.m. Tea (free to Guild members) 4.30 p.m. Fuller details next week.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Monday, Aug. 5th. Service in St. John's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock, at Woodcock Café. Business meeting afterwards. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and Woodston will be available during the day. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Tuesday, July 30th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

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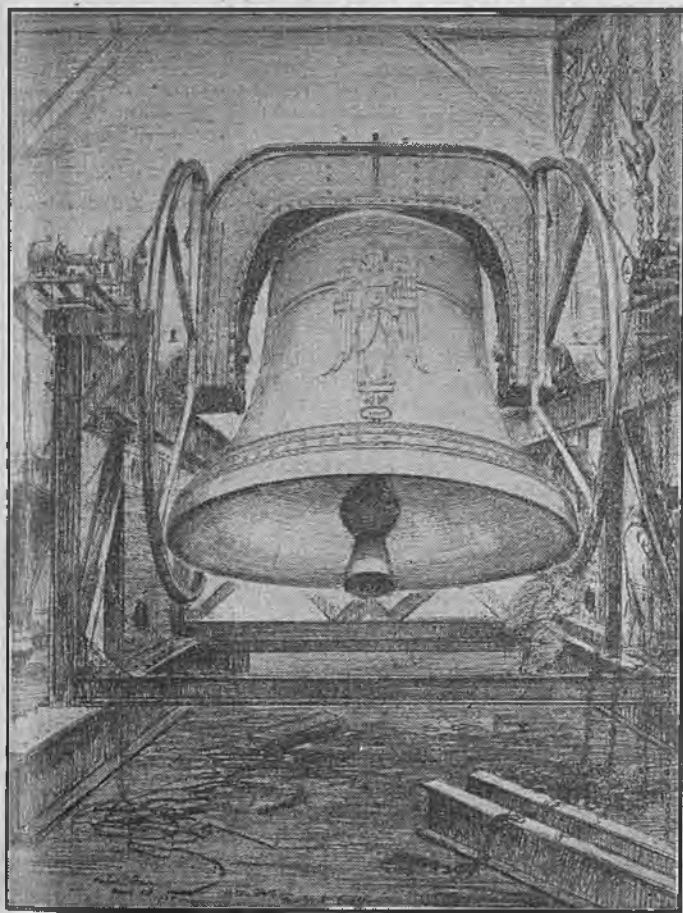
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A SOUND DEVELOPMENT.

There is probably no diocese in the country where the restoration of church bells has, in recent years, been carried on to a greater extent and with more persistent effort than in the diocese of Oxford. This has been largely due to the influence of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whose members, from the Master downwards, have set themselves out to get the towers put in order. And they have been succeeding in a remarkable way. Local ringers, branch and guild officials have done wonders in persuading church authorities to undertake schemes to repair, and often to augment, their bells. The good work has spread, and last year the Master, who is the consultant on bell matters to the Diocesan Advisory Board, was called in to inspect and advise in quite a dozen cases. In practically all these towers work will doubtless be taken in hand, if it has not already been accomplished or begun, for it has been noticeable in the past that, when the Master has been asked for advice, a restoration scheme is almost always the outcome.

But it is not in advice and persuasion alone that the Guild has taken a part in getting bells put in order. It is taking its share in a practical way as well, and one of its most important developments is the financial assistance which it gives to these schemes. The Guild has established a restoration fund which seems almost to have the characteristics of the widow's cruse. A steady stream of grants goes out to churches where restorations are undertaken, yet the fund scarcely seems to diminish. This, of course, is due to the ingenuity of the treasurer, to whom the fund owes its inception, and although last Saturday five grants, amounting to nearly twenty-five pounds, were voted, Mr. Wright will probably come to the next annual meeting with a balance almost if not quite as large as he showed this year. The Guild's contributions to bell funds are not, however, limited to these votes from the general meeting. Each grant from the central fund follows a similar amount from the coffers of the branch in which the restoration is proceeding, so that this year the Guild will provide nearly £50 for this good work.

It is a wonderful example to other societies and it demonstrates to the authorities and to the public that ringers are not only ready to give their time to the service of the Church, but that they are also prepared, when need arises, to dip into their own funds to help to restore to proper order the bells which they ring. It is not every ringing organisation that has money to devote to this purpose on the same scale as in the Oxford Guild, which has over two hundred affiliated towers, but everywhere

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there is a growing tendency on the part of associations to make donations to bell funds. It is a sound and practical development, because it not only demonstrates the ringers' desire to help, but gives the associations a special interest in these restored peals which should make them all the more keen to see that the bells are kept in constant and efficient use.

THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

The following further peals have been rung in connection with the National Thanksgiving for the King's restoration to health:—

EIGHT BELI. PEALS.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	THOMAS E. TAYLOR 5
HERBERT R. PICKERING 2	KENNETH C. TAYLOR 6
JACK W. TAYLOR... .. 3	*HARRY ROSWELL 7
HERBERT C. PIPER 4	FRANCIS BROTHEERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' Also rung as a birthday peal for T. E. Taylor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Also rung for the jubilee of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which was celebrated on July 6th.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
*GEORGE HAWKINS 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
EDWARD W. LUFF 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
†EDWIN PERRY 4	†EDWARD BOWYER Tenor

Composed by H. W. TAYLOR.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal 'inside' on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells.

OLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	*FRED HAWKES 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise.

CROYDON.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: J. Rumble, sen., 1, F. Talbot (first quarter-peal) 2, J. Talbot 3, G. H. Humphries 4, J. E. Cooper 5, J. Rumble, jun., 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. Cawley 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the above church.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	JOHN F. EVANS 5
ALBERT E. JONES 2	WILLIAM R. NASH 6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	FRANCIS EVANS 7
JOHN J. PRICE 4	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

Ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th and tenor are from Ludlow, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 7th from Knighton.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES MARSH Treble	WILLIAM HUYTON 4
JOSEPH RIDYARD 2	HENRY SERJENT 5
THOMAS ROSEWELL 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal of Minor. Mr. H. Parker was made a member of the association previous to starting.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
ALBERT G. HARRISON 2	DAVID WEITING 5
ALPHAËUS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Mr. Ted Youngs, the well-known local ringer, met and entertained the company after the peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings.

JOHN BAILLESS Treble	M. EDWARD WATSON 4
WILLIAM LOMAS 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
FRANK BAILLESS 3	ALFRED WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by M. E. WATSON.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

CORSLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD F. MARLOW ... Treble	ERNEST F. WHITE 4
IRFEE FRANCIS 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 5
EDWARD G. COWARD 3	WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

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

NORTHLEACH.—On July 12th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Mrs. F. A. Clements 1, J. Mustoe 2, B. T. Phillips 3, W. Clayton 4, J. C. Accock 5, D. Hills 6, F. A. Clements (first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor) 7, Cpl. L. Leach 8. Kindly arranged by Mr. Accock for the ringers of treble, 3rd and 7th, who hail from Bourton-on-the-Water, and rung as a farewell to Corporal Leach, who is going to Malta. It was also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. C. Accock.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

HARRY WHALLEY Treble	WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ... 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	JOHN H. HAYWARD 6
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER 4	JOSEPH L. STAINER Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell. The conductor's 200th peal. First peal on the bells since they were retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. M. Barber, who was interred on the above date.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	RONALD G. BECK 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. Treble	FRED COTTON 5
GEORGE DUDLEY 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 6
GEORGE A. NEWTON 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
LEONARD E. TOWERS 4	ALFRED BALLARD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Charles Howe, J.P., who was 77 years a chorister at this church. He passed away on the 15th at the age of 87 years, and was interred at the above churchyard on the 18th. He was the father of Mr. F. Howe, of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	SAM JONES, JUN. 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING. Rung on the 6th anniversary of the 17,280 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Over, by the same band.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM TAYLOR Treble	JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... 4
JAMES MILLER 2	JAMES ARMSTRONG 6
H. W. GAYTON 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
FRED RIGBY 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS. * Fiftieth peal. The peal was specially arranged for Mr. H. W. Gayton, of Harrold, Bedfordshire, who was on a visit to the district. Mr. Gayton was elected a non-resident member of the association prior to commencing for the peal.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
JAMES H. RAPER 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 6
ALFRED BACON 3	EDWARD BARKER 7
WILLIAM J. WASBY 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. B. DUNCAN.

TOUCHES RUNG FOR NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

At St. Mary's Church, Great Bardfield, Essex, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes), also 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Hills 1, A. Piper 2, G. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, W. Piper 5, H. Hills 6, E. Townsend 7, J. Jennings (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 6th.

At the Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Bucks, on Wednesday, July 17th, in 52 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss D. R. Fletcher 1, Miss K. E. Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, F. W. Buckland 4, H. Wingrove 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Buckland (conductor) 7, W. H. Fletcher 8.

At Truro Cathedral, on Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins., after the evening service: W. E. Minors 1, J. Sedgley 2, A. S. Roberts 3, A. F. Knight 4, R. A. Watts 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, W. H. Southard (conductor) 7, R. C. James 8.

At All Saints', Farmborough, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, on Sunday, July 7th: A. Cantle 1, A. E. Gould 2, E. Flower 3, W. Shore 4, W. Rosewell (conductor) 5, F. Humphreys 6.

At St. Peter's Church, South Weald, on Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: E. C. B. Sharplin 1, J. Harridge 2, F. Wood 3, G. Miles (conductor) 4, A. Benbow 5, F. Everitt 6.

At St. Peter's, Newdigate, Surrey, after thanksgiving service, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins.: G. A. Brett 1, Mrs. W. Spooner 2, W. Spooner 3, Miss H. Darville (first 720), 4, C. Mitchell 5, R. Brett (conductor) 6.

At Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, before the service, 340 Wells Surprise Minor, and after service 720 of London Surprise Minor, the following taking part: R. Busby, J. T. Titt, E. W. Gay, G. W. Park, W. N. Park, R. Park, and W. H. Porter, conducted by G. W. Park. For evensong, 840 York Surprise Minor: R. Busby 1, R. W. Gay (first extent of York) 2, G. W. Park 3, R. Park 4, W. N. Park (conductor) 5, W. H. Porter 6.

At Beenham, Berkshire, for thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: F. Wigmore 1, *W. Churchill 2, E. Richardson 3, *B. Churchill 4, A. Arlott (conductor) 5, *G. Hizzey 6. * First quarter-peal. This is thought to be the first quarter-peal for 32 years at this church.

At St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, Suffolk, 720 Bob Minor: O. A. Moody 1, R. Heath 2, M. White (first 720 on an inside bell) 3, L. Moon 4, L. Warner (first 720 as conductor) 5, R. Sharp 6.

At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Eltham, Kent, on Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. Flower 1, F. J. Hurrell 2, T. Groombridge, sen., 3, R. Brett Smith 4, T. Emsden 5, J. Hurrell 6, H. Wood 7, C. A. Bines (conductor) 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A highly successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held in delightful weather at Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Saturday, July 13th, and was attended by upwards of thirty members, representative of towers at Yoele, Hawden, Hull, Hemmingbrough, Thorne, Pontefract, Selby, Eastington, and members of the local band. A short service was held in the Parish Church, an address being delivered by the Vicar (Rev. J. Haythornthwaite), who took as his text the last verse of the last Psalm. He commented that the average age of ringers was much higher than formerly, and deplored the fact that the younger men did not offer themselves for ringing as previously, owing to the greater number of attractions which now abounded.

Tea was afterwards served in the Victoria Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Apologies for absence were received from the vice-president, Mr. F. Crier (Selby), and Mr. F. W. Dale (Hull). An invitation received from the Vicar of St. Augustine's, Hedon, near Hull, to hold the next meeting at that place, was unanimously accepted. The peal of six, at present under restoration, will be augmented to eight, and it is hoped will be ready for the meeting.—The Vicar was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. H. Crowe and G. Wilburn ringing members of the association.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for service and address, to the organist, to the ladies who served tea, and to Mr. H. Crowe and the local band for their excellent arrangements.

A few short touches in the tower brought to a close another delightful meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

MEMBERS, NOT DELEGATES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Through the kindness of Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who sent me a cutting from the 'Daily Mail' of 4th inst. (a paper which I do not usually see), containing an article by Viscount Brentford (Sir W. Joynton Hicks), entitled 'Advice to a Young M.P.', I am enabled to quote from it a passage which my friend, Mr. Guise, and any others whom it may concern, would do well to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.

He says: 'There is one point in regard to which I am increasingly anxious as years go on. . . . When every constituent roads what you have said the next morning, and writes to warn you that you mustn't say it again, there is a tendency to become a delegate and not a representative. Burke was right when, in returning thanks for his election at Bristol in 1774, he said: "Your representative owes you not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving, you if he sacrifices it to your opinion. . . . When you have chosen a member, he is not a member of Bristol, but he is a member of Parliament." I am satisfied that we should all try more and more to realise this point. We are not members for Twickenham or for Manchester; we are members of the great Parliament of Great Britain, with the interests of the whole nation in our hands, and with a responsibility to the whole of it.'

I commend not only what Lord Brentford says, but the voice of Burke, coming, as it did, from Bristol, to Mr. Guise, himself a Bristol man, and to any of his friends who hitherto have thought as he does.

The Central Council consists, not of delegates, but of members, each supposed to do his best, not necessarily for the association that sends him, but for the Exercise as a whole.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

DULY CONSTITUTED RULES WANTED.

Sir,—Where is the consistency of a body whose position should be above even criticism?

Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the Central Council, to a member, May 29th, 1928: 'You are not here as a delegate but as a member of the Council.'

Rev. C. D. P. Davies: 'That these words of the president do not, and neither the president nor anyone can, prevent a member of the Council from considering himself, and acting in all respects as if he were, a delegate. By doing so, he merely lowers his own status gratuitously.'

I think Mr. Guise is right. We want duly constituted rules to understand our position, not haphazard methods which result as above.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH GOULD.

Shirehampton, Bristol.

APSLEY AND HEMPSTEAD RINGERS' OUTING.

The Apsley and Hempstead ringers, with a few visitors, had an enjoyable day among the bells on June 15th. Leaving Apsley at 7.15, and picking up at the Ringers' Rest, and Boxmoor, the journey was made to Monks Risborough, where hangs a peal of six. These were rung to various methods for nearly an hour, in spite of the old jars and brooms that were continually getting mixed up with the ringers' feet! After a raid on the postcard shop, a move was made to Watlington, where the peal of eight were soon going. Lowering the bells about 12 o'clock, the next thought was dinner, arranged at Henley, so another move was made, some real 'giant mushrooms' being encountered on the way. If the dinner did not provide great thrills, it did one thing, and that was to supply 'ball bearings' for the bells. Henley Parish Church was then visited for an hour, and the journey resumed to Bray, with its 27½ cwt. tenor on the end of six. Here the greatest ambition, in at least one person's life, was accomplished in due course, when the tenor was turned in, in a masterly manner, without 'stopping.' However, after just over an hour's stay, this nice bell had to be left behind, and the journey resumed to Windsor, stopping by the roadside for the 'annual camera parade.' After tea, an hour's ringing was enjoyed at St. John's Church, finishing the day with a splendid touch of Stedman. The rest of the evening was spent in various ways, some with the local ringers, until 9.30, when a move was made for home, the journey being enlivened, as ringers know how, with songs old and new. The party take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and the vergers and ringers who met them during the day, thus making the outing a success. Touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Oxford Bob Minor and Oxford Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Stedman Triples, a method known locally as 'Leverstock Green Surprise,' and Little Bob Major.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 18th, 1,312 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: *H. Warnett, jun., 1, H. Warnett, sen., 2, J. Lamb 3, *J. Dafter 4, C. W. Roberts 5, E. Garrard 6, J. Bennett 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8. * Longest length in method.

IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND.

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After the peal at Harrietsham a homely tea was enjoyed at the Bell Inn, kept by Mr. Owen Hodges, who was formerly one of the Biddenden band. Mr. Hodges saved the ringing book, once the property of John Ferman, an old hand at Harrietsham, who died about eight years ago, aged 82 years. In this book in Ferman's handwriting were some doggerel lines, probably copied by him from the original in 1781, describing a peal of 5,040 of Bob Major and the ringers thereof. Here are some of the verses:—

In seventeen hundred and eighty and one,
To begin the new year, as the old one was gone,
Eight sprightly young striplings were met in Leeds steeple,
All ringers of fame, and I'll tell you the people.

CHORUS:

Hi, Derry down, ring away, Derry down day.
These active Leeds youths who accomplished this peal,
Went to it like lions, with hearts true as steel;
In measure and time made the clappers to beat,
Five thousand and forty—Bob Major complete.

To each ringer is devoted a verse, giving his name, age and occupation. One of these runs:—

The seventh, a Barham, of very great fame,
A noted bob-caller, and James is his name;
His age, fifty-five, and he bobs them about,
And keeps his bell right till the peal is rung out.

Such a noble performance has never been done,
Their ages four hundred and ninety and one;
You will ne'er find their equal I venture to tell,
If you search the world through they will still bear the bell.
So, now, brother ringers of every degree,
With your bells and your bottles be merry and free;
Then fill up your glasses, for here my song ends,
Drink a health to brave Fairfax and Martin and friends.

Hi, Derry down, ring away, Derry down day.

The Hon. Robert Fairfax was owner of Leeds Castle, and gave the treble bells to Leeds Parish Church in 1751.

A beautiful May morning gave good heart to the company on their way by road from Ashford to Appledore, where two attempts for Superlative and a change to Cambridge Surprise met with success for the 'third time of asking.' The Vicar kindly met the party at the church, and Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, spliced a faulty rope. At the churchyard gate stands a heavy oak settle, newly made, which has just been installed for the use of the parishioners—it needs the words 'Rest and be thankful' carved upon it, and the date, similar to such a seat in Twyford parish. It may be noted here that the ringers were the first (probably) really to make use of it. A cold lunch at the adjoining inn, with reduced 'malt' allowance, was partaken of before departing for the 'big job' on hand for the afternoon.

Tenterden Parish Church, sometimes called the 'Cathedral of the Marshes,' stands upon a rising plateau and forms with its handsome tower a landmark for miles around. The oldest record of the building dates from the reign of Henry II. In 1180, the Archbishop of Canterbury instituted Hugh Norman, and as late as 1240 it was found that he was still Rector. Henry de Wyngham was nominated to the living in 1252, the parishioners objecting to his appointment. An affair took place in the church in which one Henry de la Smaleide (Henry of Smallhythe) was so wounded that he died. Wyngham was a native of the parish of that name near Canterbury, and was a man of some merit: the King not only pardoned him and others (about 20 names are given), but eventually he became Bishop of London, and died in 1282.

The earlier registers have been lost, and not until 1311 does the name of a Vicar of Tenterden appear in the existing records. The dedication of St. Mildred is very uncommon. There are only three other churches in the whole county which have the same name—Greston, Nurstead and Canterbury—and it first appears in the registers of 1479. In the Abbey registers of St. Augustine's it is recorded that Tenterden belongs to the manor of Minster, in Thanet, and as St. Mildred was very closely connected with that Abbey (being second abbess), her name follows ownership. The architecture of the oldest portion is Early English and Lancet, the ceiling of the nave is wagon shaped, panelled and handsomely carved, but the period is unknown. The roof is covered with shingle, an unusual method of roofing. These were renewed at the last restoration, but their first use goes back to 1584. The porch and doorway appear to be 14th century work, also the font, which is decorated style. In 1798 a dreadful hailstorm broke every pane of glass in the south and south-west sides of the church.

The tourists arrived at the church at three o'clock, and were met by the vergers and head ringer with 'Right away,' and the bells were raised. The ringers were instructed not to take notice of anyone going up and down the staircase, as the place was open for any visitors to ascend to the top of the tower to get a view of the dis-

tant scenery. However, someone during the peal got into the clock room and interfered with the ropes; several tried the belfry door and called to the ringers, but still the changes rolled up in regular sequence until the conductor called 'That's all.' Tenterden bells form the heaviest octave in the county, and few peals of Major have been rung upon them since Philip Hodgkin first turned in the tenor single-handed in 1912. On the present occasion the band realised that the honours of the afternoon were due to the excellent compass of the three 'backenders' throughout the peal.

How the party enjoyed a Tenterden tea, and rode lightheartedly 'on air'—mentally and physically—back to Ashford, and parted hastily at the station for their respective homes, is a Kent recollection that will stand for some time in their ringing memory. There is an excellent little booklet describing the church, by A. H. T., 1927, of which a copy was sent the writer by James Hayward, and here are some extracts of the chapters on 'The Tower' and 'The Bells,' but the author does not disclose the fact that a ring of eight bells was provided by voluntary subscriptions in 1769, and the whole were cast by Pack and Chapman at Whitechapel.

Another fact which appears to have no record left to tell the tale is the visit to Tenterden of the Leeds Youths in 1771—on May 20th, too, by a coincidence, when they rang 5,184 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3hrs. 27mins., conducted by James Barham, who rang the 7th. The tenor bell of that time weighed 33 cwt., and Thomas Lacy, who rang it, had to have a little help to complete the peal. How many ringers are there to-day who remember Tenterden tenor as a 'handful' that wants ringing?

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

LONDONERS IN BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild spent their annual outing in the neighbourhood of Birmingham on Saturday, July 7th, and some 24 enthusiastic members of the Exercise took part in the excursion, which was favoured with fine weather. Birmingham was reached at 11.15, and the party was welcomed at the platform by the 'Grand Old Man,' Mr. James George, who acted as guide to the Bull Ring. Here they found Mr. Albert Walker in his usual humorous form, and soon everyone was listening to the glorious peal of twelve that 'Brum' is now able to boast of. Touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve were brought round, and everyone was delighted with these beautiful bells, and was of opinion that great credit is due to the Whitechapel Foundry for this excellent piece of work, and many congratulations were showered on Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was a guest of the Guild. A splendid repast was served at the Nelson, and the party went on by train to King's Norton. The train was packed, and some very neat 'dodging' and 'place making' caused a few exclamations when members of the Metropolitan Police, who played their part by looking after the 'heavy end,' forced themselves and the rest of the party into the compartments. On the very musical ring of ten at King's Norton methods ranging from Grand-sire Caters to Cambridge Royal and London Major were rung in good style, during which time several games of bowls were enjoyed on the lawn 'across the road,' where, later, all sat down to a meat tea, which was greatly appreciated, especially as the company included several ringers from Birmingham and district. The social which followed was commenced by tunes on the handbells by J. Bulloch, E. Russell and J. Hawkins. Piano selections and songs were rendered by J. Bulloch, A. Walker and G. Dowding, a most entertaining item being handbell tunes by the afore-mentioned, accompanied by Mr. A. Walker at the piano.

Mr. Choet proposed a vote of thanks to all the Birmingham and King's Norton gentlemen who had assisted to make the outing a happy one. This was seconded by Mr. J. Bulloch.—In reply, Mr. A. Walker mentioned that the Birmingham men themselves had had a delightful day, and he would look forward to the time when they would come again. The ringing had been first class, which proved that London had several bands of experts. Mr. Walker went on to say that although Mr. Reeves, the secretary, was unable to be present owing to a ringing meeting of St. Martin's Guild, they had present Mr. Smallwood and his 'better half,' also Mr. A. Ward, of Derby, who joined with him in extending best wishes and prosperity to the Holborn Guild.

Returning to Birmingham, a further social hour wound up the happy proceedings, and a toast was drunk to the health of St. Martin's ringers and to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of 'The Ringing World,' to whom a card, autographed by all present, was sent. Happy farewells were the parting gifts as the Londoners steamed out on the homeward journey. A final toast to Mr. J. Hawkins, the secretary, for his wonderful organisation of the outing, and the general management of the ringing, which was the last word in excellence, followed by cheers, and 'For he's a jolly good fellow.' Paddington was reached just after ten o'clock, after a most successful day.

THE F. G. NEWMAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £21 5s. 8d.; Mr. Thomas Faulkner, 2s. 6d.; Mr. Cornelius Charge, 5s.; total, £21 13s.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING.

A large company assembled at Tenby on Saturday, July 20th, to participate in the sixth annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. The weather was delightful, and ringers attended from Brecon, Llanelly, Aberavon, Llanstephan, Llandilo, Gorseinon, Morriston, and Neath, and, with the local ringers, kept the bells of St. Mary's Church (eight) going from 10 a.m. onwards, the Rector of Tenby (Canon B. C. Edwards) having kindly given permission for the bells to be rung.

Service was held in St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m., the Rector officiating, whilst the Rev. F. A. Oswald presided at the organ. The festival sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, from the text, 'God loveth a cheerful giver.' The members afterwards adjourned to the Church House, where a sumptuous tea was provided at the kind invitation of Mr. Oswald and a band of lady helpers. The ladies were warmly thanked on the motion of Minor Canon H. Gomer Davies (Brecon). The Rector of Tenby was present, and the Lord Bishop afterwards joined the party to preside over the annual meeting which followed tea.

The Lord Bishop spoke in appreciative terms of the interest taken in the Guild by the late Rev. David Williams, B.A., Vicar of Talgarth, and it was resolved that the sympathy of the Guild be conveyed to Mrs. Williams in her bereavement. The motion was carried by the members standing in silence.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell) presented the accounts for the past year, and, subject to their being audited, they were adopted. The Hon. Treasurer asked for the meeting's opinion as to the desirability of investing some of the balance at present in hand, and it was decided that he be empowered to invest a sum of £15 in Savings Certificates.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and on the proposition of Mr. E. Stitch, seconded by Mr. J. T. Williams, the following were re-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 (Sketty), Rev. R. M. Côté-Hamilton (Llangatock), Rev. John Simon, R.D. (St. David's, Brecon), Rev. W. J. Thomas (Gorseinon), and Rev. W. D. G. Wilkinson (diocesan missionary).

The Master of the Guild (Mr. A. J. Pitman) asked to be relieved of his duties, as it was, in his opinion, an honour which should be passed to some other members, but he was prevailed upon to continue in office on the proposition of Mr. Charles Powell, seconded by Mr. D. J. Williams.

Mr. Charles Powell, 3, North Road, Brecon, was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. R. Howells, N.P. Bank Chambers, Neath, was re-elected hon. secretary.

The following committee members were re-elected: Morriston, Mr. George Lewis; Builth Wells, Mr. R. E. Sparkes; Llangatock, Mr. Charles Powell; Talgarth, Mr. W. D. Griffiths; Sketty, Mr. Charles Morse; Gorseinon, Mr. D. J. Williams; Aberavon, Mr. E. Stitch; Glasbury, Mr. James P. Hyett; Llanstephan, Mr. George Morris; Cadoxton, Mr. D. J. Lewis; Llanelly, Breck, Mr. S. T. Rackham; St. Mary's, Brecon, Mr. F. E. Thomas; Tenby, Rev. F. A. Oswald; Baglan, Miss Lucy Thomas; St. David's, Brecon, Mr. Wm. Williams; Neath, Mr. Harry Boyce; Swansea, Mr. Fred Curtis; Llandilo, Mr. Marcus Davies; Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Mr. Chris Hawkins; with Mr. A. Hunt, the new member for Cefn Coed, and the Rev. T. R. Jones, Cwmduddwr.

Mr. Jack Coombe and Mr. Leo Havard were elected hon. auditors.

The Lord Bishop extended the Guild a hearty invitation to hold the 1930 festival at Brecon, with an invitation to tea at Ely tower (the Lord Bishop's residence).

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received communications from several towers as to the advisability of changing the date of the ringing competition in 1930 owing to the difficulty of several ringers being unable to obtain permission to leave their work, and it was afterwards resolved, on the proposition of Mr. E. Stitch, seconded by Mr. John T. Williams, that the competition be held on the first Saturday in May.

The hon. secretary was asked to enquire whether an invitation could be extended to the Guild to hold the competition at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire.

At a committee meeting held after the annual meeting it was decided that the rules of the competition be the same as in previous years, with the addition that the ringers taking part must be Sunday service ringers.

DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICT FUNDS.

Arising out of the minutes, the Hon. Secretary also reported that at a committee meeting held at Brecon on May 25th, to consider the question of the distribution of the balance of district funds, it was resolved that the resolution as now appearing in the minute book should be amended to read as follows: 'That two-thirds of the balance in the hands of districts at the end of a year, after paying all expenses, etc., but excluding the balance in hand at the commencement of the year, be transferred to the general fund of the Guild.'

After reading a notice of motion by the Northern District, that 'half of all subscriptions for the year be paid to the general fund,' and a motion by the Southern District, that 'two-thirds of the balance in hand at the end of year be paid to the general fund,' it was resolved that the committee's proposal be confirmed.

Mr. E. Stitch raised the question of the Northern District having anticipated the meeting's confirmation of the committee's decision, by bringing into the balance sheet such money as would be due to the general fund under the new resolution, and the district was requested to adhere to the original resolution for the year ended June 30th last. The new resolution will take effect from July 1st, 1929.

The meeting's attention was drawn to the fact that Mr. Pitman's term of office as the Guild's representative on the Central Council had now expired. It was unanimously resolved that he be re-elected for a further period of three years.

Mr. Pitman gave the meeting a very full report on his visit to the meeting of the Central Council held recently, and he was heartily thanked by the chairman.

The Hon. Secretary reported as follows. Peals rung for the Guild up to the period ending December 31st, 1928, were: 1923, 2; 1924, 1; 1925, 3; 1926, 10; 1927, 14; 1928, 12; total, 42. Methods rung were: Doubles 21 (Grandsire 19, 2 methods 1, 7 methods 1), Minor 10 (Plain Bob 8, Kent Treble Bob 2), Triples 7 (Grandsire 5, Stedman 2), Major 4 (Plain Bob 1, Double Norwich 1, Cambridge Superlative 1, Superlative Surprise 1). The ringing competition was held at St. David's, Brecon, in May last, and resulted as follows (maximum points 240): Llanelly, Breck, 215; Cefn Coed, 208; Brecon, St. Mary's 'B', 192; Llangatock, 195; Cadoxton, 232; Baglan, 217; and Brecon, St. Mary's 'A', 208 positions, 3, 4, 7, 6, 1, 2, and 5 respectively. Cadoxton were entitled to an additional 5 points for ringing Stedman, bringing their total to 237.

A suggestion was made at the meeting that the hon. secretary should receive some honorarium for having acted in the capacity for five years (since the formation of the Guild), but the official concerned refused to entertain the suggestion.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Rector of Tenby for the use of the bells and Church House, and also the Lord Bishop for his address and for presiding over the annual meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE & HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

A very enjoyable meeting of the Luton and St. Albans Districts of the above associations was held at Dunstable on Saturday last, the fine ring of bells being enjoyed by several ringers for the first time. A short service was held, conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. S. Dye (curate). The service was very bright and brief, and appreciated by all, the singing of several well-known hymns being the feature.

A short address was given by Canon W. W. C. Baker, president of the Beds Association.

In giving a hearty welcome to the ringers, he praised the idea of the two associations meeting together, saying that although they were separate bodies they were both members of one diocese.

Tea was provided by local churchworkers in the Parish Hall.

No business was transacted, but several excellent speeches were made. The Rector (the Rev. G. C. Rolfe) was in the chair, supported by Canon Baker and Mr. H. Golding (president of the Herts Association), and Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary.

Canon Baker gave a warm welcome to the visitors, and Mr. Cartmel replied in a cordial speech of thanks.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the tower again visited.

This was the first joint meeting in Bedfordshire, but from expressions heard on all sides it was hoped it would not be the last.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 20th, in ideal weather. About forty members were present from Market Drayton, Malinslee, Wem, Coalbrookdale, Ruyton-eleven-Towns, Clive, Prees, Sheriffhales, Stanton, Whitchurch, Alberbury, Shrewsbury, and the local company. The members were also very pleased to see Mr. Faulkner, who now lives at Dawlish, Devonshire. He formerly resided at Ightfield, near Whitchurch, and was a regular attendant at the meetings of the association.

Ringings on the fine peal of six bells commenced at three o'clock, and while some were ringing, others inspected the beautiful grounds of the Vicarage and played bowls on the lawn.

At the business meeting, with Mr. W. Saunders presiding, seven new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitchurch in October.

Tea, which had been generously provided by the Rector, was served on the lawn, in front of the church. At the conclusion, Mr. Hewitt proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, who is away from home at present, for his hospitality. This was seconded by the Rev. F. Tennison, and carried with applause.

Some of the members then returned to the tower for further ringing, while others walked around the gardens and played games on the lawn. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

LADIES' FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR. COMMEMORATIVE TABLET DEDICATED.

An event of outstanding interest took place at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, when a handsome white marble tablet, recording the first peal of Major ever rung by ladies, was unveiled and dedicated at a meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild. The tablet, which is mounted on a black marble base, is beautifully inscribed in gold and black. Mrs. Baker, wife of the Vicar, performed the ceremony of unveiling, while the Rev. Baker solemnly dedicated it 'To the Glory of God and the inspiration of all whose eyes may rest upon it.' The service was continued in the church, to which the ringers descended, and the Vicar gave a most interesting address.

Shortly afterwards a very happy company sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the tables being tastefully decorated with flowers. The presence of the late secretary of the district, Mrs. Powell, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

Two or three items of business made it necessary to hold a short meeting, over which the Vicar's wife presided, while the gentlemen returned to the tower, but not before the most sincere and hearty thanks had been expressed to the Vicar and Mrs. Baker for their valuable assistance.

The time and place of the September meeting was discussed, and it was finally decided to hold a combined meeting with the Peak District, details of which will be notified later.

The next item was the resignation of the secretary (Mrs. Jacques), and the election of Miss Cawthorne to fill the vacancy was unanimously carried.

The meeting wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the local company for their great interest and generous assistance, which played so great a part in making the meeting such a success. Special reference might here be made to Mr. Fred Watkinson, without whose untiring efforts that object could not have been attained.

Some very good ringing in methods ranging from Cambridge to Plain Bob, was thoroughly enjoyed during the evening, a touch of the latter being rung entirely by ladies.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, and members attended from various parts. The ten bells were made good use of with the aid of the gentlemen on the heavy end. At the business meeting, which followed tea, two new members were elected. The date and place of the next meeting were left open. Votes of thanks to the local band for having everything in readiness, and rendering the necessary assistance, were unanimously passed. Further ringing during the evening brought a happy meeting to a close.

GRANDSIRE CATERS BY FATHER AND SONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, re the peal of Grandsire Caters at Dudley, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Reigate, Surrey, by the Reigate Society on Saturday, September 23rd, 1899. The band included a father and two sons, viz., F. T. Hoad, sen. (conductor), F. T. Hoad, jun., and G. F. Hoad. It was the first peal on the bells after rehanging, with two new trebles added, it was rung at the first attempt, and was the first attempt on ten bells by all the band.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE THOMPSON.

PORTSMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

The St. Mary's, Portsmouth, ringers and friends held their annual outing on June 15th. Leaving headquarters shortly after 1 p.m., they journeyed via Fareham (where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bayley) to Twyford. Here they were in time to witness a freeman's wedding, complete with fire engine, firemen and other equipment. As soon as the ceremony was over, a visit was paid to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise were rung. During the ringing one of the company met with an accident in the churchyard, which necessitated removal to Winchester Hospital, and this unfortunate incident rather spoilt the enjoyment for the remainder of the trip. However, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, who had met the party here, continued the journey with them to Whitchurch, where a very pleasant ring of eight was found, and some very nice touches were brought round. At Basingstoke, an excellent meat tea was partaken of at the Crown Restaurant. Mr. H. Horne kindly conducted the party to All Saints' Church, where there is an excellent, but rather noisy, peal of eight. Strictly speaking, there is a ring of nine here, the other bell enabling a ring of eight in the minor key to be constituted. Some good touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise were rung, after which Mr. and Mrs. Williams left the party, and the journey was continued to Alton. The Vicar kindly met the visitors. The bells here are indeed a magnificent peal, recently recast by the Croydon Bell Foundry, and after touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise had been rung, they were lowered in peal. Home was eventually reached about 11 p.m., after a most successful trip, save for the unfortunate accident earlier in the afternoon. The company wish, through these columns, to thank the clergy and ringers who kindly met them en route, and helped to contribute so largely to the success of the outing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The report of a peal at Marcham has been sent without the name of the conductor.

Joseph Henry Daynes, youngest son of Mr. G. H. Daynes, Greenwich, has graduated as B.Sc. with honours, and has been recommended for the diploma of associate of the City and Guilds Institute, Imperial College, London University, in the Faculty of Engineering. He was the youngest student to sit for this examination, and came seventh for the whole college.

In reference to the footnote to peal of Stedman Triples rung at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, on Sunday, July 14th, which read that eight towers were represented, we are asked to point out that Edmonton was not represented by any member of that tower.

There is to be a ringers' opening of the bells at Tideswell Church, Derbyshire, known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak,' on August Bank Holiday. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recast the tenor (12½ cwt.), put in a new 6th in place of the old 4th (a pre-Reformation bell now placed in the church), and added two bells to complete the octave.

Something like a 'week' of Taylor reopenings has just taken place. On Monday, the 15th, the recast peal of six (tenor 13 cwt.) in a new frame was opened at Navenby, Lincs. On Tuesday, the 16th, a recast ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.) in a new frame at Horbling, Lincs. On Saturday, the ringers' opening of a recast peal of eight (tenor 10½ cwt.) at Halewood, Lincs, and the opening of a recast peal of eight (tenor 20 cwt.) in a new frame at Eccles, Lincs. On Sunday there was the consecration by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool of a carillon at St. Helens, Lincs.

A peal board has been unveiled in the tower of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, commemorating a peal of Bob Major, rung on May 18th last, on the occasion of the dedication of a new lych gate, erected at the western entrance to St. Peter's churchyard, by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. B. Giddins, in memory of their son, William Craven Giddins, who died in 1911.

The ring of eight at Waterford Cathedral were opened on July 26th, 1872, and the first peal on them, which was the first peal in Ireland, was rung on the following day.

A peal of 7,552 Grandsire Major was rung at Aston on August 30th, 1793.

CRANLEIGH RINGER'S FUNERAL.

The tragic death of Mr. Alwyn Charman, which was reported in our last issue, has made a sad breach in the ranks of the ringers at Cranleigh, Surrey, where he was the conductor of the Parish Church company. He was the type of man who could always be relied upon to be in his place both for service and practice ringing, and although not keen on peal ringing was wholeheartedly attached to the tower and the duties devolving upon him. His father had been a ringer at Cranleigh before him; his brother, who preceded him as conductor, and two nephews are also members of the band.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, and a considerable number of parishioners and workmates of deceased attended. The family mourners included the widow, the deceased's four daughters, his brother and other relatives. The Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, and Messrs. Tidy and L. Warner, of the Cranleigh band, Messrs. C. Hazleden, A. H. Pulling and W. Melville (Guildford) and J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary. The first part of the service was said by the Rector in the Church, and the interment took place at the cemetery, where, over the open grave, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells with half-muffled clappers. Among the many wreaths was one sent by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Charman was 57 years of age.

AN ANNIVERSARY PEAL.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on Saturday at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on the sixth anniversary of the record peal in the method (17,280 changes), rung at Over, Cheshire, in 1923. The band was the same as that which rang the long peal, and they stood in the same order. The composition was specially arranged by Mr. J. W. Parker, the last eleven courses being the fifth part of the 17,280. This was the first occasion on which the band had been able to meet for a peal since their record performance, and this commemoration was the 100th peal which Messrs. R. Sperring and John Hayes have rung together.

MR. E. V. RODENHURST'S 200 PEALS.

Doubles (1 to 4 methods) 7, on handbells 1, Minor (1 to 4 methods) 7, Grandsire Triples 38 (conducted 13), on handbells 1, Stedman Triples 30, Bob Major 18 (conducted 1), Oxford Treble Bob Major 6, *Kent Treble Bob Major 32 (conducted 1), Double Norwich Court Bob Major 36, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Grandsire Caters 3, Stedman Caters 7, Bob Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Cinques 2. * Including 7,488, 9,344, 10,400 (longest peal in Wales), and 17,280 (Kent Treble Bob Record). Rung in 80 towers, in 13 counties and for 13 associations.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Oxford, even on a broiling hot day, has many attractions, and on Saturday the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild showed in no uncertain fashion that the city still appeals to the majority of them as the best of all places for the annual festival. There have been persistent endeavours in recent years to move the festival to other places, but on every such occasion Oxford received an overwhelming preponderance of votes. The meeting on Saturday attracted nearly two hundred members, and despite the tropical conditions, most of them spent a thoroughly enjoyable day. The heat did not deter a great deal of ringing on the many peals of bells which the city possesses, both in the parish churches and colleges, and there were few who did not have as much exercise in this direction as they desired. Chief interest in ringing in the morning centred in the twelve at Christ Church and the ten at Magdalen College, while later in the day the ten at New College, the light rings of eight at St. Ebbe's, All Saints' and St. Giles', and the bells at St. Aldgate's, Holywell, St. Mary Magdalene's, St. Thomas' and Carfax, were all available, as were Merton College eight, but the reputation of the last-named deterred any attempt, under the atmospheric conditions, to ring them.

The festival service was held as usual in Christ Church Cathedral, where the Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading (Rev. R. H. A. Bullock) preached an eloquent sermon.

The business meeting, attended by members from many towers of the widespread diocese, was held in the Chapter House, the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) presiding, supported by Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary), and Canon G. F. Coleridge, while among the numerous visitors were Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

RESTORATION WORK GOES ON APACE.

The first business after the disposal of the minutes was the officers' reports. The Master's report referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, who had served for many years in the capacities of secretary and treasurer, and who, though not a ringer himself, had at heart the welfare of the ringer and the success of the Guild. The peal total was a better one than last year, and it would be interesting to know how many peals had been attempted and well nigh rung. He had personal knowledge of a good many. It was, however, hardly possible to now attribute failure to the bad 'going' of the bells, and the work of restoration was still going on. The Master had visited to report and advise at Banbury, Steeple Claydon, Fawley, Goring, Nettlebed, Newbury, Oakley, Radley, Reading St. Mary, Somerton, Stoke Mandeville and Winslow. Work has been carried out successfully at Ambroseden, Aston Tirrold, Bray, Henley, Hinton Waldrist, Maids Moreton, Nettlebed, Stoke Mandeville, and Sunningwell. At Caversfield a new bell replaces the famous early 13th century bell, which is now hung down in the church. Two trebles have been added at Ambroseden, and the tenor has been recast, and a fine ring of eight replaces an indifferent ring of six. Stoke Mandeville also rejoice in two new trebles and a nice little ring of eight. The work of tuning and re-hanging the rings at St. Mary's, Reading, and St. Nicholas', Newbury, is now in hand, and before the year is out there is promise of a great work being done at Banbury. Not the least encouraging sign of the times is the way in which the more experienced ringers in many branches are co-operating with their secretaries in real educational work in different towers, and are not resting content with their regular meetings and peal attempts. In conclusion, the Master referred with gratification to the recovery of Canon Coleridge, and expressed the hope that he might long be spared to be what he is—not only to the Oxford Guild, but to the whole ringing fraternity.

The Master added to his report that they had lost an old friend and a great helper of the Guild, Mr. A. H. Cocks, of Marlow, who had passed away. Many of the older members of the Guild would remember the excellent work Mr. Cocks did in the towers at Marlow and Hughenden. He was treasurer of the Guild for a time, and was festival secretary for some years, and in those capacities he served the Guild well. But perhaps Mr. Cocks was best known to ringers as the author of 'Church Bells of Buckinghamshire.' Whenever he (the speaker) referred to that volume, as he often did, he paused in admiration of the man who in those days, when locomotion was not easy, travelled all over the country and made an analysis of the bells of Buckinghamshire, and gave such wonderful information of the bell founders all over the country. It was not until about six months after Mr. Cocks died that he (the Master) knew he had passed away, and he took that opportunity of making good what had been omitted from his report.

The Master said, further, that there had been handed to him through the Misses Hart Davis a peal of handbells, left to him, to do with them as he thought best for the good of the Guild. The committee agreed with him that he should get the bells put into decent order, and that they should be lent out to towers who wanted to borrow them for a time for the instruction of young members. Those who wanted the use of the bells should write to him.

FLOURISHING FUNDS.

The Master's report was adopted, as was also that of the treasurer, who said the statement of accounts showed a balance of £145

19s. 5d., as compared with £138 7s. 8d. the previous year. The income was £118 8s. 5d., a decrease of £8 10s. 3d. This was accounted for by a reduction in the donations to the Restoration Fund, a smaller number of reports sold, and a smaller collection at the festival. The net cost for the year was £90 14s. 8d. This was £14 less than last year. The amount received from the branches was £84 3s. 6d. This was the largest sum received in the history of the Guild, and it was a good testimonial to the excellent work done by the branch treasurers. There was also an increase in the number of hon. members. The balance in the hands of all the branches amounted to £193 7s. 4d. There were still some branches which had not opened a banking account. He hoped before next year they would have done so. The balance sheets showed that the money appeared to have been expended very wisely. He expressed a hope that more money would be spent on instruction. Some balance sheets had not been audited, and he asked all treasurers to see that all their accounts are certified as correct by an auditor. During the year two grants had been made from the Restoration Fund amounting to £6. At the last annual meeting it was decided to transfer 25 per cent. of the amount received from hon. members to this fund. He estimated that this would be £25, and the actual amount was £24 15s. The amount transferred was £6, which just paid the two grants. There was now a balance in hand of £36 19s. 3d. Grants had been promised to Deddington and Banbury.

Mr. Wright added that the report did not show the exact position, as in addition to the balance in hand they actually had £70 more than shown, this being the sum invested in Government stock, which appeared in a separate account. Since the end of the year they had purchased another £30 of stock, so that next year they would have a clear interest of £5 to place to the restoration fund.

The report was adopted.

'AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD.'

In his report, the Secretary said a review of the year 1928 could not bring any thoughts but of thankfulness that progression was the trend of the Guild. The general tone was good and sound in all districts, and most of the branches were growing. Sunday service ringing was well maintained, peal ringing had been more successful. Although the total was but 57 peals, it would bear analysis; London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Major were scored by the stalwarts of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch, and two peals of Cambridge Minor were rung, making 12 Surprise peals in all. Stedman, from Cinques to Doubles, numbered 16. The remaining 29 peals embraced Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Norwich Major and Grandfire Triples and Doubles. A great many peals were attempted and lost towards the end. The membership had increased slightly: Hon. members 209, ringing members 1,806—total 2,015. The towers affiliated were more than the Guild had ever had before, 201. This was due to the energy of branch secretaries. Restoration work had been carried out in several towers with great success and satisfaction. He had visited most of the branches during the year, and had found, as before, an excellent spirit of brotherhood, which was the great thing if the objects of the Guild were to be reached and maintained. He again tendered his thanks to all branch secretaries for the help they gave him during the year.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected Master by acclamation, his name being proposed by Canon Coleridge and seconded by Mr. W. P. Routh.

Mr. A. H. Wright was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert hon. secretary, with thanks for their services.

Mr. E. Humphrey resigned from the committee, having gone to live outside the diocese. The other eleven elected members were re-appointed en bloc, viz., Miss V. Robinson, Messrs. J. F. Barlow, J. Evans, G. Caudwell, G. Holifield, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear and J. W. Wilkins. Miss Stella Davis (Newbury Branch) was elected to fill the vacancy.

The four representatives of the Guild on the Central Council were re-elected, viz., the Master, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. F. W. Hopgood and Mr. John Evans.

The meeting was asked to confirm the election of 166 new members, who had been admitted during the year. The Hon. Secretary, in making the proposal, said this did not mean that the Guild had grown to that extent, neither was the whole of the difference accounted for by members who had died.

The Master: We don't want members to die, but we wish more would stick.

The committee recommended that the festival in 1930 be held at Oxford. They suggested, if an alternative was desired, that Slough should be chosen.

Mr. Hopgood thought it would be a fine thing if they made a change and visited some other place than Oxford. That was an Oxford Diocesan Guild, and not an Oxford District Guild, and he claimed they should go all over the diocese with their festival. There was no better way than to follow their former custom of visiting the three counties in succession. He proposed that next year's festival be held at Slough.—Mr. A. D. Barker seconded.

On being put to the meeting, Slough received 15 votes and Oxford 61. Oxford will therefore be the venue in 1930.

On the motion of the Master, the Rev. Dr. Archer Houbian, formerly Archdeacon of Berkshire, was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

RESTORATION GRANTS VOTED.

The Hon. Treasurer brought forward the committee's recommendations as to restoration grants. He said he was proud of the Restoration Fund. It was a child of his. They had spent close on £50 in grants, and they now had £42 19s. 3d. in the fund. They were already committed to grants at Banbury and Geddington, and if they made the grants recommended that day the balance would be reduced to £13. He was, however, going to move later on that they continue for this year to take 25 per cent. of the hon. members' subscriptions, which would mean £6 for the fund, and this with £5 16s. from interest would increase the balance upon which they would be able to draw next year. He proposed the following grants be made: Ambrosden £5 5s., Newbury £5 5s., St. Laurence's, Reading, £5 5s., Thatcham £5 5s., Hampstead Norris £3 3s. Similar grants had been made in each case by the branches concerned.

The Master said this was a tremendous change compared with what it was when he joined the Guild, when they used to deal with two guineas here and thirty shillings there. He thought the work they were now doing was perfectly splendid.

Mr. Hopgood proposed that the grant to St. Laurence's, Reading, should be ten guineas.—This was seconded by Miss Robinson, who said help was badly needed.

Canon Coleridge suggested that St. Laurence's should have five guineas for the restoration, but if they embarked on a twelve-bell scheme then let them have their ten guineas.—This proposal, seconded by Mr. A. D. Cullum, was carried with only one dissident, and, with this amendment, the treasurer's list was adopted.

It was also resolved that 25 per cent. of the hon. members' subscriptions which came in to the treasurer should be devoted to the Restoration Fund.

A proposal that all applications for restoration grants should be in the hands of the general secretary by March 31st each year, in order that they might be considered first by the committee, was defeated by 24 votes to 14.

Canon Coleridge gave, as usual, an interesting account of the proceedings of the Central Council at Chelmsford. He remarked, however, that it ought not to be necessary, as everyone should have read the very full report of the meeting in the pages of 'The Ringing World.'

The Master said they were very much privileged in that Guild to have the report from the president himself. The Central Council was presided over in a most efficient manner, and difficult situations which at times arose were carried through by the well-known personality of Canon Coleridge. He proposed a vote of thanks to him for his report (applause).

The Master also proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for granting the use of the Cathedral, the Chapter House, and the dining hall for lunch; also to the preacher and to the organist.

Mr. Fowler, in seconding, suggested that the key of some of the exceptionally high-pitched hymns might be transposed for their services.

The motion was replied to by the Rev. R. H. A. Bullock.

Mr. Barker mentioned the loss to the Guild by death of Mr. G. Alder, and also that Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, who was one of their vice-presidents, had recently been bereaved by the death of his wife, and since then had met with an accident, having been knocked down by a motor-car.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

The company then adjourned to the handsome and historic dining hall of Christ Church for lunch, at the conclusion of which, on the call of the Master, the toast of 'Church and King' was honoured.

An informal vote on the question of the hymn tunes revealed that the majority were satisfied with the settings used.

Afterwards the members dispersed for ringing at the various towers.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday, July 20th, in delightful weather, members attending from Allesley, Bedworth, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton and Shilton. During the afternoon ringing was interspersed with long and frequent periods of rest, and everyone was pleased when it was time to adjourn to St. Andrew's Hall for tea, kindly arranged by ladies of the parish.

The Rector (Rev. Frank Burnett) gave the members a cordial welcome, and sat down to tea with them. Afterwards, the Rector having another meeting to attend, Mr. T. W. Chapman (Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Coleshill, the August meeting to be held at Fillongley, and the September one at Brinklow. Seventeen new members were elected, including twelve ringing members (nine from Bedworth and three from Bulkington), one honorary member and four non-resident members.

After the meeting, the members returned to the tower, where the standard methods up to Double Norwich Major were rung.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Bourn, on Saturday, in ideal weather. Members were present from Barley, Herts, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Great Staughton, Hemingford Abbots, Long Stanton, Newton, Melbourn, Over, Royston, Stapleford, St. Neots, Trumpington, Willingham, and local tower. Messrs. H. Barrett and Shephard were also there from Gloucestershire. The service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. Jas. Duffill).

The Vicar kindly entertained the company to tea, 27 sitting down. He also presided at the business meeting.

Willingham was voted as the place of next meeting.

It was noticed that several prominent ringers were absent from the meeting, and the secretary wishes to state that he cannot arrange meetings on free Saturdays without knowing the fixtures of neighbouring associations.

The ringing was well up to standard, Superlative, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford Double Norwich and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung during the day.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for his hospitality, and to Mr. H. J. Hazell, A.L.C.M., as organist, brought a happy meeting to a close.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. THE NEED FOR MORE YOUNG MEN.

A successful meeting of the Western Branch was held at Suckley on Saturday, July 13th. An hour's ringing in the afternoon was followed by service conducted by the Rector, Rev. C. H. Heather, who gave an interesting address, in the course of which he spoke of bells and their messages. The association's form of service was used.

An excellent tea was served in the school, about 60 sitting down. The business meeting followed, with the Rector in the chair, supported by Mr. R. G. Knowles (Association Master), Mr. S. T. Holt (Branch Master), and Mr. J. Rowlett (branch secretary). The towers represented were St. Peter's, Droitwich, Hanley Castle, Madresfield, Upton-on-Severn, Worcester Cathedral, St. John's, Worcester, Claines, Leigh, Upton Snodsbury, Crowle, Malvern Link, Hallow and Grimley. There were also several visitors present. The Rector welcomed the ringers.

Mr. W. Lewis reported that the quarterly peal had been rung at Kempsey. Mr. W. Ranford was appointed conductor of the next quarterly peal, to be rung at Suckley.—Hanley Castle was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, with Madresfield as alternative.

Several new members were elected, and a collection for Madresfield Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 1s.

Mr. Knowles urged the younger ringers to come forward and do their best to encourage other young men to ring, as the future of change ringing lay in their hands.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to Mr. Ranford for providing an excellent tea, and to the Misses Ranford and Miss Mitton for preparing tea and attending to the needs of everyone.

The meeting concluded, the ringers returned to the tower for further ringing. London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were among the methods rung during the day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Ruislip on Saturday, July 13th. Although the temperature was rather high, over forty ringers and friends attended. Methods from Grandsire Triples up to and including Cambridge Surprise Major, were practised during the meeting.

A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. Canon E. Cornwell Jones (Vicar), who gave the association a most hearty welcome to Ruislip.

After the service the company adjourned to Fabb's Restaurant for a refreshing cup of tea. The vice-president (Mr. C. S. Bird) presided over a merry party, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) and other well-known ringers, Messrs. G. R. Fardon, C. Hunt, W. E. Taylor, E. H. Godfrey, H. Wingrove, J. W. Kelley and F. Kelley, and representatives from Acton, Ealing, Isleworth, Heston, and Ruislip, Beaconsfield, etc. The ladies present were the Misses Fletcher, Miss Lidbetter and Mrs. Taylor.

Two new members were elected for the local band. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, the respected 'father' of the Devon Guild.

A vote of congratulation to the King on his recovery from his long illness was passed, and at the request of the meeting was forwarded to His Majesty. It was duly acknowledged in the following terms: 'Buckingham Palace. The Private Secretary is commanded to convey an expression of the King's thanks to the members of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers for the kind and loyal terms of their message. July 13th, 1929.'

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the vice-president, Messrs. W. Bunce and A. Hunter, of the local band, and to all members and friends for their hearty support. Ringing took place again in the evening.

THE 'RALLY' AT NEWCASTLE.

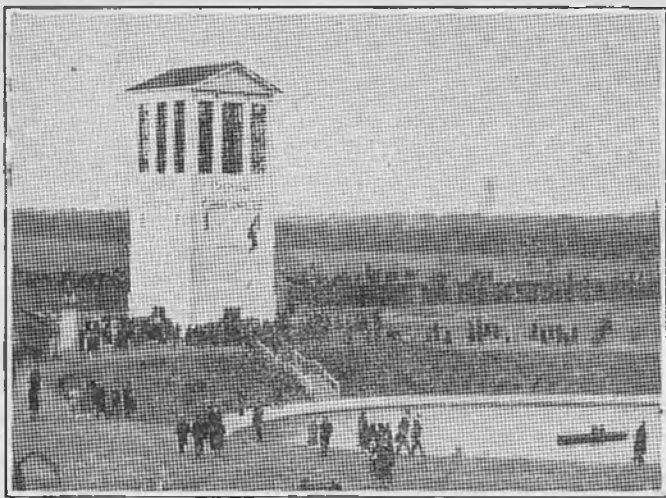
GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS ENTERTAINED.
THE WELLINGTON CARILLON ON VIEW.

The great 'rally' of ringers at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday week brought together the largest gathering of ringers which has ever assembled in the North of England. The object of the visit was to hear and inspect the Wellington (New Zealand) carillon installed by the enterprise of the Newcastle 'Evening Chronicle' in a specially erected campanile in the North-East Coast Exhibition grounds, and ringers and their friends foregathered from places as far apart as Selby and Edinburgh and Paisley. The visit was on the invitation of the proprietors of the 'Evening Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the founders of the now famous bells, and the 500 ringers who accepted invitations spent a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable day.

The beauty and charm of the bells was impressively revealed to the critical visitors during a special demonstration given by Miss Nora Johnston, now one of the foremost of carillonneurs, and unquestionably the most skilful woman carillonneur in the world.

The recital was composed of the well-known numbers which have become so popular with the crowds which collect regularly in the Exhibition grounds and on the adjacent Town Moor, and the bell-ringers were thrilled with the musical splendour of the bells and the consummate skill of the expert lady who manipulated them.

It was with the simplest melodies that the carillonneur cast the assembled hundreds under the irresistible spell of the bells. The impression created by numbers like 'Londonderry Air,' 'Old Folks at Home,' 'Home, Sweet Home,' and 'Little Grey Home in the West' was portrayed in the crowd's attentiveness.



THE BELL TOWER AT THE EXHIBITION.

Miss Johnston proceeded to illustrate the scope of the bells by rendering items of such a diversity of character as 'Chanson Triste,' 'Here's a Health unto His Majesty,' 'Drink to Me Only,' and 'Little Bo Peep.' The heat made Miss Johnston's job much more fatiguing than usual.

The visitors were conducted into the bell tower in batches for an inspection.

One of the most interested of them was 17-year-old Ephraim Wennington, of Gateshead, who, paralysed and only able to get about with the aid of crutches, had to be carried up the steep steps on a man's back.

The recital concluded, the visitors adjourned to Carrick's pavilion in the Exhibition grounds, and, after partaking of tea on the invitation of the proprietors of the 'Evening Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, they were accorded a welcome by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle (Colr. A. W. Lambert) and the Assistant Bishop of Newcastle (Dr. Cecil J. Wood).

A USEFUL COMMUNITY.

The Lord Mayor said he esteemed bell-ringers as members of a most useful community engaged in rendering an inspiring service to their fellows from the bellfries of the country's churches. 'We in Newcastle,' he proceeded, 'greatly appreciate the Wellington carillon as one of the greatest attractions we have here, and I am very proud of the fact that the Lady Mayoress herself was the first lady to play the bells. I would express the hope that it may be possible to obtain the services of some of those great carillonneurs from Belgium while the wonderful bells are still on Tyneside; and I feel that a hint to the "Newcastle Chronicle," who have rendered us such great services in securing the bells for the Exhibition, may result in the further treat I have mentioned being provided us.'

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, said he believed that afternoon's gathering was the largest meeting of bell-ringers ever organised in the North.

An assurance that the 'Newcastle Chronicle' would do their utmost to carry out the suggestion of the Lord Mayor to secure the services of a series of eminent Belgian carillonneurs was given by Mr. C. L. White, publicity manager, representing the directors of the 'Newcastle Chronicle.'

At the request of the change ringers, Mrs. A. W. Lambert, the Lady Mayoress, gave a recital on the carillon on Saturday night.

For ten minutes she sat at the keyboard by which the bells are manipulated by the electro-pneumatic system, and, without music, gave a skilful rendering of several airs which the carillon has made popular on Tyneside.

When the pressman suggested to the Lord Mayor that the city should have a carillon of its own, after the Wellington bells are removed, he observed, 'I wish some generous citizen would provide the money to buy one.'

The day closed with a social and concert in the Chronicle Hall, Pudding Chare. An excellent musical programme, organised by Mr. C. L. Routledge, was provided by a number of popular local artistes.

In the absence of Mr. Edward Tebbutt, managing director of Newcastle Chronicle, Ltd., Mr. Routledge took the chair, and was supported by Mr. E. Ferry, president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. On behalf of the proprietors of the 'Chronicle,' Mr. C. L. White welcomed the members and their ladies, and explained that refreshments were to be had at any time in the vaults below the hall.

Quartets and solos were given by the Cathedral Quartette, Messrs. J. J. Gibson, J. T. Gillespy, W. Haydn Hobkirk and Mr. Henry Frater, Mr. Edward Newton acting as accompanist. Miss Nora Johnston gave a surprise turn, 'Never Mind,' introducing a most amusing verse about the carillon and herself. One of the most entertaining numbers was that of Mr. Martin Henderson, the blind concertina player, whose efforts were greeted with a chorus of applause. Mr. Cyril Johnston had also brought his 'carillon' of 23 handbells, from which he tapped delightful melody—all popular airs, even including the Tyneside anthem, 'Blaydon Races.'

A course each of Stedman and Grandsire Caters was given by mixed bands, and tunes on the handbells by Messrs. Tom and James Gofton were also enthusiastically encored. At eleven o'clock the National Anthem was sung, after votes of thanks had been carried by storms of applause to the hosts of the evening, and to the artistes, which went to prove that all had a very happy and entertaining day, with the Exhibition thrown in as a distinct asset to a day of glorious weather.

A TOWER BUILDING RECORD.

The carillon which was on view was that which attracted considerable attention a few months ago at Croydon Bell Foundry, and is to form the memorial to the men and women of Wellington, New Zealand, who died in the service of the Empire. The complete carillon consists of 49 bells, the largest weighing 5 tons, the total weight of bells being 31½ tons, but owing to considerations of space it was not found practicable to instal the two largest bells at Newcastle. The Wellington War Memorial Carillon Committee, through the kind intervention of Sir James Parr, K.C.M.G., High Commissioner for New Zealand, arranged for the loan of 47 of the bells (to which two trebles were added in order to give four complete octaves) to the North-East Coast Exhibition during the summer of 1929. The largest of the 47 bells weighs 3½ tons, and its note is B flat.

When it was found that there was no suitable building for these bells in the Exhibition grounds, the Newcastle 'Evening Chronicle,' with the characteristic enterprise which marks the conduct of this great journal, at once instructed Messrs. Mauchlen and Weightman, architects, of Newcastle, to design a special campanile, the erection of which was entrusted to Messrs. Henry Kelly, Ltd., contractors.

Within three weeks the tower was designed, the foundations prepared, the steelwork fabricated in the yards of Messrs. Wright, Anderson and Co., Ltd., Gateshead, the bells and mechanism dismantled in the Croydon foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, despatched by sea, erected in place and inaugurated on the opening day of the Exhibition by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in the presence of the High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, the Duke of Northumberland, and the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry.

The inaugural recitals, given by Mr. Clifford E. Ball, Mus.Bac., of Bournemouth, aroused the greatest enthusiasm, audiences of more than 100,000 people collecting on the Town Moor to hear the bells.

The bells are tuned on the five tone harmonic principle to equal temperament and to international pitch. The clavier for hand operation by a carillonneur has a range of 4½ chromatic octaves, the lowest 25 keys being attached to pedals as well as to the manuals.

Each bell has an inscription bearing the name of some battle or engagement, whose names have now become household words: 'The Somme,' 'Jutland,' 'Gallipoli,' 'Ypres,' etc. Five of the bells have badges or symbols—No. 34, the badge of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade; No. 35, the New Zealand Army Nursing Service Symbol; No. 36, Special Medical Service Symbol; No. 44, the Arms of the

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TO WINDSOR AND STOKE POGES.

The annual outing of the bellringers of All Saints' Church, Maldon, Essex, took place on Saturday, June 22nd. Twenty-one people left Maldon at 7 a.m. upon what proved to be a most interesting excursion, though a little rain met with early in the day necessitated the hood of the charabanc being put up. As was the case last year, each member was provided with a programme and guide, which gave a short history of all the places to be visited, with a time-table. A few courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung en route to Waltham Abbey. At Forest Lodge, in this parish, a call was made for breakfast, where, amid scenes of ideal natural beauty, on the edge of the forest, a hearty and substantial meal was enjoyed by the company. A short journey then brought the party to Waltham Abbey Church, where arrangements had been made to inspect the grand old building. With the help of an official guide, a comprehensive tour was made. Though probably still the grandest ecclesiastical building in Essex, the church is little in comparison with the magnificence of the Abbey in the days of the monks. A long ride through Enfield, Barnet, Elstree, Harrow and Slough brought the party to Windsor, the main objective of the day. So much of interest was to be seen here that little hope was entertained of including everything. The rich and majestic loveliness of St. George's Chapel was the first attraction, and the party was taken round the interior by a guide, whose explanations were of much interest to all. Another guide then took a section of the company up the curfew tower, where hang eight heavy bells, the tenor of which is the curfew bell that Gray used to hear from Stoke Poges, a few miles out. A chiming apparatus, which has been functioning for many years, then played some hymn tunes, rounds, and Queens on the bells, which are also occasionally rung. After a walk round the balcony of the castle, a move was made for the Parish Church (St. John-the-Baptist), where some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and also some Bob Minor. Mr. T. Smith, the steeple-keeper, who had fixed up tea for the company, then led the way to the tea rooms, where the party was joined by Mr. J. Amos, who, before moving to the London district, was an enthusiastic member of the Maldon band of ringers. After tea, a move was made for Stoke Poges. Here the Vicar, the Rev. Mervin-Clare, and the steeple-keeper, Mr. T. G. Hawkins, welcomed the ringers. An unusual straight staircase outside the tower is the way to the ringing chamber of this belfry, and when some good touches of Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles had been rung on this delightful and musical peal, the Vicar guided the party round the church, fully explaining the many interests of the beautiful building, where Gray used to worship, where he is buried, and in the churchyard of which he is supposed to have written his immortal elegy. A very fitting final ceremony was performed by Mr. W. Chalk, when, 'far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife' and 'neath . . . that yew tree's shade, where heaves the turf in many a mould'ring heap,' he ably recited Gray's Elegy, the members of the party grouped among the tombstones of which Gray wrote, the church forming a colourful background, and the quiet evening calm making the scene impressive. The homeward route was through the city, and during the journey some course of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on handbells. Home was reached at about 11.30 p.m., after sixteen and a half hours of real pleasure. The incumbents at the places of ringing will be written to and privately thanked, for it greatly adds to the day's enjoyment to have welcomes such as were received on this trip.

APPEAL FOR ECKINGTON RINGER.

The following further subscriptions have been received in response to the appeal for help for Mr. Alfred West, of Eckington, who is totally incapacitated: Previously acknowledged, £2 6s. 6d.; J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), 10s.; W. Idle (Dewsbury), 2s.; R. K. Knight (Laytonstone), 2s. 6d.; Bakewell (All Saints') ringers, 13s.; total, £3 14s. Contributions to help this deserving case should be sent to Mr. T. A. Howes Smith, Eckington, near Sheffield.

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Royal Navy; and No. 49, the Bourdon, is ornamented with the fern leaf from the badge of the New Zealand Contingents, and also the leaf of the New Zealand flax, a staple product of the province of Wellington.

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CHURCH OFFICIALS LIVE LONG IN NORTON.

On Saturday, July 6th, the parishioners of Norton, in Derbyshire (the birthplace and the last resting-place of Chantrey, the greatest of English sculptors), gave a parochial welcome to their newly-appointed Rector, Rev. J. Stanton Peffe, M.A. In celebration, the ringers, under the conductorship of Mr. A. P. Knights, rang on the bells of the ancient Church of St. James, a peal of Bob Major (5,024 changes) in 3 hrs. 10 mins.

After a public tea in the schoolroom, adjournment was made to the Oakes Park, where exhibitions of dancing were given by the scholars of Norton and Greenhill Schools, other games and sports were indulged in, and community singing, concluding with the National Anthem, brought to a close a red-letter day in the annals of Norton Church history.

How rarely such occasions can have offered is revealed by the fact that the span of years from 1763 to 1929 has been covered by four incumbents only. Speaking of long tenure of office, it is interesting to note that the people's warden, Mr. Ernest Hunstone, has served in this capacity for 32 continuous years, the recent death of the parish clerk, Mr. J. Shaw, terminated 40 years' service, while the leader of the ringers, Mr. Wm. Biggin, has completed 50 years of service as a ringer at this church.

Norton Church was built about 1180 by Robert FitzRanulph, the Reformation of Beauchief Abbey (nearby), and up to the time of the Reformation was served by the Canons of Beauchief.

Its parish registers commence with the year 1559, the first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Originally the tower held six bells only, but in 1896 these were recast by Taylor's, of Loughborough, and opportunity was taken to bring the peal up to eight in number, the tenor being 15½ cwt. The ringers at this church are also skilled exponents in handbell ringing.

AMONG ESSEX TOWERS.

The Foxearth ringers, augmented by friends from Glensford and Long Melford, had a short ringing tour, arranged by Mr. Evans with his usual organising ability. Great Tey was the first halt, and this nice peal of eight were soon going to Treble Bob and appreciated by all at Kelvedon. Mr. Elliot met the ringers, and a treat on these heavy six was essayed. The heavy end man of the party, Mr. T. Slater, found no opposition for the tenor, and he just revelled in it. After a lough or two, the party made for the Rectory, where, as guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Croft, tea was partaken of. Feering was the next tower visited, and here the party had the pleasure of meeting and ringing with Mr. W. Keeble. A pull at Earls Colne terminated the ringing part of the programme. The thanks of the party are due to all those who helped to make the trip successful by having bells ready for ringing, and especially are they indebted to the Rev. and Mrs. Croft, of Kelvedon, for their kindness in providing tea.

HASTINGS RINGERS' TRIP TO ROCHESTER.

On Saturday, June 29th, the bellringers, members and friends of the Borough Church of Hastings assembled for their annual outing. The bells of St. Clement's were rung, and the company, numbering forty, left in the 'Village Belle' motor coaches shortly after 8.30 a.m. for Rochester. Passing through Cranbrook, the party arrived at Maidstone well on time. Here a very enjoyable time was spent for about an hour in boating on the Medway. The company then made their way to Rochester, which was reached after a glorious hour's run. Some of the party visited the Castle ruins, whilst the ringers made their way to the Cathedral, where they tramped up the old steps under the oak beams supporting the roof, and arrived in the ringing room. Here at one o'clock they rang the Cathedral bells, the Dean having kindly granted permission. Leaving Rochester at 3.30, they made their way to Tunbridge Wells, where tea was partaken of, and, later, they proceeded to Colemans Hatch, where they were welcomed by their late Rector (Rev. E. B. Foyster). The Rector conducted a party over the Vicarage and surroundings, and during this time the ringers enjoyed a fine ring on this very light peal. Hastings was reached at 11.15, after a brief stop at Uckfield. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents and secretaries of the above-mentioned towers and any others who helped them to enjoy a splendid day.

MEMORIAL TOUCHES.

At St. Peter's Church, South Croydon, on Sunday, July 14th, for evensong, 1,157 Stedman Caters in 47 mins.: D. Wright (conductor) 1, E. J. Trimmer 2, A. J. Trappitt 3, W. J. Joiner 4, W. Bulpitt 5, W. S. Smith 6, A. W. Clarke 7, E. Denham 8, F. E. Collins 9, R. H. Dove 10. Rung to mark the anniversary of the fatal accident to Mr. C. H. Austin, of the Croydon Bell Foundry.

In commemoration of those who fell in the Great War, and especially of the men of the local battalion who were killed in the Battle of Somme, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, on July 1st by: F. Cardwell 1, Miss E. Hopkin 2, Miss N. Cawthorne 3, J. Garth 4, J. C. Taylor 5, H. Taylor 6, F. Watkinson (conductor) 7, A. Pashley 8.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Nominations for vice-president, treasurer, secretary and Central Council representatives. The Bolton Borough Police have placed their bowling green at the disposal of ringers and their friends on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names, please, by Aug. 6th. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203 Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. & E. District) AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District).—Joint meeting at Hadley, July 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Barnet bells available during evening. Members and friends of both associations are cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4; Wm. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. — Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Elloe Deaneries and Eastern Branches will be held at Surfleet (10 bells) on Saturday, July 27th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30.—Geo. Ladd, Pinchbeck.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Marshland Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Marsham on Saturday, July 27th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 6d. each to members and friends.—W. G. Cross, Hon. Sec., 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bathampton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Sturry, where the six bells have recently been rehung, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. W. Smith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Shoreham, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at Ye Olde George Inn at 1s. 4d. per head. Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, July 27th (by kind invitation of W. E. Neuth, Esq. and the Vicar). Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. — R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Also Henlow, if able to arrange. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Chesterfield Districts.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Crich, Derbyshire, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 4.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for. All ringers and friends welcome. Tea may be obtained in the village.—Geo. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, John P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Local Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4.30. Tea and business after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, July 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) in the adjoining grounds. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held at Newington on Saturday, July 27th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (by kind invitation) and business meeting afterwards.—Stanley J. T. Shelloek, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Preshute, half-mile from Marlborough. Ringers requiring tea kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—**IMPORTANT NOTICE.** The meeting, advertised for Saturday next, July 27th, at Farnborough, will now be held at Aldershot. Sickness temporarily prevents ringing at Farnborough.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, July 27th. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Service 6.30. — C. Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, July 27th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity will be available after 2.30. No committee meeting. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at 4.45 at Hunter's Café, Prebend Row.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shore on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Wm. Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Lane End, near High Wycombe (6 bells), on Saturday, July 27th, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, at 5.30 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Buses leave Leeds every hour and 40 minutes past each hour.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting will be held at Bebington on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4 p.m., followed by meeting and tea.—Edward W. Elwell, Sec., Capenhurst.

CHANGES ARE GOOD.—Try a 'see' trip to Aldenham, a 'pull' on the eight, and tea Saturday, July 27th. Cheap tickets from all stations to Bushey (nearest station). Buses stop at the church. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30 (Village Club).—C. H. Horton, Bushey. Tel.: City 4270.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 1st, 15th and 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, *Coffee Pot or St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—The dedication of the 8 bells (1 recast, 1 replaced and the other 6 rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) will take place on Thursday, Aug. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells available at both the Parish and St. Mary's (R.C.) Churches from 2.30. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 31st. A good attendance is earnestly requested. —Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. Steeple Ashton bells (6) also available from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. —F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Elstow on Aug. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District. —A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Ewyas Harold on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than July 29th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A ringing day will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. These bells, which have just been re-hung in a new frame, on ball bearings, will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable charge for all those who send in their names to Mr. J. H. C. Massey, 40, Buckley Hill Lane, Milnrow, not later than Wed., July 31st. —Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Glenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. —The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Monday, Aug. 5th. Service in St. John's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock, at Woodcock Café. Business meeting afterwards. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and Wood-

ston will be available during the day. Tea will only be provided for those who let me know by Tuesday, July 30th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

NORFOLK GUILD.—General meeting will be held at North Elmham on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 5th. The ring of bells at the Parish Church (8) will be available. Dinner at the George and Dragon (2s. 6d. per head) at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Members requiring dinner please notify the secretary not later than Thursday, Aug. 1st. —Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Wortley, Bank Holiday Monday, Aug. 5th. Will intending visitors please notify Mr. Ed. Booth, Wortley Arms Hotel, Wortley, near Sheffield for tea before Aug. 1st. All visitors will be welcome.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—Ringers' opening on Monday, Aug. 5th, of the restored and augmented ring of eight by Taylor. Bells available 10 a.m., short service 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. G. Chapman, Belmont House, Tideswell, near Buxton, by Thursday, Aug. 1st.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Monday, Aug. 5th (Bank Holiday). Ringing at St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (6) from 2 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the King's Head (free to Guild members, non-members 1s. 6d.). Those requiring tea please write by Aug. 1st to Mr. H. O. Baker, Hon. Dis. Sec., 14, Whitburn Street, Bridgnorth.—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District) will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea send card to 29, Duke Road, W.4, not later than Thursday, the 7th?—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey, Hon. District Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, can be arranged for all those who notify me before Tuesday, Aug. 6th. Last chance for paying annual subscriptions for current year. Business: Election of branch secretary and committee representatives.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

APARTMENTS.

BOARD RESIDENCE or Bed-Sitting Rooms, vacant now onwards.—Mrs. Birch, 9, Vale Road, Ramsgate.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MONKS KIRBY, RUGBY.—At St. Edith's, on Sunday, July 21st, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 7,8 covering, as a farewell to Mr. Hunt, of Withy Brook, who is leaving the parish, by: *E. Pittham 1, E. Oakes 2, W. Rhead 3, W. Southam 4, F. Harrison 5, *T. Pittham (first 720 as conductor) 6, *L. Lowe 7, F. Rhead 8. * First 720.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, C. J. Tricker 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, R. Worthy 4, S. Stilwell 5, R. Martin 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, H. Gash 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. Woodman 1, S. Vince 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hinds 4, G. Feist 5, R. Langridge 6. First 720 of Grandsire Doubles by S. Vince.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, July 14th, before evensong, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. R. Cooper 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, C. H. Exon 3, W. G. Davies 4, J. Nobes 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6, W. Hutton 7, C. H. Atkins 8.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on July 14th, for the anniversary service, 1,260 Bob Minor in 40 mins.: A. Milson 1, W. Weetman 2, G. R. Jones 3, H. Cousins 4, J. Benyon, jun., 5, A. Newall (conductor) 6.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 14th, after evening service, 702 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: Miss B. Cox 1, H. Giles 2, F. C. Tysoe 3, F. Hanks 4, C. W. Smith 5, S. Foskett (first 720 as conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. F. C. Tysoe, of Bromham, Beds.

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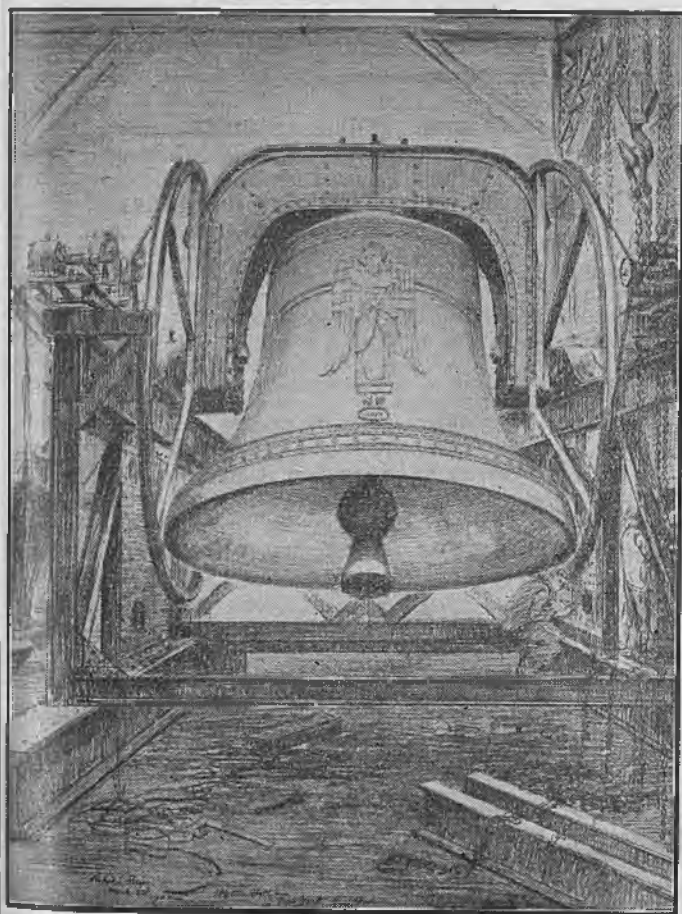
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A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5,040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
HARRY R. ROPER ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	RONALD BULLEN ... 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
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Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

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* Fiftieth peal. First peal of New Cambridge Royal by all the band and by the Guild.

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MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, 13 July, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 5
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	CECIL H. PAWSEY ... 6
JACK CARMAN ... 3	ARTHUR PRINCE ... 7
FRED LAMBETH ... 4	VICTOR R. RAYMOND SWIFT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. This peal was rung, by courtesy of the Rev. C. S. Leslie Alford, Vicar, Mr. E. B. Hayes and Mr. J. H. Beazer, wardens, in connection with the national thanksgiving for the King's recovery.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY ... Treble	HAROLD EASTOR ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 2	MARTIN WALKER ... 6
FRANK LORB ... 3	ALBERT E. SELLARS ... 7
BERNARD GILLATT ... 4	A. W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

Arranged for Mr. Albert E. Sellars, of Beverley, Yorkshire, and a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th. Also as a welcome to Miss Veronica Varah, the Vicar's daughter, on her return from hospital, where she had been detained after an accident.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JOHN THORPE ... Treble	J. E. LRWIS COCKEY ... 5
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2	HEZEKIAH THORPE ... 6
ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... 3	ERNEST A. THORPE ... 7
WALTER BINGHAM ... 4	ARTHUR PASHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the Festival of St. James and as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Grant, managing director of Messrs. John Brown and Company, Sheffield, and Mrs. Grant, through whose kindness the bell clappers have all been repaired and provided with rubber buffers and other fittings, the peal being rung as a 'try out.'

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On Monday, July 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No 6.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD A. HERN Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5
ROBERT ANDERSON 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 4th, on a visit to London from Durham. He was elected a member prior to starting.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

The ringer of the treble is from Durham.

COMPTON GIFFORD, PLYMOUTH.

On Tuesday, July 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At Emmanuel Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

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

* ROBERT W. PUGSLEY Treble	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	JOHN O. POOK 6
GEORGE GODARD 3	WILLIAM J. RICHARDS 7
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE 4	ROBERT J. BALDREY Tenor

Conducted by E. W. MARSH.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Champion), who is leaving to take the living of Christ Church, Clifton, Bristol.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* HARRY AINSLEY Treble	† WALTER LINTER 5
* CAPT. WILLIAM LINTER, C.A. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM LINTER 4	ARTHUR E. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Guild. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by Capt. Linter on the lawn at the Fleming Arms.

KNIGHTON, RADG.—At St. Edward's Church on Wednesday, June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 minutes: W. T. Gough 1, W. J. Beniams 2, T. F. Preece 3, E. W. Watkins 4, J. J. Price 5, G. C. Abley 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, R. H. Wellings 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Monday, June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 minutes: W. J. Simons (first quarter-peal as conductor) 1, E. Ashby 2, S. Hoare 3, C. Cook 4, J. Rootes 5, F. Edwards 6, A. Deamer 7, H. J. Cochran 8.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On St. James Day, Thursday, July 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES H. RUMLEY Treble	JAMES G. DUNHAM 5
JAMES BULLOCK 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung on the fortieth anniversary of what is believed to be the only 'James' peal previously rung, viz., Grandsire Triples, at St. James', Clerkenwell, in 1889.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WALTER SMITH Treble	OSCAR GILBEY 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	THOMAS FLINT 6
WILFRED HOLLAMBY 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
WILLIAM MARTIN 4	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

Peal No. 9 in C.C. 'Collection of Major and Cater Methods.' First peal in the method by all the band.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
JAMES BETTS 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
RONALD H. BULLEN 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (Author's No. 65).

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringer of the 4th, also as a compliment to Nos. 2, 6 and 7, whose respective birthdays occur within a week of each other.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* HARRY HOVERD Treble	JOHN H. CHRESMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 6
MISS FRED A. ORR 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Major. This composition, containing singles only, is the first rung in which each working bell makes a single.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* HECTOR A. KNIGHTS Treble	† ERNEST RIVITT 5
THOMAS K. DRACON 2	GEORGE A. NEWTON 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	LEONARD E. TOWERS 7
CHARLES H. WEBB 4	† ARTHUR PEGG Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Morris, hon. secretary of the M.C.A.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Monday, June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 50 mins.: A. Shepherd 1, G. H. Austin 2, J. G. Dunham 3, W. Nash 4, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 5, L. Shepherd 6, A. R. Lawrence 7, Sergt. A. Lawrence 8.

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

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
MISS CATHERINE BIRCHNALL ... 2	T. A. HOWSE-SMITH 6
MISS GRACE BIRCHNALL 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
PERCY J. JERVIS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
HERBERT T. PIPER 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
JACK W. TAYLOR 4	ROBERT PICKERING Tenor

Conducted by E. V. RODENHURST.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	FRED HAWKES 5
*DENNIS R. MORRIS 2	*SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
*CYRIL TANSSELL 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	*WILLIAM RAMFORD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Edward,

K. and M., and HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS GUNNING Treble	NORMAN H. COOMBS 5
JAMES E. LILLEY 2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 6
*H. H. YBATES 3	WILLIAM G. NIPPER 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	*C. E. LEVETT Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.

* First peal. James E. Lilley was proposed a member of the association for the peal.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
WILLIAM HEATH 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

A thanksgiving peal for the King's recovery. This composition is now rung for the first time.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MARCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK HONEY Treble	*HARRY SNELL 4
*NELSON SARGENT 2	*WILLIAM CHURCH 5
JOHN NOBES 3	†EDMUND A. PASSAM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob and 18 Spliced 240's of Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 4
*JOHN H. PITT 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE 3	*JOHN MOUNTFORD Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung on the festival of St. Margaret. The ringers represent six different towers. This was the conductor's 100th peal of Doubles, and he has now rung more tower bell peals for the Guild than any other member since the Guild's inception.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, July 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE LEE Treble	*RONALD H. BULLEN 4
TONY R. PRICE 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* 50th peal. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who has now rung Cambridge on all numbers from 6 to 12 bells.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK HAYES Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
HARRY HOWARD 2	HARRY BARRATT 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Arranged for the ringer of 5th, who hails from Minchinhampton, Glos.

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BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ISAAC BENNETT Treble	ALBERT H. BENNETT 4
FREDERICK W. BENNETT, SEN. 2	FRANK BURGESS 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	THOMAS WISE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung. Ringers of treble, 5th and tenor hail from Northampton, and were elected members of the Guild previous to starting. Messrs. Taylor are to be complimented upon the perfect 'go' of the bells.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-scores of Old Doubles, 8 six-scores of Bob Doubles, 20 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORE Treble	WILFRED YOUNG 4
JOHN FEAR 2	R. THOMAS CLARK 5
GILBERT HASSELL 3	GEORGE COMER Tenor

Conducted by R. THOMAS CLARK.

* First peal in three methods. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. J. L. Brown, a member of the local band, whose wedding took place that day.

REDGRAVE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE LAND Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 2	DAVID WHITING 5
RAYMOND GRANT 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

The ringers of the treble and 3rd bells were made members of the Suffolk Guild.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. J. MANSFIELD Treble	W. BUTLER 4
A. SOUTH 2	F. CHALK 5
W. H. P. MELLIN 3	E. W. BRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by E. W. BRIGHT.

Ringers of 3rd, 4th and tenor are from Witham. Mr. H. J. Mansfield has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

WEST DERBY, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of 'Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR HANCOCK Treble	JOHN BROWN 4
FREDERICK WOODWARD 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
GEORGE HOUGHTON 3	HARRY HANCOCK Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to all the Scouts attending the world jamboree, and also as a tribute to Major-General Baden-Powell.

'ODDS & ENDS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES'

Being mainly an explanation of the nature and working of the Q sets in ordinary ringing phraseology, with one or two other matters.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

* PHILLIP H. AVEY Treble	* WILLIAM THEOBALD 4
* HARRY KING 2	* JOHN MOBLE 5
* ALFRED PRIOR 3	* ROBERT MOLTON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's of Plain Bob, twelve Canterbury Pleasure, ten Grandsire, and six 240's of Pitman's arrangement.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM EVANS Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS 4
TREVOR JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
* HENRY T. CHANDLER 3	ROBERT G. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by W. EVANS.

* First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the King's recovery. J. P. Hyett now holds the record for the above Guild, having rung more peals than any other member.

HANDBELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Chief Fire Station, Westgate Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in E.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ROBERT ANDERSON 7-8

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First peal on handbells by all except the conductor.

FIELD OPERATIONS IN E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS.

The H.Q. staffs of the 'Red' and 'Blue' forces met whilst detrain-ing, en route for their respective battle fronts on Saturday. The position to be stormed by the 'Reds' could be seen in the distance, strongly fortified with timber, and the Red O.C. was left with wishes for success and a hope to see him later. The 'Blue' O.C. (deputy) proceeded alone to his field of operations (Lane End), where he was joined by three others (one non-combatant). The remainder of the H.Q. staff arrived in the next 'tank', having made a detour to inspect the Q.M. stores. Fortunately, some reinforcements arrived from the north, in the shape of Messrs. C. D. Potter and R. J. Ricketts, the last-named generously 'providing the rations,' Messrs. J. Evans and F. West (with his 'infernal machine') also helped to swell the ranks. Ringing in various methods was enjoyed, including a little 'spliced,' and some of the local talent scored in a 360 of Plain Bob. The return journey was somewhat similar to the arrival, i.e., by devious ways to the railhead, where the Blue O.C. met the discomfited 'Reds,' who had been soundly trounced by St. Clement's. As usual, the poor privates were blamed by the O.C. (non-commissioned) for 'not holding their position.'

The next practice meeting for East Berks and South Bucks Branch should be on August 24th at Warfield. Peal arrangers please note.

GLODWICK RINGER'S JUBILEE.

Mr. Albert Clegg, who for fifty years has been a ringer at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, Lancs, has been presented with a beautiful timepiece and an ebony walking stick, both suitably inscribed, by his many friends as a mark of appreciation for his long and devoted services. The Vicar of St. Mark's, the Rev. W. Sellers, made the presentation, and referred to Mr. Clegg's great regularity and punctuality during his 50 years' service, a record of which Mr. Clegg could feel proud.

Mr. Clegg suitably responded, and other members of the company spoke in appreciative terms of Mr. Clegg's esteemed services as a ringer.

The gathering closed with prayer, after which a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by a representative body of the Oldham Association, conducted by Mr. Clegg: F. Rawton, Moorside, 1. A. Taylor, Leesfield, 2. O. Moores, Leesfield, 3. S. Goulden, Leesfield, 4. W. Barlow, Glodwick, 5. J. Lees, Oldham, 6. A. Clegg (conductor), Glodwick, 7. J. Clegg, Glodwick, 8.

MAXIMUS AND MINOR RECORDS. TWO GREAT PEAL ATTEMPTS NEXT MONDAY.

There are to be two attempts for record peals on Monday—one, the 15,312 of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, of which notice has already been given. If successful, not only will it be the longest peal of Maximus ever rung, but also the longest peal on twelve bells.

The present Maximus record, 12,240 Kent Treble Bob, was made at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911, the peal taking 8 hrs. 39 mins. There have, however, been two longer lengths on twelve bells, viz., 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral in 9 hrs. 47 mins. in 1923, and 13,001 Grandsire Cinques in 8 hrs. 45 mins. at Painswick in 1920. The previous longest lengths on twelve bells had been 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 1901, and 10,224 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Painswick in 1833.

The peal next Monday is to be the Rev. H. Law James' 29 courses, and will start at about 8 a.m. The band is comprised of Messrs. W. Pye, G. R. Pye, C. T. Coles, J. Bennett and C. W. Roberts (all of London district), J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), E. P. Duffield (Colchester), A. E. Reeves (Bristol), G. Lindoff (Dublin), E. Jenkins (Warrington), T. B. Worsley (Bolton), and J. H. Riding (Crewe). The party meet at Ashton on Sunday, and ring for service at 5 p.m. Ashton-under-Lyne tenor is 25 cwt.

The second attempt for a record is to be made at St. Mary's Church, Rickingham Superior, Suffolk, where, starting about 10 a.m., a band of Suffolk Guild members will attempt to ring 16,560 of Minors. The tenor at this church is 10 cwt.

The existing six-bell record was made at Wath-on-Deerne as long ago as February 27th, 1816, when 'was rung the following 21 peals, viz.: Evening Delight, Evening Star, Cheapside, Cambridge, Symphony, Bob Royal, Morning Exercise, Morning Star, Morning Pleasure, Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, College Pleasure, London Scholars, Oxford Treble, St. Ann's Delight, Navigation Bob, Violet, Duke of York, City Delight, Rodney's Victory, making in all 15,120 changes, which were brought round in a grand and masterly style in eight hours and 27 minutes without a man quitting his rope.'

Good wishes for success will attend the efforts of both companies next Monday.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH

Recently the members of the Sheffield Cathedral company had their annual outing to Loughborough at the kind invitation of Mr. Colin Harrison, of the firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and a late member of the Sheffield Cathedral company. As the main object was to see and gather as much knowledge as possible connected with the manufacture of bells, an early start was made with a view to reaching Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s renowned foundry whilst the work was in full swing. This being accomplished, the party were warmly welcomed on arrival by Messrs. Harrison and Fidler, who immediately took charge of and conducted the party round the extensive works, and minutely explained the many intricacies and processes entailed in the casting and hanging of a modern peal of bells.

Surprise was expressed at the large ensemble of the firm, full interest being maintained right up to 'knocking off' time. Among the numerous peals of bells to be seen in the course of completion, special interest was taken in a large carillon temporarily erected in the foundry, and ultimately destined for a home town, exhibitions being given by the firm's representative.

Afterwards a visit was made to the bell tower, where touches of Little Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were indulged in. Amusement was caused at the first attempts on this extremely light peal, one member at least being completely 'bell licked,' but after a feeler quite creditable ringing was done, and the visitors were able to enjoy the novelty.

An adjournment was then made to hear the carillon erected in the public war memorial tower, where the assistant carillonneur very kindly gave an exhibition for the party's special benefit.

Dinner having been served at the King's Head Hotel, the whole party had a delightful walk to the village of Stanford-on-Soar, where the peal of eight had been kindly placed at their disposal. Touches in various methods were 'trotted out,' the non-participants reclining on a grassy bank in the glorious sunshine, criticising the work of those within.

A return was made by motor bus to Loughborough, when a visit was paid to the famous peal of ten at the Parish Church, the grandeur of which was a delight to hear, whilst the handling was all that could be desired. Here a very enjoyable hour was spent.

At the special invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, tea was partaken of at the Foundry House, and at the conclusion Mr. Harrison, to whom the party was totally indebted for the inception of the visit and the privileges conferred, was warmly thanked for all that he had done to ensure a successful day, the whole party expressing pleasure at all they had seen and heard. The remainder of the time was devoted to handbell ringing on the lawn, and further touches on the Foundry ten, which brought to a close one of the most enjoyable and interesting outings instituted by the Sheffield Cathedral company.

THE Q-SET PROBLEM EXPLAINED. AN ENLIGHTENING BOOKLET.

A little book, entitled 'Odds and Ends of Grandsire Triples,' has been written by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who, as many of our readers well know, is probably the leading authority on the Grandsire method. To Mr. Davies' investigations more than forty years ago, the Exercise owes a great deal of its knowledge of Grandsire Triples composition. His appendix to Snowden's 'Grandsire' is not the least valuable part of that interesting and exhaustive work, and his peal compositions are among the 'classics' of this method. Anything, therefore, which comes from his pen on the subject of Grandsire Triples is to be welcomed, and in his newest contribution he again places the Exercise under an obligation.

Most ringers who 'dabble' in composition have heard of Thompson's theory of Q sets. If they have not heard of it, they nevertheless find themselves up against it when they begin to compose peals, and unless they understand the principle of these Q sets their way to success is, indeed, an arduous, and often a disappointing, one. Mr. Thompson was not a ringer, and he approached the subject merely from a mathematician's standpoint, but he proved certain facts very conclusively. His work solved once for all one of the problems which had beset composers, namely, whether a peal of Grandsire Triples could be obtained by plain leads and common bobs only. In a pamphlet which he published in the year 1886, Mr. Thompson proved the impossibility of the task.

There are probably few ringers of to-day who have had the opportunity of studying Mr. Thompson's pamphlet; their closest acquaintance with it is through the review in the pages of 'Grandsire.' The Rev. C. D. P. Davies now brings this vital theory, worked out by Mr. Thompson, into a practical relationship with composition as applied to the Grandsire method. This he does with a clarity which will enable anyone, with a desire to study the subject, to grasp with comparative ease the important principles which underlie what to many ringers is a term full of mystery—Q sets.

In addition to the explanation which is given on the question of Q sets, the author also contributes an interesting analysis of some famous peals of Grandsire Triples, and has a final word to say on the subject of the different views taken by the editor of 'Grandsire' and himself in the matter of the starting of the calling in the two halves of Holt's ten-part peal—a subject which created a lively discussion many years ago.

To all those who do not make the belfry door a beginning and an ending of their interest in ringing, 'Odds and Ends of Grandsire Triples' will provide an interesting and an enlightening study. It is obtainable, post free 1s. 3d., from Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Kemereton, Tewkesbury.

MEMBERS OR DELEGATES? To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the opinions being expressed on the above subject, would it not be advisable to pause and consider the unique position of the Central Council—a body which derives its power solely from the respect which it commands among the Exercise—before accepting the principle that a member has the right to vote against the considered opinions of his (or her) association?

I would reply to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' statement this week that 'the Council consists, not of delegates, but of members, etc.,' by asking how those individuals become members except by being delegated to represent their fellow-members of their respective associations?

I agree that we elect these representatives, having faith in their judgment on any question that may arise, but, as I believe happened originally in this controversy, when a question has already been discussed by an association and a definite opinion formed, surely that association has a right to express that opinion through its elected representative, irrespective of his own personal opinion, and to expect his support in the Council Chamber, the only alternative being, should he be unable to accept their views, his resignation and the election of another who can conscientiously represent that opinion.

This I have found to be the invariable rule in organisations where the Council has the authority of rules binding on all federated bodies, and should be a point of honour in our case, where, as I stated before, the Council carries the day simply by the respect which it commands among the Exercise.

This respect, I fear, will not be increased if we accept the principles of any leading politician for our guidance. Ringers exist of all shades of political opinion, and I doubt if any prominent politician can be found whose Parliamentary principles would be accepted without serious question by a great many, and, still further, our Council is in no way a counterpart of the national Parliament, for, whatever Viscount Brentford, Burke, or any party leader may have said, the judgment of M.P.s is determined, not so much by the views of their constituents or by the national needs, as by the party whip, and I fear that when that atmosphere pervades our Council chamber it will stifle the prestige of that assembly among ringers throughout the country—surely a condition which none of us cares to contemplate.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

ECCLES NEW BELLS**FINE NEW RING IN LANCASHIRE CHURCH.**

At a largely attended service, at which all classes of the community were represented, the new ring of eight bells at Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire, was dedicated on July 20th. A procession was formed at the Town Hall, where the Mayor and Mayoress met the schoolchildren and proceeded to the church after laying a wreath on the cenotaph. A large number of ringers was present, and the bells were dedicated by Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association. Towards the end of the service the congregation assembled in the churchyard to hear the bells, a short touch under the conductorship of Mr. J. Myles being rung. The proceedings outside concluded with the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul!' and a verse of the National Anthem. A wreath was placed on the grave of Mr. Edward Oldfield, a ringer who had worked hard on behalf of the fund for providing the new bells.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. were the founders, and the new ring, with a tenor of 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat, evoked the greatest admiration. A great improvement in the acoustics outside the tower has been effected by the provision of a lantern roof.

The inscriptions on the old bells have been reproduced on the new as follows:—

- 1.—Edward Byrom, 1768. Glory be to God on High. (Recast by J. Taylor and Co., 1929.)
 - 2.—Ann Byrom, 1768. Serve The Lord in Fear. (Recast by J. Taylor and Co., 1929.)
 - 3.—Eleanor Byrom, 1768. Music is Medicine to the mind. (Recast by J. Taylor and Co., 1929.)
 - 4.—Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round, 1768. (Recast by J. Taylor and Co., 1929.)
 - 5.—Prosperity to this Church and Town of Eccles, 1768. (Recast by J. Taylor and Co., 1929.) H. N. Ross, B.D., Vicar of Eccles. Churchwardens, F. W. Watson, S. Hesketh, F. H. Wellwood.
 - 6.—To honour both our God and King our voices shall in consort ring. (All these Bells, cast originally by Lester and Pack of London, in 1768, for St. John's Church, Manchester, were given to Eccles Church and recast by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough in 1929.)
 - 7.—Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness be sober, merry, wise and you'll the same possess, 1768. (Recast by J. Taylor and Co., 1929.)
 - 8.—St. John's Church, Manchester. Lester and Pack of London. FECIT 1768. In wedlock bands all ye who join with hands
- (Continued in next column.)

A VILLAGE'S EXAMPLE.**ANOTHER NEW PEAL OF SIX FOR SOUTH LINGS.**

The opening of the church and bells of the small village of Horbling on July 16th was one of marked interest. Less than four years ago the condition of the edifice was such that it seemed almost impossible to save it from ruin, but, owing to the splendid co-operation of the Rector, the Parochial Church Council, and parishioners of Horbling, the sum of £3,800 has been raised, and this fine old edifice has been made safe for generations to come. The Lord Bishop of Lincoln was present for the dedication service, and in his address congratulated the people of Horbling on completing such a big task—a wonderful achievement; and in rejoicing with them in their thanksgiving, he commended their untiring efforts to larger and more pretentious places.

At the conclusion of the service, a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Surprise was brought round by: Rev. H. Law James 1, J. P. Fidler 2, A. Holmes 3, Mrs. R. Richardson 4, J. W. Ward 5, R. Richardson 6.

The work of recasting the peal of five bells and making them into six, together with the provision of a new iron frame with all the latest fittings, was entrusted with Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they are again to be congratulated on the splendid work they have completed. Horbling now possesses a musical ring with a tenor of 9 cwt. in B flat.

On Saturday last, July 20th, the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held their quarterly meeting at this church, ringers being present from Peterborough, Market Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Bourne, Morton, Rippingale, Folkingham, Doncaster, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Branston, Orston, Billingborough and Horbling. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector of Horbling, and the address given by the Bishop of Grantham, who gave a very interesting outline on the various uses of bells throughout the ages.

The tea and business meeting followed at Tateson's Cafe, at Billingborough, where 29 sat down.

During the evening the peal of six at Billingborough, and also the bells at Horbling, were again made good use of, in methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

(Continued from previous column.)

your hearts unite so shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite. Our founder's shield. Recast 1902.

The founders were represented at the dedication by Mr. J. P. Fidler. Ringing was indulged in on the new peal throughout the evening.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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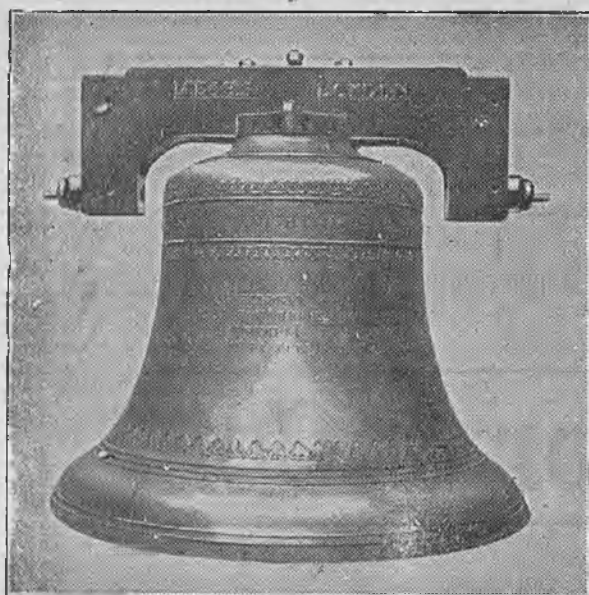
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The heavy peal of six at Heytesbury, Wilts, are to be completely rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are also going to rehang the eight bells at Brancepeth, Co. Durham.

The first peal of Grandsire Royal was rung at Painswick on August 6th, 1815.

The ringers who attended the rally at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 13th were delighted with the courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters and the three leads of Treble Twelve, so ably tapped on the back twelve of the carillon by Mr. T. Groombridge, jun.

The James's, who have for a long time been keen on a name peal, scored a success, appropriately, on the fortieth anniversary of the first James peal. Among the Jims was 'He of England,' and it was his 1,030th peal. We understand that he has already tentatively booked St. James' Day, 1969, for the next 'family' affair.

Quex Park bells were opened on August 4th, 1819. This is the lightest ring of twelve in the country, and they hang in a tower in a private park.

ONE OF THE OLDEST WHITECHAPEL RINGS.

SEDLSCOMBE BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

One of the oldest complete peals from the Whitechapel Foundry remaining in the country is a ring of five at Sedlescombe, Sussex. The tenor was cast by Robert Mott, in 1595, and bears his famous circular stamp of three bells with his initials R.M. The other four bells were cast by Joseph Carter, who succeeded Robert Mott as head of the foundry. The fourth was cast in 1606, and bears the shield of Richard Brasyer, who was a founder at Norwich a hundred years earlier. This shield has an interesting history. It is found on many bells in Norfolk, cast by Richard Brasyer and his successors during the 15th and part of the 16th centuries. It then disappears from Norfolk, and in 1588 it is used by Robert Mott. From Mott it passed to his successor, by whom it was used from 1597 to 1609, and by William Yare, his son-in-law, and successor in a foundry at Reading, in 1610 and 1611. In 1613 it is found at Norwich again, being used by William Brend, a bell founder there at that time. It is worth noting, in connection with the return of this shield to its original home, that in 1614 no charter of the founders' company was granted. One of the regulations was that every founder should put his own mark on his articles of manufacture.

The three smallest bells at Sedlescombe were cast by Joseph Carter in 1607, it being recorded on the treble that 'John Darbie and William Dawe gave this bell.'

Sedlescombe bells are now to be rehung and augmented to six by the Whitechapel Foundry, from which the original five bells came more than three hundred years ago.

INVERNESS CATHEDRAL BELLS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My attention has been drawn to a paragraph in 'The Ringing World' of July 12th in which it is stated that a visitor to Inverness 'found the bells of the Cathedral in a very dilapidated condition.' This is altogether an incorrect and misleading statement to make. The bells were rehung and steel girders partially substituted for the old wooden frame as recently as 1914, and therefore there has not been time for them to get into a very dilapidated condition, however badly they might have been treated. But they have not been badly treated, and if they are not at present in first-class ringing order it is due to the fact that since the war they have not been rung.

Ours is the only peal of bells in this part of Scotland, and where there is no ringing tradition the difficulty of enlisting and training ringers in one small place is very difficult, as you can well imagine. That condition of affairs we are now doing our best to remedy, and I have a band of young men, all of whom until recently had not seen a bell or a bell rope, out of whom I am trying to make ringers.—Yours faithfully,

A. A. D. MACKENZIE,
Provost of Inverness Cathedral.

THE PEAL AT THURCASTON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—To use the expression of a gentleman from Leicester, someone from Edmonton has 'broken out' over a footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, on July 14th. Had I known that a footnote of this kind was to appear after the peal, I would have have seen that Bishopsgate was mentioned instead of Edmonton.—Yours truly,

W. R. MADGWICK.

178, Croyland Road, Lower Edmonton.

P.S.—I had previously lived in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. This may possibly account for the footnote which appeared in the above-mentioned peal.

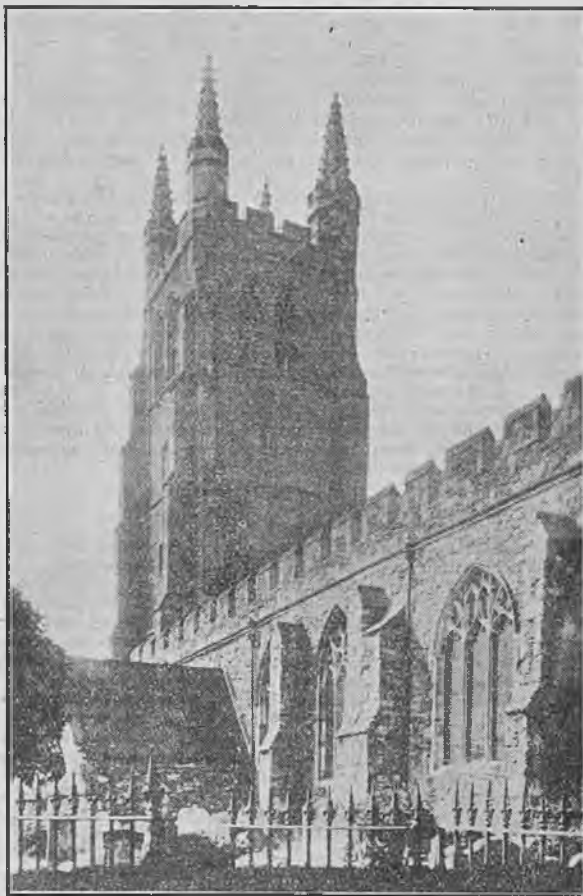
IN THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND.

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TENTERDEN TOWER.

This handsome and beautiful tower is one of a famous trio within a circuit of about 20 miles, the others being at Ashford and Lydd, which, from certain similarities both in design and size, are each thought to be work of the same architect. Ashford tower is 120 feet high, Lydd 132 feet, while Tenterden comes in second with 125 feet of massive dignity.

It is built in the Perpendicular style, and was in course of erection during the middle of the 15th century, according to evidence from wills. In that of Robert Cok, dated 1449 (one of the earliest Tenterden wills) there is a bequest of 5 marcs (£3 6s. 8d.) to the making of the new bell tower. Henry Easteach, by will made in 1461, gave 12 pieces of his best timber to the work of the new tower, whilst Thomas Petlesden gave 100 marcs (£66 13s. 4d.). Numerous other parishioners gave of their goods, time and money to the building of their church and tower, and it remains a noble monument to their memory. Unlike the rest of the church, the



TENTERDEN TOWER.

tower is built principally of Bethersden marble, the buttresses are of very fine proportions, and the double west doorway is also a remarkable feature, the only other instance of a double doorway in Kent being at Lydd, thus affording a prominent instance of the similarity of the two structures.

A recent work on church architecture names only four other parishes in England having this unique feature, one each in Wilts and Northants, and two in Norfolk. The large west window, it is interesting to learn, was built at the cost of Thomas Cok, who, by his will, dated 1473, desired his executors to provide from his goods 'the whole of the new Window fully glazed in the West part of the new tower of Tenterden.'

According to the Kentish historian, Edward Hasted, there was formerly a noted 'dropping stone' in the arch of the doorway going into the bell loft, but upon the water drying in July 1720, where it fell underneath, the stone became hard and slippery. From time to time this tower has been associated with sundry legends concerning the Goodwin sands and Sandwich Haven. As, however, the sands were formed and the Haven greatly decayed before the building of

this tower, it is obvious that it had nothing to do with either. At an examination of the fabric made in 1891, it was found that the mortar was beyond question made with sea sand, and the joints partly filled up with sea shells. The churchwardens' accounts of 1709 show that sand and shells were imported from the neighbouring port of Rye, Sussex.

As all our readers are aware, lotteries of every kind are illegal at the present day, but formerly they were not only common but recognised by the State. One such drawing took place as far back as the year 1567, in which the first prize was £5,000. Each scrip sent in had to be marked with a 'posie' or 'mottoe,' and it is recorded Edward Hales tried his fortune with the following lines, his ticket No. 40834, and his prize 1s. 2d.:—

'Of many people it hath been sayed

That Tenterden steeple, Sandwich Haven, hath decayed.'

The view from the top is a very grand one, extending to the sea and French coast, when the Gris Nez light may be seen. It formerly had a beacon, a sort of iron kettle holding about a gallon, and at the time of the Armada this beacon communicated with others at Fairlight, Sawcut, near Rye, Romney Church tower and other places. From a platform at the top of the pinnacles, erected in 1864, the ordnance surveyors could see nearly 100 churches. The tower underwent a thorough course of restoration and repair, and to mark the completion of such a grand work the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Davidson) preached at the special service held on January 12th, 1912.

THE BELLS.

All the bells have been recast from time to time, and the churchwardens' accounts contain numerous entries respecting their repair and new casting, also of repairs to the clock and chimes. Before the time of these accounts we learn from the will of John Godday, dated 1471, that he bequeathed for the purchase of a new bell for the bell tower of Tenterden £10.

The tenor bell weighs 30 cwt. This is the same as the tenor of Canterbury Cathedral, and only a little less than that of Maidstone Parish Church, which is stated to be the heaviest bell in Kent—31 cwt. A few items of interest concerning the bells may be quoted from the early churchwardens' accounts:—

1616.—Item, pd. to Goodman Warde and his man for one day and a halfe in new hanginge of the great bell, iiii. iiiid.

1619.—Item, paide for our dynners and of Joseph Hatche, the bell-founder, when he came to seal the writings, iis. xd.

1619.—Item, pd. unto Joseph Hatche, the Bellfounder, the 15th day of July, for Exchanginge the second bell then broken, vii. 0.0.

1619.—Item, pd. for bread and beare for those that did help with the bell, xxd.

1621.—Pd. unto a messenger to goe into the bellfounder at Broomfield, xviid.

Item, pd. for my charges at Canterbury being cited thither about the broken bell. vs. 0d.

Item, pd. for the Bellfounder his expence beinge sent for by Mr. Maior, iiii. xd.

Other entries show that in 1628 the third bell was cast at Broomfield foundry, near Maidstone; and in 1636 it was cast again, this time at Borden foundry near Sittingbourne; while in 1671 one of the bells was sent to St. Mary Cray foundry to be done at a cost of about £30. In addition, there is a page full of minor expenses, all of which are set forth in detail.

One more bell item from the accounts may be briefly mentioned. In the year 1709 five young men of Tenterden were concerned in breaking the 'great bell' of Tenterden by striking it, probably with the idea of getting more sound out of it. John Brissenden, being the one who actually struck the blow that broke it, was ordered by the vestry to pay three pounds, the others being called upon to pay 10s. each, but one of them evaded payment, as only £4 10s. appears as having been received. A rate of 8d. in the £ was levied in the parish to raise a fund to replace the bell, 'to be made in all respects as good as formerly.' This produced £142 5s. 4d., and the bell was forthwith cast in Tenterden.

The accounts for the year 1710 contain full particulars of the materials used and the prices, the work of casting being done by Richard Phelps, bellfounder, of London. To build the furnace, 10,000 bricks cost £12 5s., and after the cast was finished were sold to one of the churchwardens, James Chapman, for £8. The bell founders' two principal items were £51 as per agreement, and £25 19s. for additional metal.

A fresh peal of six was placed in the tower in 1717, and it is very unfortunate that the churchwardens' accounts of this period are missing. The earliest entries relating to the bells dates from 1614, and for the clock and chimes in 1616. In that year the clock needed a new repeat at a cost of 7s., while Jeremy Austen, 'the Saxton and Clarke,' was paid 2s. for 'setting the Chymes goinge.'

W. H. F.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., with 4-6-8 covering: J. Taylor 1, J. Hemming (conductor) 2, H. Smith 3, M. Baylis 4, R. Nash 5, E. Cairns 6, J. Watton 7, S. Cocum 8.

LONDON'S OLDEST RINGING PEAL.

BELLS OF ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, RESTORED.

The City of London has now gained another peal of eight. The old ring of six at St. Olave's, Hart Street, has been retuned and rehung, and two new trebles, which make an admirable splice, have been added. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and it was from the Whitechapel Foundry that the old bells originally came; the back five cast by Anthony Bartlett in 1662, and the old treble (now the 3rd) by James Bartlett in 1694. The back six are now the oldest peal, available for ringing, in the City of London. The bells at St. Bartholomew-the-Great are an older peal, but ringing on them has been forbidden.

St. Olave's ringing chamber formerly had the unpleasant distinction of being the dirtiest in the city. Thanks to the efforts which have been made in connection with the restoration, a complete transformation has been effected, and when some further improvements, now in hand, are finished it will be quite a comfortable little ringing chamber.

The dedication of the bells took place on Monday (St. Olave's Day), the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of London. A special service was arranged, the dedicatory prayers being said in the baptistery. After the Bishop's address, the ringers attached to the tower rang the bells. The retuning has resulted in a great improvement in the old six, and the new trebles have added to the effect, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon providing the city with an admirable right ring of eight. The tenor is 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp, and bears the names of the churchwardens of 1662. 'Anthony Bartlett made mee, 1662,' is inscribed on each of the back five, and 'Jacobus Bartlett me fecit 1694' on the third. The new trebles bear the inscription: 'Mears and Stainbank made me 1929. The gift of Alderman Sir Charles Wakefield, Bart.' On the second is added, 'Tom Welland, Rector, D. O. Kerr, F. H. D. Man, Churchwardens.'

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT BRAMSHOTT.

A very successful meeting was held at Bramshott on Saturday last in fine weather, about 30 ringers and friends being present from Bishop's Waltham, Blackmoor, Bramshott, Gosport, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Shedfield, Steep, Titchfield and Rogate, also Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford).

The bells were set going shortly after 3 p.m. in various methods. A short service was held, at which the Rector (Rev. E. H. Polehampton) officiated, and an excellent address was given by the Vicar of Steep (Rev. E. R. Day), which the members greatly appreciated.

By the kindness of Bramshott friends (to whom the district is always greatly indebted), an excellent tea was provided in an adjoining garden, and as the weather was ideal, it was a most enjoyable meal. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar of Steep was voted to the chair.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Gosport on Saturday, October 26th, and the meeting also sanctioned a by-meeting to be held at Hambledon on September 14th.

Capt. A. R. W. Woods, D.S.O., R.N. (Alverstoke), who was present at the meeting, was elected an honorary member, and W. B. Batts (Hambledon) a ringing member.

Before the close of the meeting the Rector of Bramshott in a few remarks welcomed the Guild on their visit, and also thanked those who kindly provided the tea and made the necessary preparations.—Mr. F. W. Rogers (district secretary), on behalf of the members, thanked the Rector for his kind welcome, and also those kind friends whom he had mentioned.—Messrs. E. Woods and W. H. Wright (Bramshott), in the course of a few remarks, said how delighted they were to see their old friend, Mr. A. H. Pulling, present with them, mentioning that he had done yeoman service for the Bramshott ringers in the past.

Touches on handbells were indulged in on the lawn, whilst others returned to the tower for further ringing, which during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Dibden on Saturday, July 27th. During the afternoon the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Tea and business meeting were held in the Old School, presided over by the Rector of Dibden, the district chairman, supported by Mr. Geo. Williams (vice-president), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), and Messrs. J. W. Faithfull and W. Andrews.

Four new members were elected from Dibden, and one from Romsey. The election of Capt. W. Linter, of the Church Army, St. Davids, Exeter, was ratified as a compounding member.

Mr. Pullinger proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. G. T. Twitton, for the use of the bells and also for presiding.

The towers represented were Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Eling, Romsey, North Stoneham, St. Mary's, Southampton, Ringwood, Exeter, King's Somborne, Winchester and Dibden. The next meeting will be held at Upham on October 12th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A by-meeting was held at Appledore on July 20th, when about 20 members and friends attended from Ashford, Hythe, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone and Tenterden, and the locals. Ringing began at three o'clock, and owing to the excessive heat the bells were not fully utilised, as the shady spots were preferable. Service was conducted by Rev. M. M. Vicker, who also gave an address. Tea was provided at the Vicarage through the kindness of the Vicar and Messrs. G. and A. Johnson, whose hospitality was much appreciated in the cool shade. There being no business, Mr. C. W. Player voiced the thanks of those present to the Vicar and Messrs. Johnson's for the excellent tea. Some strolled round the garden, while others enjoyed a game of bowls, which was abruptly ended by the great gale which broke upon them. Ringing was then kept up till 8.15, the methods rung being Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District, held at Westerham on Saturday, July 20th, was favoured by brilliant weather. A delightful old-world town, Westerham is famous as the birthplace of General Wolfe. It has also a beautiful old church, in which the font at which Wolfe was baptised still remains, and the register is still preserved recording the christening of the general). There is, in addition, a good peal of bells, and it was not surprising that nearly fifty ringers attended. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and with the interval for the service and tea was kept going in various methods from Grandsire to Superlative. It was the members' own fault if they did not get a pull in any method they wished.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. A. Castle (who also gave an excellent address), while Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ. An excellent tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. One new hon. member (Rev. E. L. Langston, Rector of Sevenoaks) was elected.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for presiding at the meeting were passed, and, in reply, the Vicar expressed his great pleasure in meeting the members. It was the first time since he came to Westerham that a meeting had been held there, and he hoped that another one would be held in the near future.

Votes of thanks were also passed to Mr. Pitman for his services at the organ, and to the local members for making the arrangements. These having been responded to, the members adjourned to the tower.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Newington on July 27th, and ringers attended from Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Frindsbury, Rainham, Borden, Queenborough, Gravesend, Upchurch, Sittingbourne, Tunstall, Milton-next-Gravesend, York, and also the local band. Various methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon, and the association form of service was taken by the Rector of Halstow, who very kindly deputised for the Vicar of Newington, who was away on holiday.

After the service a move was made towards the schoolroom, where a splendid tea had been provided by the generosity of the Vicar of Newington and the local band. The company were waited upon by the wives and friends of the local band, and full justice was done to the good things which were provided.

The business meeting followed, and at the end hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Halstow, the Vicar of Newington, the local band, and the ladies who had all made the visit, which all agreed was long overdue, such a success and a very great pleasure. The tower was again visited, and ringing was indulged in until nine o'clock, touches, including Cambridge Surprise, being successfully brought round.

BIRTHDAY BELLS AT OLD HILL, STAFFS.

On Saturday, July 20th, eight members of the Dudley and District Guild met in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, to celebrate the birthdays of two of their highly-esteemed members, Mr. John Price and Mr. Bert Price. They rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: John Price 1, S. J. Hughes 2, B. Gough 3, G. Swallow 4, W. Green 5, H. Sheppard 6, J. Goodman, jun. (conductor) 7, G. Guest 8. The band and several other friends were generously entertained to tea and supper by Mr. and Mrs. John Price on their beautiful lawn, and between these two meals tunes and changes were indulged in on the handbells, also bowling on the lawn and strolling round the well-kept garden. At the supper table, Mr. S. J. Hughes, on behalf of those present, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Price for their generous hospitality, at the same time extending to them best wishes for a long life full of happiness. Mr. Price returned thanks on behalf of himself and Mrs. Price, and said what a pleasure it had been to them to have their friends with them that day.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. CARHAMPTON'S NEW BELLS.

A quarterly meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Carhampton on Saturday, July 20th. There was a representative gathering of ringers, including members from Milverton, Ilminster, Monksilver, Old Cleve, St. Audries, Chipstable, Skilgate, Minehead, Dulverton, Exton, Withypool, Wootton Courtenay, Huish Champflower, Timberscombe and Carhampton. Clergy present were Revs. T. S. Dawson, Vicar, H. P. Boulton (president), A. P. Lance (Wootton Courtenay), M. D. Walker (Minehead), and R. A. W. Newman (Withypool).

The bells, which have recently been recast and rehung, were set going at three o'clock, and ringing continued till 4.15. Mr. Vowles, of Minehead, then photographed the company in front of the church. The association form of service was conducted by Rev. H. P. Boulton. The Vicar read the lesson, and Mr. Deed, of Minehead, presided at the organ. The Vicar gave an appropriate address from 11 Cor. v. 17: 'Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.' He referred to the recasting of the bells. The old bells were out of tune, and might have been retuned, but they at Carhampton wanted no short cuts, as they did not last. They therefore decided to make a thoroughly good job by having the bells recast, tuned, and rehung in modern and up-to-date fittings. This had been a big task for a small parish, but they had worked together, and a job had been done of which they were proud. Let the recasting of bells be a lesson to them, he said, as he went on to compare the re-creation of souls to the recasting of the bells.

A splendid tea was provided by the Vicar and Church Council in the Village Hall. Forty members sat down, and the Vicar presided, the helpers including Mr. Cook (churchwarden), Mrs. George Cridland, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Bryant and Miss Tooze.

The president was in the chair for the business meeting, which followed. Mr. S. Bowden (Withypool) and Mr. G. Adams and Mr. S. Stoneham (Skilgate) were elected members. On the invitation of Mr. Newman it was decided to hold the next meeting at Withypool early in September.

Mr. D. G. Taylor, of Ilminster, being the advisory expert, was asked to give his views on the bells at Carhampton. He remarked that the bells were sweet toned and in tune, and the 'go' all that could be desired. Carhampton was to be congratulated on having such a nice little ring of bells.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address. This was carried with applause, and the Vicar responded. He was glad to welcome the association to Carhampton. He wished to thank Mr. Cook and the Church Council for the help they had given.—Mr. Cook also replied.

Mr. Lance proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies, the organist, steeplekeeper, and helpers, and this having been carried by acclamation, Mr. Walker proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, who suitably replied, and enlarged on the tone of the bells, which he thought was soft and mellow at a short distance.

The meeting being over, ringing continued till nine o'clock.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association was held at the six-bell tower of Hartfield, on Saturday, July 20th, twenty-two being present. The tower was open for ringing at 2.30, and at 4.30 a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. A. Beckles, who also gave a most interesting address. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was afterwards served in the Anchor Hotel, and was much appreciated.

The usual business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. The following new members were elected: J. D. Manley and T. Dudman, Turner's Hill, and G. Strudwick, Hartfield. The elections of W. J. G. Brown, Ipswich, and Sidney W. Corden, Leigh, Essex, were confirmed.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the service and address, also for his kind hospitality; coupled with this were thanks to the organist and choir, who contributed so much to the success of the service.

Ringing was again resumed and continued until about 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

It is believed the local band has benefited by the visit, although six-bell towers are not supported as one would wish, and all present expressed their satisfaction at having at had an enjoyable time. The following towers were represented: Aldrington, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' (Brighton), Crawley, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Lindfield, and Turners Hill, also independent members.

WHAT IS A BELLRINGER?

To the Editor.

Sir,—The 'Daily Mirror,' in which a photo of Mrs. Grimwood, of Horsley Cross, Essex, recently appeared, stated in a paragraph that the old lady, 92 years of age, had been a bellringer 62 years. Horsley Cross Church was formerly a schoolroom. When licensed for divine service, now held once a fortnight, the old school bell of about 10 or 12 lbs., with chiming cord attached to the clapper by which it is made to sound, remained. Can the person who does this be called a bellringer?

Romford.

B. KEEBLE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL SECESSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am surprised to see that my friend, J. Gould, has lent his signature to a letter obviously written by someone else in order to flog a dead horse. If he has a genuine desire to contribute to your columns, let it be something original, not a reiteration of what has already appeared. For instance, he might be able to give your readers the real reason why the Gloucester and Bristol Association seceded from the Central Council, and, on the other hand, he might not.

In the latter case, may I, through you, extend to him a cordial invitation to meet me at my address any time after seven o'clock in the evening of either August 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th, when I will show him ample evidence of it (by innuendoes if not by actual allegations), and all typewritten.

Mr. Gould, like myself, was one of those present at the founding of the St. Stephen's Guild 35 years ago. He remembers the time when Grandsire was the standard dish, and when it was a rarity for a touch of Stedman Caters to come round. When transport was difficult and the push bike was the only reliable means of conveyance between Shirehampton and Bristol, Joe did not miss many practices; but when improvements took place, both in transport and in ringing, our friend did not quite keep up to the level, and gradually dropped out of the ringing at St. Stephen's altogether, although still retaining membership. But, notwithstanding this, I had the pleasure of calling his first (and only?) peal of Double Norwich. If anyone has to publish an account of all the harm I have done, and, I suppose, am still doing, to Bristol ringing and ringers, I would rather it be an old friend like Joseph Gould than anyone else.

W. A. CAVE.

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HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

JOINT MEETING AT MONKEN HADLEY.

The third 'annual' between these neighbouring associations of Hertfordshire and Middlesex was held at St. Mary's Church, Monken Hadley, on Saturday last, when upwards of 50 members of one or other (or both) of the two societies met to spend a pleasant afternoon in ringing together. The ancient church (rebuilt 1494) looked pretty well filled at the service, when the Rector (Rev. G. Richardson) gave both associations a very hearty welcome and the congregation some sound advice. Tea was afterwards served, presided over by Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P. (president, Middlesex Association), who was supported by the Rector and churchwarden (Mr. Brittain) and several officers of the two associations. Mr. W. Nash (St. Albans district secretary) and Mr. B. Jarman (District Master) represented the Herts Association, whilst Messrs. W. Pye (Master), W. Pickworth (vice-president), and C. T. Coles (district secretary) represented the Middlesex Association.

After tea, Mr. C. T. Coles gave the Hertfordshire visitors a very hearty welcome to Middlesex, and expressed satisfaction at the success of the meeting, as shown by the attendance.

Mr. Nash thanked the Middlesex Association, and spoke of the fraternal feeling encouraged by these meetings.

Mr. Milne gave a little of the history of the Hadley bells, which, prior to 1876, were a peal of four, two of them being cracked. In that year two were added, and the peal remained six until 1921, when he added two trebles, one in memory of his father and mother, and the other in memory of his only son, Captain Alexander Milne, Herts Yeomanry, who was killed in the Great War.

It may be added that Mr. Milne was born at Hadley some 75 years ago.

Mr. Milne proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, which was carried with applause. The Rev. G. Richardson again expressed his pleasure at meeting the two associations, and hoped they would visit Hadley again.

Mention was made of the regrettable absence of Mr. W. Dell, for 50 years a ringer at Hadley, who is in hospital after a stroke, and the Rector promised to convey to him the good wishes of all present.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at Monken Hadley, and in the evening at Barnet. All the standard methods were rung, as well as a touch of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. It is hoped to hold next year's joint meeting at North Mimms, Hertfordshire. In the meantime, members of the two associations should note August 24th as the date of the combined meeting of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations, which has been arranged at Hertford, instead of at Broxbourne as previously announced.

A BIRTHDAY QUARTER-PEAL.

At St. Mary's Church, Slough, Bucks, on July 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: W. H. Gutteridge 1, F. G. Baldwin 2, E. Hudson 3, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 4, G. T. Leader 5, G. Barkus 6, A. Bateman 7, J. H. Cropley 8. Rung for the sixteenth birthday of the treble man. The conductor wishes to thank St. Mary's ringers for kindly arranging for this quarter-peal to be rung.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL RINGERS' VISIT TO NORTH SOMERSET.

On Saturday, July 13th, the St. Paul's Cathedral company, with a number of friends, spent their annual outing in North Somerset. The party was met at Bristol by Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. J. T. Dyke, and the first call was Wrington. The noble ring of ten (tenor 37 cwt.) at this church were much enjoyed by everyone. The tower is one of the finest in the county, and was considered by Barry to be the finest example of Perforated Perpendicular style in the country. Its proportions were copied by him in designing the great Victoria tower at Westminster. The bells were originally a ring of six by Thomas Bilbie, of Chewstoke. In 1845, the tenor and treble were recast by Charles and George Mears, of Whitechapel, and in 1911 they were augmented to ten and completely rehung by the Whitechapel Foundry.

An interesting anecdote was related to Major Hesse years ago by James Chidzey, one of the old six-bell band, to the effect that when the recast tenor and treble were dedicated, the last of the Bilbie family came over to hear the new tenor. It is very satisfactory to know that an enthusiastic local band rings every Sunday for services, and a remarkable feature is the strict punctuality of every member.

Lunch was served at the Golden Lion under the direction of Hostess Mrs. Axford, and it is worth recording that the Golden Lion is one of the most comfortable inns in the country, while Mrs. Axford's kindness is proverbial.

After lunch, the party journeyed via Burrington Coombe and Cheddar Gorge to Wells. Burrington Coombe was made famous by Toplady, whose hymn, 'Rock of Ages,' was inspired whilst he was taking shelter under a large overhanging rock during a storm. Cheddar Gorge is too well known to need comment, and everyone was tremendously impressed by the wonderful scenery and the caves.

At Wells Cathedral, ringing on the noble peal of ten could only be of short duration owing to a service being held. The next stop was Chewton Mendip, where hangs a very fine ring of eight, cast by Taylor in 1913. The tower previously contained a ring of six, tenor about 27 cwt., by various founders. The six were recast into eight as the gift of Lord Waldegrave.

The bells were rung before and after tea, and as time would not permit of ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, a short stop was made at Pensford for a social half hour, after which the party proceeded to Temple Meads Station, where they embarked for London in a special saloon coach.

One frequently hears of generations of ringing families, and it is interesting to relate that at Wrington the Vowles have been ringers for more than four generations. Major Hesse has actually rung with four generations of the family.

The best thanks of the party are due to Messrs. Cave and Dyke for the arrangements so kindly and efficiently made on behalf of the visitors, also to the Dean of Wells and the Rectors of Wrington and Chewton Mendip for the use of the bells.

IN DORSET.

The ringers of All Saints' Church, Castle Cary, with their wives, had their annual outing on July 4th. They left Castle Cary at 8.15 a.m., by charabanc, with rain falling steadily, their first stop being at Norton-sub-Hamdon. After ringing for half an hour on these splendid bells and inspecting the church, also enjoying the view from the tower, the trip was continued, and the rain was left behind. Netherbury provided the next bells to be rung, and thence the party proceeded to West Bay for a short walk along the sea front, the weather by this time being beautifully fine. The next call was at Burton Bradstock, with a light peal of six. Journeying on for about two miles, and selecting a suitable site, the party drew up on the roadside for dinner. The lovely scenery of this part of the Dorset coast is almost impossible to describe. After the meal the journey was continued along the hills, with the sea on one side and the sun shining overhead, to the last stop at Abbotsbury, where is another light ring and a most interesting old church. Here, after a few touches, the company proceeded to their destination, Weymouth, which was reached about 4 p.m. Here the party broke up and went in various directions, reassembling at 7.30 for the return trip, which was made through Dorchester and Sherborne, home being reached at 10 p.m., after most enjoyable excursion through lovely country with delightful scenery. Thanks are accorded to the Vicars and ringers, who gave the company a hearty welcome at all the towers.

GILLINGHAM FETE DISASTER.

At the Parish Church, Gillingham, on Sunday, July 14th, the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob, and on Wednesday evening, July 17th, after the funeral of the victims of the fire disaster, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), as a mark of respect: W. Haigh 1, C. Norris 2, H. Poulter 3, S. Figgess 4, E. A. Allen 5, W. Beaumont 6, F. Belsey (conductor) 7, E. Friend 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, with W. Easter in place of E. Friend. The above ringers are all members of the Rochester Cathedral and Gillingham bands.

AN EXCURSION IN SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, July 6th, the ringers from Lawton, together with several from Kids Grove, held their annual outing. The party numbered about 35, including friends. About 1 p.m. a start was made per bus for Whitechurch, which was reached in good time. Here the ringers made for the tower, where there is a ring of eight by Rudhall, tenor 20 cwt. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round. From Whitechurch the road led to Wem, where a substantial tea was enjoyed. Afterwards a move was made to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the peal of eight, with a tenor of 14 cwt. Clive was the next tower to be visited. This was reached after a delightful trip into the country. The church at Clive is quite a new building, being not yet 50 years old, but it is certainly worth seeing, and it is situated in a position which gives a splendid view of the country for miles round. Here there is a ring of six by Taylor, tenor 25 cwt. These were soon raised and set going to the tune of Bob Minor. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round, and then the bells were lowered and the ringing for the day completed. The homeward journey was made through that well-known beauty spot, Hawkestone Park, where the scenery was fully appreciated by everyone. And then on through Hodnet and Market Drayton. Home was reached about 11 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. The ringers extend their thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers who turned out to welcome the party.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

The society's annual outing was held on Monday, July 1st, all the members being present, with Messrs. W. and W. T. Prior, of Stansted, and P. Webb, of Ickleton. Leaving at 8.30 a.m. by motor bus, the first stop was made at Dunmow, where all enjoyed ringing on the fine peal of eight, the methods being Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise. The next call was made at Felsted, where the party were greatly interested in the old Grammar School. On visiting the church tower, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung. Going on to Earls Colne, the visitors were met by Mr. F. Ridgwell, who was a member of the society until his retirement from the Police Force last February. An excellent hot lunch was ready at the George Hotel, and the members were very grateful to Mr. F. Ridgwell for making the arrangements. Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise were rung at the Parish Church, and then the party went on to Clacton, and spent a quiet afternoon by the sea and listening to the band. The return journey began at 6.30 p.m., and a call was made at St. Peter's, Colchester, where on the fine peal of eight Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a very enjoyable day. The society wishes to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells at towers, and the local secretaries for making all arrangements. L. E. P.

ESSEX RINGERS IN SURREY.

On Saturday, June 29th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Shenfield, and St. Peter's, South Weald, Essex, accompanied by a few friends, spent a most enjoyable day in Surrey. Leaving South Weald about 7.20, and passing through the heart of London, the first stop was made at Christ Church, Ottershaw, a pretty church with six bells facing a lovely common. After a good ring, the party were soon on the way to Horsell, another ring of six, which were kept merrily going until 1.30, when the party sat down to an excellent lunch in the Church Institute. The next call was at St. Michael's, Pirbright. Here the bells were raised in peal, and some good touches were brought round.

In the churchyard, the party were interested in the grave of Stanley, the African explorer, which is marked by a huge block of stone brought over from Africa.

The party then moved on to Bagshot for tea, which was served in St. Anne's Hall. After tea, Mr. H. Turner thanked Mr. G. Miles on behalf of all present for what he had done to make the outing such a success.—Mr. Miles, to whom the ground covered recalled old memories, suitably replied.

The ringers all agreed that it had been a splendid day, and thanked the clergy for the use of their bells, and the friends who met them at each tower. The methods rung during the day were Stedman, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, CHELSEA.

The annual outing of the St. Luke's Society, Chelsea, took place on July 6th and 7th, Mr. G. Green, District Master, Essex Association, Mr. Lincoln, and other members welcoming the visitors to Great Baddow and Chelmsford. Mr. Green also arranged visits to Galleywood and Widdford. The thanks of the company for a most enjoyable week-end are heartily tendered to all who assisted by putting their towers at the disposal of the visitors, and the friendly and brotherly spirit in which their visit was received.

H. M.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COMPTON, BERKS.—On Sunday, July 21st, before evensong, 720 Bob Minor: A. Gregory 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, E. Pontin 3, R. G. Rice 4, A. Hall 5, C. W. Parfitt (conductor) 6.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, July 21st, at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, 720 Canterbury Minor: R. Bennett 1, J. Lee (conductor) 2, J. Johnson 3, G. Philips 4, H. Martin 5, W. Bennett 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday morning, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: W. Webb 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, A. Webb (conductor) 4, K. White 5, L. Stilwell 6, C. W. Pipe 7, W. Goodenough 8. Arranged for ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th, who are of Windsor.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, July 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Wacey 1, C. Beeston 2, F. Springham 3, H. A. Wacey 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, E. Ansell 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Beeston 1, H. A. Wacey 2, W. T. Prior 3, F. Springham 4, H. M. White 5, P. C. Springham 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, E. Ansell 8. First quarter of Stedman on the bells since they were rehung.

WEST CLANDON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, 720 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Walker 1, F. Day 2, F. Bennett 3, J. Goacher 4, H. Harding 5, G. Grover (conductor) 6. First Spliced extent by all the band.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 28th, in 20 mins., 720 Bob Minor for evening service: C. H. Webb 1, R. F. Elkington 2, A. Ballard 3, M. E. Watson (first 720) 4, P. L. Harrison 5, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of dedication of new lighting scheme in the church.

OVER, CAMBS.—For the evening service, on Sunday, July 28th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

A TOUR TO FAMOUS TOWERS.

The summer outing of Swindon Parish Church Guild was revived this year with great success, after having lapsed since 1925. The party, numbering 24, including visitors and some of the members' wives, started by charabane from Swindon at 8 o'clock, and a fine run of 45 miles to Evesham was much enjoyed, as the weather was favourable and the country looking at its best after the welcome rain of the previous day. At the famous bell tower touches of Stedman Caters and a course of Bob Royal were rung on the fine peal of ten. The next halt was Pershore, reached at 11.30, and after a brief inspection of the beautiful Abbey Church, an adjournment was made to the Royal Three Tuns Hotel, where a substantial hot dinner was appreciated. A ring on the beautiful peal of eight hanging in the magnificent old Norman tower followed from the unique ringing cage suspended 80ft. above the floor. Here touches of Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major were accomplished.

Ringling at Worcester Cathedral was the next item, and was looked forward to very eagerly, as reports are abroad that these recast bells are considered by experts to be the finest twelve in the land, and with this opinion some of the visitors, who have heard all the famous peals of twelve, are in agreement. They are certainly a magnificent peal, and the whole restoration has been carried out in a manner that reflects the highest credit on the firm responsible. It was with a certain amount of trepidation these mighty bells were tackled, seeing that most of the ringers are accustomed to perform on a peal of ten with a tenor 22 cwt., compared with 50 cwt. However, the first eight having been raised in peal and the big ones singly, the whole twelve were set going to rounds to give the younger members an opportunity of ringling on such a famous peal, after which a creditable course of Grandsire Cinques, followed by a course of Bob Royal, with Mr. W. A. Cave on the tenor, was rung.

With a certain amount of regret this interesting old city, with its famous Cathedral and magnificent bells, was left behind, and tracks made for the ancient town of Tewkesbury. Here, on the ten bells in the world-famed Abbey Church, touches of Stedman Caters and a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal were tapped off, and Cheltenham, the last place of call, was reached only 15 minutes behind scheduled time. Mr. W. T. Pates was in waiting and extended a hearty welcome, and soon the beautiful light ring of twelve were going to Grandsire Cinques, followed by three courses of Stedman Cinques, unanimously voted the best ringling of the day, and a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable outing.

After the heavy rains of the previous day the weather was really most kind, and, beyond a few spots at intervals, the day was bright and sunny, but on leaving Cheltenham the rain returned with a generosity that must have delighted the long-suffering agriculturists. However, a capable driver, looking ahead, had thoughtfully put the hood up. The thanks of the Guild are gratefully extended to the Dean of Worcester, Minor Canon Jacob, who met the party, kindly conducted them to the ringing room, and gave interesting particulars of the bells, and to the incumbents and steeple-keepers of all the other churches visited.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 15th and 29th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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 annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. Bells available at both the Parish and St. Mary's (R.C.) Churches from 2.30. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is earnestly requested. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bedford District will be held at Elstow on Aug. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5.—J. T. Newington, Dis. Sec., 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Ewyas Harold on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — A ringling day will be held at Milnrow, on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. These bells, which have just been re-hung in a new frame, on ball bearings, will be available from 3 p.m. — Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2 Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough on Monday, Aug. 5th. Service in St. John's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, 5 o'clock, at Woodcock Café. Business meeting afterwards. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and Woodston will be available during the day.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.—Gala day and sports, dancing, etc., in aid of Sutton-on-Trent Church Restoration Fund. The bells installed in 1922 will be opened from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. August Bank Holiday Monday. Tea provided at cheap rates, adults and juveniles. Crow Park Station (L.N.E.). Good bus service from Retford and Newark.—H. Haigh, 105, Gateford Road, Worksop.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Wortley, Bank Holiday Monday, Aug. 5th. All visitors will be welcome.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Monday, Aug. 5th (Bank Holiday). Ringling at St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (6) from 2 to 4 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the King's Head (free to Guild members, non-members 1s. 6d.).—H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—Ringers' opening on Monday, Aug. 5th, of the restored and augmented ring of eight by Taylor. Bells available 10 a.m., short service 2.30 p.m.

NORFOLK GUILD.—General meeting will be held at North Elmham on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 5th. The ring of bells at the Parish Church (8) will be available. Dinner at the George and Dragon (2s. 6d. per head) at 1.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District) will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea send card to 29, Duke Road, W.4, not later than Thursday, the 7th?—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey, Hon. District Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, can be arranged for all those who notify me before Tuesday, Aug. 6th. Last chance for paying annual subscriptions for current year. Business: Election of branch secretary and committee representatives.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wentworth on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided, but only for those who apply to Mr. Geo. West, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham. All ringers and friends are invited. It is hoped there will be a good meeting at this most attractive village. A committee meeting will be held in St. Mary's Tower, Barnsley, on Saturday, August 3rd, at 6 p.m. Business: To make arrangements for Shield Contest to be held at Crofton on Saturday, August 31st.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Newbury Branch and Andover Branch.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Newbury on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. H. W. Curtis, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, not later than Thursday, August 8th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. F. C. Sear, Hon. Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, August 10th. Church of St. Lawrence, 6 bells (tenor 8 cwt.), available afternoon and evening. Tea at Redber's Café to those who notify Rev. W. P. Wright by August 8th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The summer festivity meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5 p.m. in the Vicarage and short business meeting. Handbells and bowls on the lawn afterwards. All ringers invited. Will those staying to tea kindly notify not later than Tuesday, 13th inst.?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley Parish Church on Saturday, August 17th. Bells 3.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, 1s. 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, near Manchester, not later than Wednesday, August 14th. Will members make a special effort to attend and make this meeting a success.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting to be held at Dorking on August 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, August 14th, please. All members and friends invited to attend.—Alan R. Pink, Dis. Sec., 32, Nower Road, Dorking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Colne on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will those intending being present please notify Mr. R. Whitehead, 66, New Market Street, Colne, not later than August 21st?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Basingstoke District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Sonning Deanery Branch).—Preliminary Notice.—Joint meeting Saturday, August 31st, Hawley, Hants. All welcome.

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The first Saturday in July was the date fixed by agreement for the second annual outing of the St. Mary's company, Slough, when the use of a fourteen-seater charabanc was generously offered them for the day by the Parochial Church Council. The party consisted of twelve 'laymen,' the two vacant seats being well stored with sundry good things that were eventually laid in the inner man during the perfect journey of just sixteen hours' duration.

Worthing was the objective, with one or two hoary old bell towers 'thrown in' along the way, as a relief to the monotony of bouncing seats and useless limbs. The route taken was via Windsor Great Park in the morning's bracing air, Bagshot, Aldershot, Farnham (tenor 23 cwt.), Haslemere, with its fine views, and Pulborough (tenor 13½ cwt.), where lunch was taken at the Five Bells. One hour was enjoyed by the seaside exploring the parade, the pier, and the rapid growth of this popular resort, but the citizens of Worthing have not yet considered the borough as being 'worthy' of a peal of bells. The homeward journey was made by way of West Grinstead, with its Sussex views; Cowfold (Mr. Cropley's birthplace); Horsham (tenor 24 cwt.), tea at the Queen's Head Hotel; Dorking, with its noted Box Hill scenery; Weybridge, where a 'car-buretta' supper was enjoyed just one minute before 'Time, gentlemen'; and so onward via Staines to Slough, the company dispersing as the mid-night chimes were sounding from the home tower, all delighted with the kindness shown them at each of the three belfries visited. Five methods were rung during the tour—Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major—but good old Grandsire was reserved for the final touch, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Hooper, Henley, Baleman and Albrow. The young hands were responsible for beautifully subdued melody rendered on the return journey from the back seat of the car with a set of jazz instruments bought at Worthing; and Messrs. Barton and Howat for a vote of thanks, not only to those supplied the wheels of the chariot, but also to those who helped to turn round the wheels of 'The Ringing World.'

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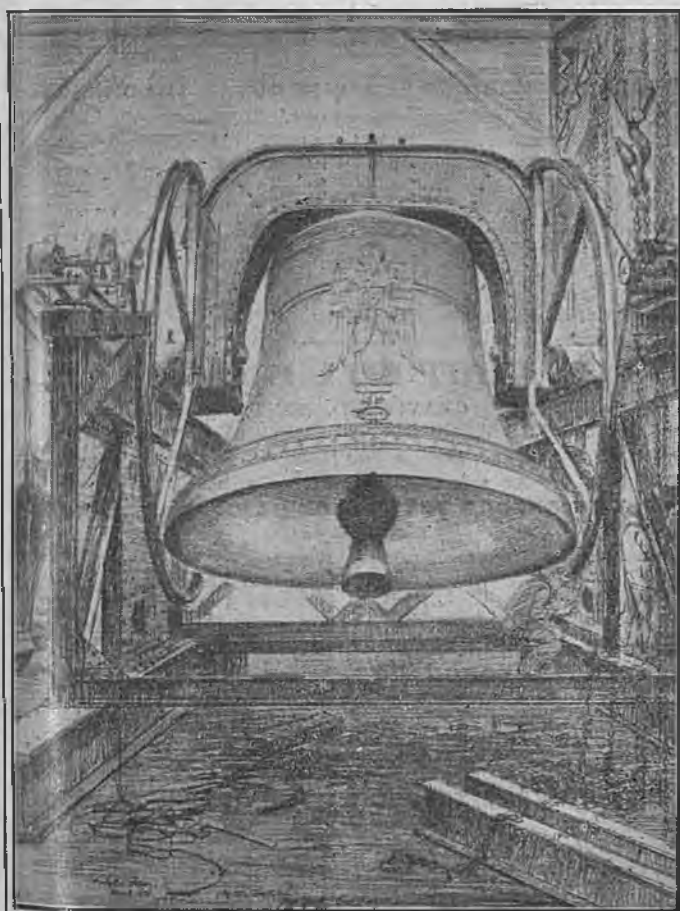
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The successful attempt made on the twelve bell record at Ashton-under-Lyne on Monday will rank in ringing history as one of the greatest achievements in the annals of the Exercise. In point of view of time occupied and number of changes rung the peal was well ahead of any previous twelve-bell performance, but apart from the physical demands made upon the ringers, the outstanding merit of the accomplishment is the method which they rang. Cambridge Surprise Maximus is the zenith of twelve-bell ringing as practised at the present day—we do not think that even Superlative on twelve can be put into a higher category—and a peal of such length, in such a method, whatever the future may have in store, will ever remain a landmark.

As a feat of physical endurance the peal is one of the finest that has even been rung. The bare fact of standing for eleven and a half hours, and ringing without pause or refreshment is in itself a great feat, which makes enormous demands upon the stamina of every one of the band. To the back-enders one naturally turns first with admiration, but particularly in a peal in which the tenor is a working bell, the men at the light end must not be forgotten, for in ringing to twelve-bell time they are bound to have their bells upon their hands to some extent. But, as we have already said, it is not alone from the physical side that this peal becomes a memorable one. As a feat of collective concentration it stands as high, if not higher, than any other ever accomplished on tower bells. Cambridge Surprise Maximus is not a method in which a ringer can relax his attention, much less 'go to sleep,' if success is to come to the peal. From start to finish every man of the twelve has to be 'on his toes,' to use a sporting phrase, or the consequences are fatal, unless someone else comes speedily to the rescue. In some methods one can carry on for a time in a somewhat automatic way, but in methods like Cambridge Maximus there is no such relief. It is a case of sticking closely to the method all the way.

There is another feature which in our opinion makes this peal a remarkable one. Usually records are associated with youth, but the band at Ashton-under-Lyne was, as a company, anything but youthful. Some are approaching, and others well past fifty; one or two are nearer sixty years of age. They have, of course, the advantage of experience, but one hardly looks for record making among men who have passed the meridian of life. In other pursuits it would be well nigh impossible, but it illustrates very vividly the fact that bell ringing stands almost alone in the unlimited age at which a man

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may still actively engage in it, not only as a mild occupation, but in the greater performances which are from time to time undertaken. To that wonderful ringer and conductor, Mr. William Pye, who was the mainspring in this gigantic undertaking, and to his equally wonderful companions in triumph, the Exercise will extend the heartiest congratulations upon a marvellous achievement.

TWELVE BELL RECORD PEAL.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Eleven Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 15,312 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES H. RIDING 10
ALFRED E. REEVES 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, Conducted by WILLIAM PYE
Longest peal on twelve bells and longest Surprise peal yet rung.
First peal in the method on the bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK... .. Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 8
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... .. 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WM. A. CAVE
First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county, and by the Guild, also by the ringers of 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th. Mr. Hector's 100th peal for the Salisbury Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
GEORGE E. WILSON 3	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 7
*WILLIAM A. MARTIN... .. 4	*FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN
* First peal in the method.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE BURROWS Treble	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
*HARRY CARNWELL 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
GEORGE R. LEWIS 3	THOMAS HORD 7
FRANK OLIVER 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal of Major. This peal was rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery of His Majesty King George.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

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

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	GEORGE E. CLODE 5
WILLIAM M. STONE 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	ALAN K. PINK 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Jelley, an old member of the Cathedral band, on the occasion of the coming of age of his son, Mr. L. R. Jelley.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TEN-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
SAMUEL PINDER 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
JOHN P. TARTYON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MAURICE SWINFELD 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This was J. Bailey's 100th peal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. E. C. Gobey for procuring the use of the bells at a day's notice.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

JOHN BAGLEY Treble	JOHN COOKE 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 2	JOHN BREESE 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	THOMAS ROGERS 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung to mark the occasion of the Boy Scouts' jamboree at Arrow Park. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. A. H. Heal, for so kindly providing tea after the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This composition contains the sixth the extent home at twelve course ends, and is now rung for the first time. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FOLCHER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2	WILLIAM STEGGALL 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Major, 1,280 changes: W. Smith (conductor) 1, F. Leeks 2, W. Hollamby 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. King 5, T. Flint 6, O. Gilbey 7, W. Rawlings 8. First in the method by all the band.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM 5
JOHN R. BARTRAM 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
ARTHUR W. WARD 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
ERNEST NIDD 4	THOMAS HALL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

First peal in the method on the bells for over 25 years.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON 5
*REGINALD POSTON 2	†ALFRED T. POULTON 6
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 3	†EDWIN H. FOSTER 7
WALTER A. POSTON 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First of Major inside. † Fiftieth peal. ‡ First peal of Major.

CALNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DIXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 26 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON Treble	*LESLIE BOX 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 6
GEORGE POPPELL 3	FRED LAMBETH 7
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 4	FREDERICK W. MERRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung, by courtesy of the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter, and as a compliment to Mr. H. Burry, who had everything in readiness for the attempt.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

SIDNEY HILLIER Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
ERNEST TRUMAN 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
THOMAS DAVISON 3	LOUIS A. WILSON 7
*GEORGE POPPELL 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal inside, in this method. Messrs. Poppell and Williams were elected life members of the association before starting for the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH 6
*ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

* First peal in the method.

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ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

H. SHUTTLEWOOD Treble	*C. SAMS 4
*F. KENN 2	B. G. BURTON 5
W. LITTLECHILDS 3	*W. SAMS Tenor

Conducted by B. G. BORTON.

* First peal.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JACK E. LAVER Treble	†RONALD J. BATSON 4
†ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY 2	†PERCY N. G. RAINEY 5
†SELWYN F. WADMAN 3	†ARTHUR W. MILVERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. The ringer of the 2nd is only 13 years of age. The average age of the band is 16 years. All are Sunday service ringers at above church.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true, different and complete 720's.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

THOMAS ROGERS Treble	HARRY ROGERS 4
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	JOHN BRESE 5
JAMES F. SMITH 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band and on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Kent. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK ROWLINSON Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
WILLIAM ROSE 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

BRAY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (rung alternately) and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 27½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	†FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... 4
*ROLAND BIGGS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First of Minor. † First of Minor in more than one method. This is only the second peal that has been rung on these bells (which date back to 1800), the previous one being Bob Minor. Rung specially as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A.), who is chairman of the branch.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 29th, 720 of Double Oxford: H. Bowers 1, W. Bradley 2, H. Devenish 3, E. Clark 4, E. Clark 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 in the method by all except H. Bowers. Believed to be the first 720 in the method on the bells.

HILPERTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 1½ cwt.

JAMES BILBY Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 4
WILLIAM LOUD 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Andrews.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, April Day, and Canterbury Pleasure, and 2,880 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DENNIS J. SHARPLES ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
WILLIAM EVANS 2	*HENRY T. CHANDLER 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE 3	*JOHN JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in four methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHIEF FIRE STATION, WESTGATE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5-6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3-4	ROBERT ANDERSON 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

LAVENHAM RINGERS IN ESSEX AND HERTS.

On Saturday, July 27th, the members of the SS. Peter and Paul's Society, Lavenham, held their annual outing. Travelling by charabanc, a start was made at 7.30 a.m. from the church, and Felsted was the first church visited, where Mr. Farrow and the local Ringer Master received the visitors. After ringing courses of Grandsire and Stedman, Kent and Superlative, a move was made for Great Dunmow, where the fine peal of eight, already raised, were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob, Mr. W. H. Smith and another local ringer taking part. The next call was at Bishop's Stortford. Here the party were greeted by the genial Vicar and Messrs. Beeston and Springham, the last-named proving a very interesting companion. A very nice ringing room and peal of ten were found at this place. Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent Royal were rung here. At the Black Lion, the party did justice to an enjoyable and much-needed lunch, which was followed by handbell ringing, and the arrival of 'F.G.' from De Beauvoir Town, N.I. It is hoped that the ringing at Bishop's Stortford proved an additional item of interest to the party of Rhodesians visiting there that day. At the next place, Sawbridgeworth, the party were 'all ears open,' for had not 'Dame Rumour' many times said, 'Here is a peal as good, if not better than the eight at Lavenham!' A course of Bob Major was sufficient for 'Tympanium' to pronounce the verdict, 'They're a long way behind Lavenham lot.' Other methods rung were Grandsire Triples and Stedman.

Good-bye was said to Mr. Tarling, and a short run made to Harlow Parish Church, where the local men were ringing the back six for the benefit of a learner. The party were met by Messrs. Small, Cordell, Wheeler and Rochester, also Mr. C. Button, a native 'Sudfolk.' These friends joined with the visitors in courses of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. Before departing, the party encountered one of the representatives of J. Wall of 'Stop me' fame, who, not being in the slow, soon changed several 'singles' into 'bobs'! At Harlow Common, the party had tea, and were welcomed by Messrs. Geo. Dent and I. Cavill. Courses of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung on this merry little eight. Two attempts at Superlative came to grief owing to one of the band trying to make a 5.6 dodge in 3.4! After more good-byes and a run through part of Epping Forest, the homeward trail was struck, passing through Ongar, the last resting-place of Jane Taylor, Lavenham's poetess (1783-1824), Chelmsford and Braintree, home being reached after a pleasant tour of fifteen and a half hours' duration. Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy of the churches visited, the ringers who met the party, and the hon. secretary of SS. Peter and Paul's band.

INVERNESS CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in the recent remarks on the above, the most northerly peal in existence, and until recently, I believe, the only ringing peal in the Highlands. Having been married at Inverness Cathedral in 1919 by Rev. A. J. Maclean, Bishop of Moray, one may, perhaps, claim a not unnatural sentimental interest in the matter.

A few years since I spent a very interesting hour with Provost Mackenzie in the tower of the Cathedral, and I remember well his interest in the bells, and his strong desire that they should be rung. I had a good look round the fittings, and raised several of the bells, and, except for a lack of oil on the bearings, I noted particularly that everything seemed to be in very fair condition; and I am pretty sure that Provost Mackenzie, something of a ringer himself, would be the last person to allow neglect.

One is particularly interested to note that there is at last some prospect of the bells being rung, and in wishing Provost Mackenzie every success in what must be a very uphill task, one ventures to express the hope that if there are any ringers visiting this beautiful burgh they will not fail to make themselves known, and to offer a little help and advice.

It may not be generally known that the peal is a fine ring of ten, tenor about 26 cwt., but that the two trebles are hung 'dead.' The bells are made frequent use of, being chimed, I believe, for all services, several times each day, and very effective they sound across the water.

A more ideal setting for a fine ring of bells it would be hard to imagine than this beautiful Cathedral, with its twin towers rising close to the banks of the broad and swift-flowing Ness, with the castle and the royal burgh of Inverness rising in terraces from the opposite bank, where the music of the bells is mellowed and reflected, and the whole scene, redolent of Scottish history, from Macbeth, through Cromwell and Culloden, to the less romantic times of Lloyd George and his Cabinet meeting in 1921, is one of beauty unsurpassed in this country.—Yours faithfully,

Leamwood, Dore.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

THE 'JAMBOREE.'

The gathering of Boy Scouts from all parts of the world at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, gave some Wirral ringers an opportunity on Saturday, August 3rd, of ringing a peal on the splendid bells at St. Saviour's Church, Oxtou, which is about a couple of miles from the venue of the jamboree. This was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, and was the first peal of Surprise on the bells, and also the first peal rung here since 1919. The changes followed one another with almost clockwork precision, and any ringing experts who may have been in the vicinity would have had great difficulty in finding the slightest fault with the striking. Many expressions of regret that these bells were not more often available for peal ringing were made.

After the peal, the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea at Oxtou Hall, kindly provided by Mr. A. H. Heal, a sidesman of the church, who takes a keen interest in the church and ringers. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, it was unfortunately impossible for the ringers to avail themselves of the facilities for bowling on the lawn, but an inspection of the gardens and greenhouses was much appreciated, especially by the horticulturist of the party!

The ringers would like to take this opportunity of expressing their most sincere thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Sayer, M.A.) for so kindly allowing the use of the bells, to Mr. A. H. Heal for his kindly and thoughtful action in providing a much appreciated tea, and lastly, but by no means least, to Mr. H. S. Brocklebank, the genial towerkeeper and branch secretary of the Guild, for having everything in readiness for the visitors.

At St. Saviour's Church, Oxtou, on August 1st, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. Brocklebank 1, J. Cook 2, W. Hughes 3, T. Rogers 4, R. G. Edwards 5, J. C. E. Simpson 6, S. Mostin 7, J. Breese (longest length as conductor) 8. This quarter-peal was rung on the occasion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' visit to the world jamboree. The Prince passed close to the church en route from Birkenhead to Arrowe Park, while the ringing was proceeding.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like, through your columns, to thank the many ringers who have so readily responded to our call for the second edition of 'The Ringers' Directory.'

Many have sent messages of good wishes, and I am sure the committee will very much appreciate the thought.

I would like to add that it would greatly facilitate the work of the Directory Committee if subscribers would send their forms in at the earliest.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. THOMAS,

Chairman,
Bristol United Ringing Guild.

ST. MARGARET'S RINGERS VISIT KENT.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, took place on July 13th, and a most enjoyable time was spent. Leaving Kennington, just opposite the Oval station, soon after nine o'clock, a most delightful ride via Farnham, Wrotham and Maidstone brought the party to Headcorn, the first ringing call of the tour. Here the party were met with a request, owing to illness in close proximity, not to ring long. They complied with a course of Cambridge Surprise and a short touch of Stedman Triples, which enabled all to have a pull. The ringing room is on the ground floor, and the 'go' and the bells are certainly good. The chief item of interest on the day's programme was call No. 2, St. Mildred's, Ten-Terden. The visitors had all previously heard of the fame of these bells, and as they stood admiring the beauty and nobility of this lovely tower, the news was gently broken to them that they could not ring owing to the clerk to the justices being buried that morning. The party were, of course, very disappointed, so much so that the verger, noting the looks of 'deep depression,' suggested asking the relatives if they would care to have the clappers muffled for a short ring in the afternoon. This was readily agreed to, and while the verger was gone to make the suggestion and get permission the company partook of an excellent dinner at the Woolpack Hotel. As they were nearing the last Bob in this course, the verger returned, saying they could ring the bells muffled. The local captain then arrived with the news that he could not find the muffers, but after a diligent search Miss Harcastle found the missing articles, and Bob Grimwood, Charlie Roberts, and 'the Governor' were quickly aloft fixing things up. Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were very soon pouring forth from this grand left-handed peal, and the high opinion all had heard of these bells was certainly upheld. Amidst more beautiful scenery, and past many more churches, at which some of the company had rung many years ago, by some local cricket matches, at which they sometimes stopped to look, the party reached Cranbrook, the third tower on the list. Here the local captain informed the visitors that 'they were not like Ten-Terden.' 'They want some pulling,' he said; in fact, he didn't believe they could ring them. However, a start was made, the next method on the list being London: Miss Harcastle 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, Miss F. Orr 3, A. W. Coles 4, W. H. Hewitt 5, G. M. Kirby 6, C. W. Roberts 7, R. Sanders 8. The outstanding feature of this visit was the look of utter bewilderment on the face of the local captain when Reuben said, 'That's all' and 'Stand' two rounds after. It was not the ringing of the course of London Surprise on this lumpy, heavy-going peal that won his admiration, but all stopping when the conductor said 'Stand.' 'I have to give five minutes' notice to my chaps,' he said, 'to get them all to stop by the time the service starts.' A short touch of Grandire Triples was next rung, and then the party said farewell to Cranbrook. Continuing the journey, the company arrived at Brenchley, where tea had been arranged. This was not quite ready, so a visit was made to the tower. Here courses of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative were rung, with Mr. Jack Wheeldon standing in, all of which were much enjoyed. After tea an exciting billiards match took place between Camberwell and Brixton, the latter eventually winning easily. The last place of call for ringing was Hadlow, reached about half an hour before the arrival of a party from Crawley. Upon this quaint octave, which is exactly like the front eight of a peal of twelve, the Londoners commenced with a perfect course of Kent Treble Bob Major, then a touch of Stedman Triples (A.W.C.'s variation), a course of Cambridge Surprise, and so finished the day's ringing.

Dry lips were again moistened, and a start was then made for home, via Tonbridge and Sevenoaks, and upon arriving at the Oval station another most delightful and happy outing passed into the realm of memories, with the others that have gone before. Best thanks are extended to all those who granted permission to ring, and to the towerkeepers for all they did to make the day the great success it undoubtedly was.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT WELCOMES 92-YEAR-OLD RINGER.

By the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Peter Lambert, a by-meeting was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Sturry, on July 27th. The meeting proved to be a very successful one, and was comparatively well attended, there being twenty members present. The re-hanging of the six bells has just been completed by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and are now in good ringing order.

Some very good ringing was accomplished, the methods being Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandire.

The Vicar kindly officiated at a service, at which he gave a very appropriate and much-appreciated address.

Afterwards, the ringers adjourned to the Leopard's Head, where a very delightful tea had been provided on the lawn. The Vicar presided over the meal, and took the chair at the subsequent meeting, at which a very hearty vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the Vicar for his kind welcome and for the service, and to the organist, Mr. Cross, for the musical arrangements.

During the afternoon the ringers welcomed to the tower Mr. Slingsby, who, although 92 years of age, very ably rang the treble in a touch of Plain Bob.

LONDONDERRY CATHEDRAL BELLS.

IRISH CITY'S REJOICINGS AT DEDICATION.

With a solemn and impressive service and great rejoicing the new peal of bells, thirteen in all, erected at Londonderry Cathedral, were dedicated by the Lord Primate of Ireland on July 25th. The bells have been cast and installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, ten of them being hung for ringing, and the other three, which are semi-tones, for tune playing. The weight of the tenor is 31 cwt., and the total weight of the ring is over seven tons.

St. Columb's Cathedral, Derry, was completed in 1633, and it was recorded on the tenor bell of the old peal of eight, which were recast of 1812, that 'the five larger bells were presented to the City of Londonderry by King Charles I. in 1638.' Another was given by the citizens of the town in 1671, and two by the Honourable the Irish Society in 1630. When the bells were recast in the early 19th century the old inscriptions were not preserved on them, but these are being restored on the new ring of ten. The recast tenor bears the inscription: 'Glory to God in the Highest. The Honourable the Irish Society of London, Founders of this Cathedral and Donors of its two most ancient bells, gave me A.D. 1928. Colonel Sir Louis A. Newton, Bart., Alderman, Governor, Frederick Whittingham, C.C., Deputy Governor, Leslie C. Landragin, Secretary.'

The dedication service was unique in the history of the Cathedral in many ways, and it was the first to be broadcast from Derry. The congregation was the largest which had ever followed a service in Londonderry, for by means of amplifiers the service was transmitted to a congregation outside several times larger than that inside, which numbered about 1,200. The service itself, says 'The Londonderry Sentinel,' was simple, solemn, and impressive, but the note was one of gladsome triumph on the part of the donors, who had assembled to witness the consummation of a scheme as dear to their hearts as to those of the Dean, Chapter, and Vestry of the Cathedral. All the music spoke of that triumph, first sounded in the processional hymn, 'Lifted safe within the tower,' and continued in the hymn 'Thou art coming, O my Saviour,' the Te Deum, and the Recessional, 'Ring forth, holy bells.' The object of the bells was dwelt upon by the Lord Bishop in the course of the dedication, and by the Lord Primate in his address, while the solemn nature of the message which they at times will tell was conveyed by the impressive words of the beautiful hymn, 'O Strength and Stay,' sung to the majestic music of the Londonderry Air. The congregation, which was perhaps the most representative that ever sat in the Cathedral, included amongst many other notable people, Major Ronald Ross, M.P., Mr. M. S. Moore, H.M.L. for the City of Derry; Mr. M. M. McCausland, H.M.L. for the county; and Mrs. James Corscadden, a direct descendant of one of the 'Immortal Thirteen.'

The 'Immortal Thirteen,' who are commemorated on the thirteenth bell, presented in memory of Capt. Browning by the Browning Club of Apprentice Boys, were, it is interesting to recall, 'the Brave Thirteen Apprentice Boys who shut the gates in 1688 and saved Derry.'

FIRST BELL IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP.

The bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Londonderry, and the address was given by the Primate of All Ireland. In the course of his address, the Primate, who spoke from the words, 'Glory to God in the Highest' (St. Luke ii. 14), said: 'Here in Derry the bells have a significance which is inseparable from the heroic history of the place. This Cathedral, together with the old walls of the city, form an enduring monument of one of the most wonderful stories in the records of mankind. Within the walls of this Cathedral the heroic people of the city met for prayer, to the God in whom they trusted, day after day, during the awful period of the siege. For this high and holy purpose the members of our Church and those of the Presbyterian Church resorted here continually, observing their own ways of worship, but all united in the same great resolve and the same faith in God. The tower of the Cathedral was the station from which the besieged made their observations and from which they signalled. And on every occasion of victory or success the bells pealed forth their message of gladness. And when the final relief came, and the long and terrible struggle was over, they called the victors to the great service of thanksgiving to God for the deliverance He had granted. The City of Derry has a long and notable history. The ancient Irish Church was very remarkable for the number of great Christian missionaries whom it sent forth to evangelise regions where the old pagan faiths still survived. The missionary spirit of St. Patrick blazed up with wonderful power in the souls of many of those who were nourished in the centres of Christian faith which were formed as the result of his labours. These centres became famous also as centres of learning at a time when Europe was sinking into barbarism. This ancient Irish Church was notable also for its independence, and it is of interest that the first mention of a bell in connection with a Christian service is to be found in an ancient life of St. Columba, where the sounding of a bell appears as the means of calling to prayer in the church. Thus your newly-restored and augmented ring of bells may be truly said to carry on a long tradition, beginning in the sixth century and most gloriously and wonderfully emphasised in the great deliverance of 1689. Connected with this latter event, our service to-day has been associated in a special way with the memory of two of the heroes of the siege. The collection which will be made is to be for

a tablet to commemorate the courage and devotion of two brave men—Colonel Henry Baker, one of the governors of the city, who nobly discharging his difficult and dangerous duties, and worn out with labour and disease, died when the siege had lasted 73 days, and was buried in the north aisle of this Cathedral; and the gallant Captain Browning, of the Mountjoy, leader of the relieving ships, who was killed in the moment of victory at the Breaking of the Boom.'

The Primate then spoke of the message of the bells, and concluded: 'Listen to their voice; come when they call; receive their messages into your heart; and you will be able to join in the eternal Song of Praise, "Glory to God in the Highest,"'

The Primate's appeal for a generous offering towards the provision of a memorial to Colonel Baker and Captain Browning met with a ready response, the collection realising £86.

Eleven members of St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, had been invited to Derry to assist in the opening, and the local men having rung the rounds at the moment of dedication in a very creditable manner, the Dublin contingent at the conclusion of the service rang 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Lindoff (conductor) 1, R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., 2, W. H. Wilson 3, T. McMorran 4, R. Lynch 5, J. Atkinson 6, A. Murray 7, W. E. Lynch 8, G. F. Wilmot 9, J. W. Townley 10. A touch of Stedman Triples on the light eight (now spoken of as the old eight), in which Miss Mills, of London, took part, and a touch of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, in which Canon Ridout, of South Africa, took part, concluded the ringing for the day. About twenty-five minutes of the quarter-peal was broadcast.

The ringers were all greatly pleased with the bells, both in 'go' and tone, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston may feel justly proud of Londonderry bells. They are indeed a fine peal. On the Thursday, the ringers present were entertained in the Northern Counties Hotel by Mr. Johnston, a very pleasant evening being spent. Some of the ringers returned to Dublin the next day, but others remained until Saturday to enjoy the hospitality extended to them. Mr. J. C. Orr acted as 'guide, philosopher and friend' during the stay.

IN THE RINGING ROOM.

The 'Sentinel' published an interesting description of the scene in the belfry:—

'In the ringing room of the tower, up the narrow stairway, its steps worn by the feet of centuries of visitors, a little group stands waiting for the signal to send out the glad message of Derry's historic bells, strengthened and revived. The furniture of the room has still to come. The walls are scarred, where woodwork has been removed in connection with the changes. A good deal of dust is about. Temporary ladders lead up to the bells, two storeys higher up in the tower. The chiming apparatus, enabling tunes to be played, has still to be installed. There is plenty of evidence of the hurrying forward of the arrangements so that not only the most modern but the best-equipped peal in Ireland may be ready for the dedication.'

'The service is closely followed by the little group. The Bishop's voice comes faintly through a louvre, opened for the occasion. The choir's 'Amen' at the close of each prayer are punctuation points. The minutes pass. The little circle of ringers, two young ladies and eight men, members of the Cathedral honorary Guild, stand, ropes in hand, ready for the call. The silence is tense.

'Suddenly, the tinkle of a bell, communicating with the chancel, gives the signal. A second later and the peal is sending out a wave of melody, heard subduedly within the Cathedral, heard with crashing distinctness by the thousands in the churchyard, on the city wall, and for miles around.

'It is something of an ordeal for those privileged thus to broadcast the first message of the bells after almost a year's silence. Until that moment the ringers had never heard the sound of their own bells. Only on the night before had the last of the ropes come down from the eerie chamber overhead. It had then been possible to have a pull with the clappers tied. But the ringer is more comfortable when he hears his bell and knows exactly where it is dropping in. The ordeal is well got over. After the opening round the ringers settle steadily down, and all over Ulster the listening thousands pick up the message.

'The minute allotted to the ringers is over before its passing has been noticed by the busy circle. At a call the bells lapse into silence, and the service proceeds.

'Meantime the team of experienced change ringers from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, occupy the front pews in the gallery, waiting their call to come later. They include a clergyman and his son, a great grandfather and his son, and another father and son—almost a family party of men have come to honour Derry. The service progresses. The music of the choir and the sound of the Primate's voice float into the ringing room.

'Then, while the Recessional hymn is being sung, as the clergy and choir file into the Chapter House, the visiting ringers silently leave the gallery, mount the narrow winding stairway, and instantly on the close of the hymn the Dublin team break out in a 1,200 change peal on ten bells—the first peal of the kind ever rung in Derry. Later, the visitors give a ring on the recast eight bells, and

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RINGING MEETING AT SUDBURY.

A joint meeting of the Suffolk Guild and the Essex Association was held at Sudbury on July 20th. After tea, at which 53 were present, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, was elected chairman.

New members were elected, and meetings arranged.

Mr. Leslie A. Allington was elected secretary for the Sudbury Branch. Members were present from Ipswich, Lavenham, Mistley, Ufford, Wormingford, Little Waldingfield, Stebbing, Maldon, Sudbury, London, Hasketon, Foxearth, Clacton-on-Sea, Long Melford, Glemsford, Thorington, Great Cornard, Groton, Siblie Redingham, Colchester, Earls Colne, Grensted Green, Great Bentley, Sproughton, Halstead, Cambridge, Braintree, and other towers. The following methods were rung: Bristol, London, Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Treble and Plain Bob, Stedman, and Grandsire. The company of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, were also in the town, and joined forces with the other Guilds.

ICKLETON RINGERS AT YARMOUTH.

On Saturday, July 20th, the church choir and ringers of Ickleton, Cambs, spent a very enjoyable day at Yarmouth. At first the excursion was arranged as a choir outing, and as several of the ringers are also members of the choir, it was decided to include the ringers and friends as well, so a party of over sixty left Great Chesterford Station at 5.50 a.m., arriving at Yarmouth about 9 a.m. Permission had been kindly given for the ringers to have a ring on St. Nicholas Church bells in the afternoon. Some of the local men very kindly met the visitors and made them welcome. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung; then, with the help of some of the Yarmouth ringers, a course of Grandsire Caters was brought round. Afterwards, a party of sixty-four sat down to a substantial tea. Home was reached soon after midnight.

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this is succeeded by an eight-bell peal, one of the ringers in which is Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, and another a young London lady, who, when formerly visiting the city, invariably took a bell, whilst a third was Mr. Johnston, a member of the firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the bell founders responsible for the work of recasting the old bells, adding the new ones, and replacing, with metal, the former wooden framework.

The visitors are loud in their praise of the peal, and Mr. Johnston duly receives congratulations on the latest triumph of his world-renowned firm. The ease with which even the heaviest bell—the tenor, presented by the honourable the Irish Society—can be rung, is attributed to the successful introduction of ball bearings. The tone is pronounced excellent and the tune perfect.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**SIX-BELL RINGERS' EIGHT-BELL PRACTICE.**

In delightful weather a very successful meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday week at Wyke Regis, Weymouth. Representatives attended from Abbotsbury, Bere Regis, Bournemouth, Charminster, Corfe Mullen, Dorchester, Fordington, Lytchett Minster, Poole, Wareham, Winchester, Wimborne and Wyke Regis, making a total of 56. The bells were available from 2.30 p.m., and sharp to the moment the Lytchett Minster band (which includes five promising young ladies) were in the ringing chamber, and had the bells in motion. Other ringers followed, and the practice was specially devoted to enable six-bell ringers to extend their knowledge of eight-bell methods. Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. E. de B. Thurston), who gave a homely and thoughtful address. He welcomed the members in the name of the church and parish, and concluded by giving a history of the bells.

Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall and was followed by a short business meeting. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. R. N. Daves), the Rector was voted to the chair. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the chairman, the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. H. Gundry), the general secretary (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), hon. secretary, Wimborne Branch (Rev. C. A. Phillips), Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule, Messrs. W. J. Simons (Dorchester), E. Hutchings (Abbotsbury), A. Gray (Frampton), W. Hewlett (Puddletown), and R. Bowditch (Sydling).

Messrs. F. White (Cranbrook, Kent) and H. T. Chandler (Lyons-hall, Hereford) were elected life members.

It was decided to accept with thanks the kind invitation of the Vicar of Frampton, near Dorchester (Rev. G. Wynn), to hold the next meeting at his parish.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, to the ladies for their services, the organist and blower, and the local band, were carried with acclamation, and replied to by the Rector.

The tower was then again visited. Most of the members ascended to the top to see the fine view, including the beautiful panorama of Weymouth Bay, and the American fleet in Portland Harbour. Practice was continued until 8.45 p.m.

Wyke Regis Church is a fine structure, exceedingly well placed, and its tower is a prominent object for some distance, especially seawards. It is Perpendicular in style, and was consecrated in 1455. The tower contained four old bells. These were recast by Taylor and augmented into a fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 17 cwt., in 1891.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Rev. E. S. Saleby) has had an unfortunate experience in his first year of office, for the bells of his incumbency, Leonard Stanley, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire (six bells, tenor 14 cwt.), were taken down last week owing to serious decay of the tower. Various attempts have been made to strengthen the tower without success; the foundations have even moved from new supports.

A peal rung at Trowbridge last week marks another step in the history of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. It was the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in Wiltshire, and the first by the Guild. It also coincided with the passing of the famous 'four sevens,' Mr. J. T. Dyke having parted with the 'Chilcompton bus.' He has taken on another vehicle, but it is doubtful if it can prove a better servant than the famous Austin, which has covered so many thousands of miles—many of them for ringing.

The tower at Debenham, Suffolk, where many years ago an Oxford Treble Bob Major record was set up, has recently developed some rather serious cracks, in consequence of which the authorities consider it would be wise if no peals were rung until the trouble has been remedied. The bells, however, will still be available for service ringing and short touches.

Last Monday's great performance at Ashton-under-Lyne recalls the fact the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908, so that the 'coming of age' of this method in the realms of practical peal ringing has been marked in a significant manner.

One hundred and eighty years ago next Monday, John Holt called a peal of Bob Triples at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields for the Society of Union Scholars. Holt was also the composer, and the figures are still preserved in Snowden's 'Ropesight.'

The first peal of Double Norwich Major in North Wales was rung at Rhyl on August 13th, 1908.

Non-commissioned, unappointed O.C. 'discomfited D.' is truly sorry to hear that deputy O.C., self-styled, Blues was 'suffering from 'Ricketts' (sorry Bob, remember Haddenham) when, at the Lane End 'Ambushed.' Should N.C.U., O.C.D., Reds, wish to fortify Winkfield on August 24th, would this become a Warfield? It would be nice if the past O.C.s of Red and Blue Forces could settle this point, as the present N.C.U., O.C.D., 'Reds,' has only an outside knowledge of the discomfiture in the branch prior to his arrival. There would then be nothing left to Bray about (see peal columns).

THE SUFFOLK GUILD AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There has been much written as to whether members of the Central Council are 'Representatives' or 'Delegates.' That does not really seem to be the question at issue. It is true, the matter was brought to a head by a remark from the chair on this point. But, after all, what we are to call them is a question of nomenclature. So long as the persons in question are clearly identified, Mr. Davies is quite right in saying it does not really matter which term is used.

What we do want is some way by which the Central Council and the associations can co-operate in the work each has to do. A suggestion was made that diplomas should be issued. The question was referred to the associations. But there is no machinery by which this can be done. Each of us had a different idea of what was meant. The result was that the Gloucester and Bristol Association resented the way in which their proposals were treated, so much so that by a majority at a meeting they have withdrawn from the Central Council.

The Suffolk Guild were, however, treated much worse than the Gloucester and Bristol Association, as your report of our last annual meeting on Easter Monday showed. Yet we have not withdrawn. The matter was discussed, but it was agreed that we could do no good by withdrawing. The result has shown that we were right. Had both societies been represented, we could have joined forces at Chelmsford, and put the matter in train to be remedied. But the G. and B. people were out of it, and could neither help us nor themselves.

I am quite certain that no one wanted to treat us or the other association badly, and that a well thought-out scheme has only to be put before the Central Council to be adopted. But as long as they are content to dispute about empty words, when what we and they really want is to get something done, they are simply standing in their own light.

Has no one any practical suggestions? At Ipswich we put forward the idea of Standing Orders. Let us get on with it.

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

To commemorate the King's recovery, there was rung at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Ufford, on Tuesday, July 30th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. H. Drake 1, H. W. Smith 2, E. C. Fisher (conductor) 3, F. L. Fisher 4, E. C. Pizzey 5, F. W. Nichols 6. All these are Sunday service ringers at this church, and this is the first 720 which has been so rung since the war.

NEW TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

15,312 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS RUNG
AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Success attended the band which at Ashton-under-Lyne on Monday attempted a new twelve-bell record. Under the auspices of the Lancashire Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society a mixed company started for 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and this was brought to a triumphant conclusion after eleven and a half hours' ringing, characterised throughout by good

striking. The composition was the Rev. H. Law James' 29 courses. The customary details will be found in our peal columns.

A MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE AND AN AMAZING WELCOME.

In December, 1925, the first long peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Bow, Cheapside, this being a 7,392. Since that date the thought of ringing the extent has been in the minds of some of the band, but the main difficulty lay in getting the use of a peal of bells on which to make the attempt. Two or three likely places were thought of, but it was not until Mr. Gabriel Lindoff aroused the sympathies of the Ashton-under-Lyne ringers that prospects became at all bright. Mr. Sam Wood very kindly obtained the consent of the Rector (Canon Thompson) and the churchwardens, and preparations for the peal went on. A new set of ropes, well stretched, were put on, and everything done that Mr. Ben Thorpe, the towerkeeper, could think of.

In the meantime Mr. William Pye made up his band, and eventually got together twelve good men, determined to see it through. The weakness of the band seemed to lay in its mixture, several being almost unknown, as ringers, to the others. However, it was decided to meet at Ashton on the day previous to the peal attempt, to have a trial trip. This proved very useful in getting the band 'fitted in,' and it was arranged to stand in exactly the same order in the peal.

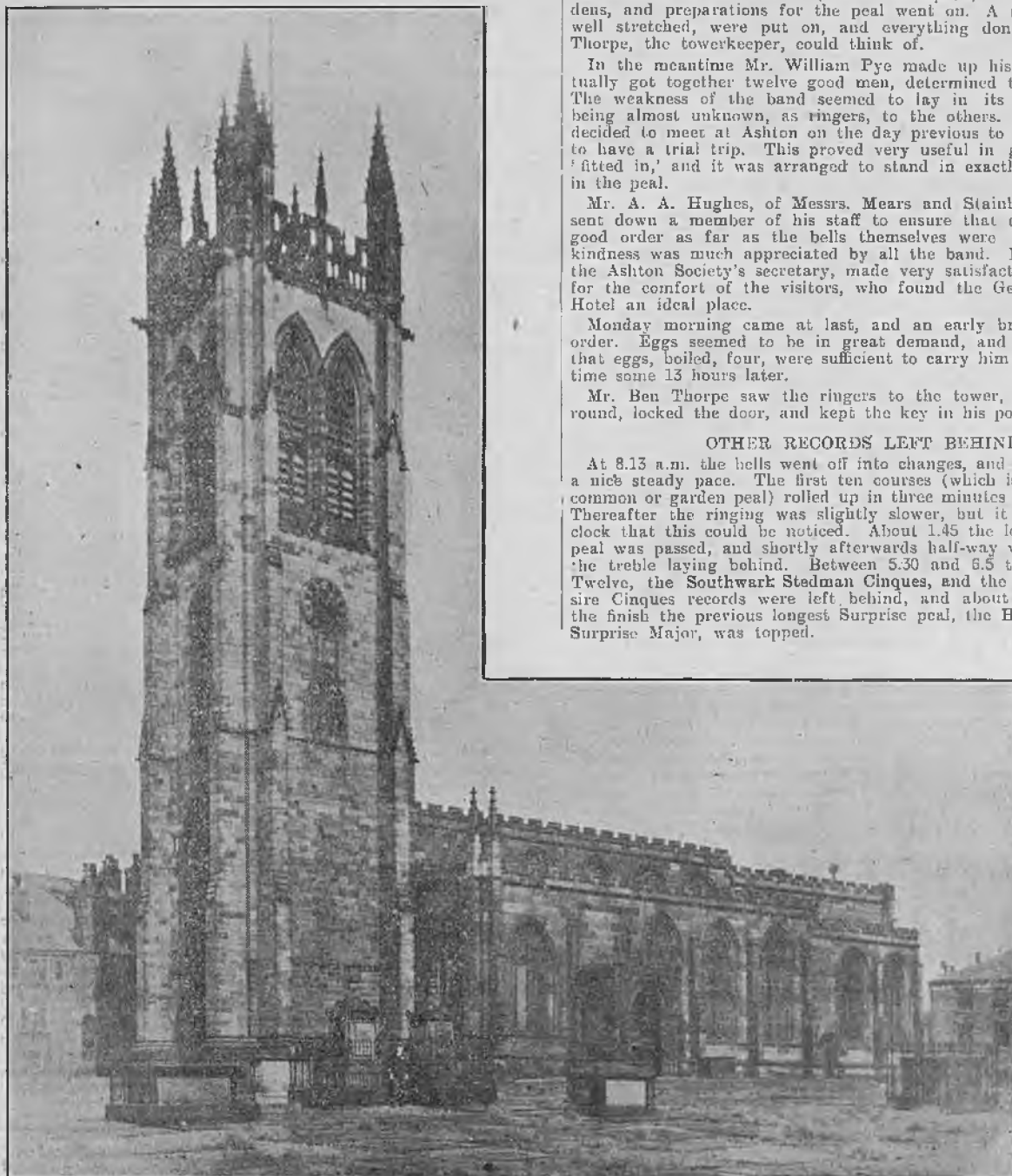
Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, very kindly sent down a member of his staff to ensure that everything was in good order as far as the bells themselves were concerned, which kindness was much appreciated by all the band. Mr. S. Thompson, the Ashton Society's secretary, made very satisfactory arrangements for the comfort of the visitors, who found the George and Dragon Hotel an ideal place.

Monday morning came at last, and an early breakfast was the order. Eggs seemed to be in great demand, and the writer found that eggs, boiled, four, were sufficient to carry him over until supper time some 13 hours later.

Mr. Ben Thorpe saw the ringers to the tower, had a last look round, locked the door, and kept the key in his pocket.

OTHER RECORDS LEFT BEHIND.

At 8.13 a.m. the bells went off into changes, and settled down into a nice steady pace. The first ten courses (which is the length of a common or garden peal) rolled up in three minutes under four hours. Thereafter the ringing was slightly slower, but it was only by the clock that this could be noticed. About 1.45 the length of the Bow peal was passed, and shortly afterwards half-way was reached, with the treble laying behind. Between 5.30 and 6.5 the Ashton Treble Twelve, the Southwark Stedman Cinques, and the Painswick Grand-sire Cinques records were left behind, and about a minute before the finish the previous longest Surprise peal, the Hornchurch Bristol Surprise Major, was topped.



The Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, where the new record was made.

At 7.46 the welcome 'That's all' was heard, and a mighty cheer went up from the immense crowd gathered in the vicinity of the church.

The honours of the peal were with the conductor, William Pye, who knew his job all through. He was ably helped by the other backenders, and the middle men stood firm. Does the 5th man know how to make a mistake? The treble man is well known in the North. He is now well known to some ringers from the South. He was always where he should be. The 'unknown quantity' on the second showed that his previous experience of long lengths enabled him to finish as fresh as when he started. A very useful man to have in a band! But something nice could be said about all the band.

The striking throughout was good, and very few trips occurred. Mr. Ben Thorpe was in the belfry before stand was called, and was the first to congratulate the conductor on his fine performance.

On arriving in the porch, the ringers found the Rector awaiting them. Canon Thompson, after congratulating each ringer individually, spoke of the great honour they had done to Ashton by ringing such a fine peal on the bells. The ringing history of the tower had been gloriously added to.

It fell to the writer to thank Canon Thompson for his very generous words, and for his great kindness in giving his permission for the peal to be rung. The Rector also saw to it that the where-withal was provided to obtain very necessary refreshment, for which he was cordially thanked.

ASHTON RINGERS' SPORTING SPIRIT.

On opening the church door, the storm burst. William Pye was in great demand, and hands were nearly shaken off. It seemed as if half the population of Ashton were present. An attempt to get a photo taken for the press was only partially successful, as two of the band were carried off by the crowd. At last a passage was made, and William was followed to the hotel by an admiring crowd.

Later in the evening a gathering of ringers took place, and congratulations came afresh. The veteran Sam Wood, Ben Thorpe and others who were in the Treble Twelve record were sincerest in their praises, and one member of the southern contingent took occasion to voice the deep appreciation of the band for all that had been done. A more 'sporty' spirit could not be found anywhere, than to invite somebody to come along, and beat your own record, and make it easy for them to do it! Mention was also made of the whole-hearted welcome of the hundreds of people who gathered to hear the peal finished. At some places it is more likely that it would have been a welcome with brickbats.

All good things come to an end, and the evening passed much too quickly. Half the band made their way home, and half stayed at Ashton to go on to Liverpool the next day for an ordinary length peal at St. Nicholas' Church. This was in response to an invitation given by Mr. G. R. Newton and the Liverpool ringers to 'bring as many as you like and ring just what you like.' And what could be more welcome?

It would be out of place to finish this short account of the ringing of this peal without once again thanking all those who contributed to the success, notably those great men at Ashton-under-Lyne, Messrs. Sam Wood, Ben Thorpe, S. Thompson and company.

A word for the bells. They are a delight to listen to, and a treat to ring. There were no complaints anywhere, not even at the end. They were completely restored and rehung two years ago by Messrs. Mears and Staibank. The bells were removed to the Whitechapel Foundry, where they were sand-blasted and retuned, and then returned to the tower to be rehung on ball bearings in an entirely new frame and fittings, and with iron headstocks. In addition, a flat treble was added to make a light peal of eight. Both in tone and 'go' the bells are a real credit to the firm.

C. T. C.

OTHER GREAT PERFORMANCES.

The Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, has been the scene of other great performances in the past, and the previous Maximus record was made there when, on April 17th, 1911, Mr. Sam Woods called the 12,240 of Kent Treble Twelve in 8 hrs. 39 mins. At this tower, also, the Treble Bob Royal record (14,000 in 9 hrs. 24 mins.) was rung on April 13th, 1914.

Prior to Monday, the greatest number of changes on twelve bells in one peal was the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, rung in 8 hrs. 45 mins. at Painswick, by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on February 14th, 1920, but on Whit Monday, May 21st, 1923, 12,675 Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths at Southwark Cathedral, where the tenor is 50 cwt., in 9 hrs. 47 mins. On December 26th, 1901, 11,111 Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 8 hrs. 2 mins. The Treble Bob Maximus record made at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911, superseded a length of 10,224 set up at Painswick on December 9th, 1833, which peal was composed and conducted by William Estcourt and rung in 6 hrs. 50 mins.

The following is the list of peals of more than 15,000 changes which have been rung on church bells, from which it will be seen that a score of this phenomenal length have been put on record:—

Date.	Length.	Method.	Time. hrs. mins.	Place.
Nov. 25, 1737.	15,120.	Bob Major.	8 40.	West Ham.
Oct. 1, 1793.	15,360.	Bob Major.	9 31.	Aston.
Oct. 24, 1807.	15,120.	Bob Major.	8 46.	Oldham.
Feb. 27, 1816.	15,120.	Minor.	8 27.	Wath-on-Dearne.
Dec. 26, 1831.	15,168.	Kent T.B. Major.	8 43.	Elland.
Apr. 27, 1868.	15,840.	Kent T.B. Major.	9 12.	Bethnal Green.
May 18, 1883.	16,608.	Kent T.B. Major.	9 48.	Mottram.
Dec. 31, 1888.	15,041.	Stedman Caters.	9 16.	Appleton.
Apr. 22, 1889.	15,227.	Grandsire Caters.	9 43.	Cheltenham.
June 6, 1892.	16,608.	Oxford T.B. Major.	10 32.	Debenham.
Apr. 3, 1899.	15,072.	Double Norwich Maj.	9 24.	Erith.
May 22, 1899.	17,024.	Double Norwich Maj.	11 12.	Kidlington.
Dec. 27, 1904.	17,104.	Double Norwich Maj.	10 35.	S. Wigston.
June 8, 1906.	16,800.	Kent T.B. Major.	9 40.	Mottram.
Apr. 12, 1909.	18,027.	Stedman Caters.	12 18.	Loughborough.
May 28, 1912.	15,264.	Bristol Surprise Maj.	9 49.	Hornchurch.
Apr. 22, 1922.	21,363.	Stedman Caters.	12 25.	Appleton.
July 21, 1923.	17,280.	Kent T.B. Major.	10 0.	Over.
Apr. 18, 1927.	17,824.	Oxford T.B. Major.	10 51.	Heptonstall.
Aug. 5, 1929.	15,312.	Cambridge Surprise Maximus.	11 30.	Ashton-under-Lyne.

At the time of going to press, no information had been received with regard to the attempt for the record peal of Minor at Rickingham Superior, Suffolk.

PORTUGAL'S HISTORIC CARILLONS.

EXTRAVAGANT MONARCH'S DOUBLE SET OF BELLS.

A famous Portuguese carillon has been placed in order, and has now been heard again after a silence of more than forty years. This is one of the two instruments at the great Mafra Monastery, said to be the most gigantic building in Portugal, and one of the ten biggest in Europe. It was built in the eighteenth century by King John V. of Portugal, but has not been inhabited for over a century. The edifice itself covers an area of 40,000 square metres, contains 880 enormous rooms, and has 4,500 doors and windows. Its belfries are 68 metres high, and are supplied with 114 bells of various sizes. The library is one of the attractions there, and is known to all bibliophiles. It contains 30,000 volumes.

At one time the double carillons of Mafra were said to be the finest in the world, each set possessing 47 bells, varying in weight from 30 to 10,000 kilograms. According to the 'Christian Science Monitor,' the existence of duplicate sets is due to the vanity of King John, whose greatest ambition was to vie in acts of extravagant splendour with his cousin Louis XV. of France. Having made up his mind to have the best obtainable chimes to adorn his monstrous fantasy, when their great cost was hesitatingly revealed to him, the sovereign answered with ostentatious carelessness, 'So cheap! I will have two sets made.'

The carillons were inaugurated in 1730, those of the northern tower being constructed by Nicolas Leveche, and the southern by Guillaume Willcock. They became one of the attractions of Portugal for travellers, and for nearly a century and a half were one of the favourite pastimes of kings. The people of the neighbouring countryside also rejoiced in the merry or plaintive strains that could be heard ten miles off. About 40 years ago something went wrong with the intricate centuries-old machinery and clocks. No one could be found in the country who knew how to mend the ancient chimes, and so the rust-covered bells kept silence until their existence was almost forgotten. Great political changes absorbed general attention, and music was a negligible quantity.

Now, however, that a certain stability has been restored and time is found for the great work of restoration, it was resolved that the marvellous carillons of Mafra could not be left in permanent neglect.

Two famous experts, Jef Denyn and Desiré Somers, were called by the Portuguese Government from Belgium, and these men have for the last year worked in the Mafra belfries among the rusty clocks and mighty wireworks. In their opinion these chimes are unique in value and workmanship; but they considered the duplication of the handworked keys and quadruplication of cylinders necessary for the two sets a useless expenditure, so that only the southern tower was restored.

The inauguration concert was attended by the President of the Republic, members of the Government, and diplomatic corps, and a concourse of thousands of people of all classes, who, it is said, were thrilled on hearing the first sonorous vibrations trembling through the air, and sent up a mighty shout after the Portuguese National Anthem had been played.

MARGATE.—On July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. Trusler 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, W. Joiner 3, H. King 4, W. H. Seabrook 5, A. Saxby 6, F. Reeves 7, F. Gadsden 8. Arranged for ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, who were on holiday in the town.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**MR. E. W. ELWELL'S RESIGNATION AS HON. SECRETARY.**

The 42nd annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Bebington on Saturday, July 27th. There was a moderate attendance, about 85 members and friends being present, and each of the seven branches of the Guild was represented. The proceedings opened officially with a service at 4 p.m., at St. Andrew's, Bebington, the sermon being preached by Rev. Fr. H. E. Boulthbee, Vicar of Bebington.

The meeting itself was held at 4.45 p.m. in the Ormerod Memorial Hall. The business dealt with was of the kind generally found on the agenda of most annual meetings.

The Master (Rev. C. A. Clements) was in the chair. A good deal of discussion was raised by the annual report, and a certain amount of energetic opposition to its publication in its present form was offered. Eventually, however, its adoption was moved, and the motion was carried with one dissident.

The election of officers passed off without incident. The Rev. C. A. Clements was re-elected to the office of Master amidst acclamation, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston to the office of hon. treasurer. The only change was the resignation of the hon. secretary, Mr. E. W. Elwell, owing to his many other business engagements.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft said that he was sure that all the members would be sorry to lose such a valuable and genial secretary as Mr. Elwell had shown himself to be during the last seven years, and that he personally found it a pleasure to attend any meeting at which Mr. Elwell was present.

Mr. J. C. E. Simpson (St. Mary's Vicarage, Manor Road, Wallasey) was elected as the new hon. secretary, and Mr. Elwell was elected as the ringing member representative from the Wirral Branch on the committee in place of Mr. Simpson.

It was decided that in future each branch should advertise its meetings in 'The Ringing World,' such advertisements to be paid for by the Guild. The purchase by the Guild of copies of the Lancashire Association Instruction Book for distribution to members was approved.

An application for a grant from the Guild funds towards rehanging Dodleston bells was confirmed.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Northwich on Easter Monday, 1930. Votes of thanks were passed to the hon. auditors, Messrs. H. and W. Jackson.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the members partook of tea in the Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight, during which a vote of thanks was passed to the peal recorder, Mr. J. Cooke, for his valued work which he had put in during the past year.

Tea being finished, a general move was made to the towers, those open for ringing being Rock Ferry (six bells), and Bebington and Port Sunlight (eight bells). Ringing was carried on till about 8.30, and some was also done in the afternoon before service. The ringing was of a varied character, but a good variety of methods was rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, and Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major.

A FIVE COUNTIES EXPEDITION.

The annual outing of the Bolsover ringers took place on July 20th, and an ambitious tour extended to 188 miles, in five counties, including ringing for an hour at each of five churches. It seemed rather a tall order in the midst of a heat wave. Irthlingborough was the farthest point, and the whole of the day was planned to a schedule. Leaving Bolsover at 7 a.m., the party travelled via Mansfield to nick up an old and faithful friend, and reached Oakham at 9.15. The fifty miles' journey had been delightful. They were welcomed by Mr. Higgs, and soon had the bells going to various Major methods. Ringing on this grand peal was greatly enjoyed. After a look round this historic town, and lunch at the Crown Hotel, they set off to Tichmarsh, 35 miles away. There they were welcomed by the local company and Mr. W. Perkins, who took them in hand for the day. Tichmarsh bells are a nice peal by Gillett and Johnston. The next call was at Thrapston, where the local band turned up in full force to welcome the party, and Mr. F. Wilford was also there. Thrapston bells are a very nice ring by Taylor and Co., and, incidentally, the back six were cast at the same time as Bolsover back six in 1898. After touches in the usual methods, the party went on to Irthlingborough, and were met by Mr. A. Y. Tyler and others, who gave them a real welcome and joined in tapping off touches in a few Surprise methods. Tea was provided at the Bull Hotel, and afterwards Mr. F. Wilford welcomed the party into the district. Mr. Wilford having been thanked, the party set out for Burton Latimer, where there is a nice light peal by Taylor and Co. Here again the local men met them with P.C. Robinson, late of Bolsover, and Mr. F. Tite. Some of the party, feeling tired, preferred to listen while the enthusiasts did some real good striking. The methods rung during the day included Bob Major, Little Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise, and the company desire to thank the incumbents at each tower, and the local men, especially Messrs. Higgs, Perkins, Tyler and F. Wilford, who spared nothing to make the outing the success it was. Home was reached at 11 p.m.; after 16 hours of enjoyment.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**PRESTON BRANCH DOINGS.**

The annual branch meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Chorley on Saturday. The attendance was rather smaller than usual. The bells at both the Parish Church and St. Mary's R.C. were utilised during the day, ringing commencing about 3.30, and continuing until nearly nine o'clock, with a break for tea and the business meeting, methods from Double Court, to Cambridge Surprise being rung.

The Ringing Master (Mr. Wm. Sharples) presided at the business meeting. The Secretary gave the following report of the doings of the branch: During the year meetings have been held at Penwortham, Eccleston, Whittle-le-Woods, Preston St. Mark's, Croston, Brindle and Tarleton, as well as the annual social at Higher Walton. The meetings have been attended up to the average for the last few years, but the members attending are mostly the same, and I would like to appeal to the chief ringers of the different towers to try to get those members who are not as keen as they might be to try and attend the meetings. The meeting at Eccleston was rather out of the ordinary, coming as it did on the eve of the diamond wedding of the oldest active member, Mr. R. Rigbye, to whom the branch took the opportunity to make a presentation in commemoration of the rare event. The attendance at the annual social was slightly under the average, but as usual all present had an enjoyable time. With regard to ringing in the branch, I cannot say there has been much advancement generally, although one is pleased to note that a new and enthusiastic band has been got together at Tarleton, where the efforts of the Rector, and the Croston ringers seem to be bearing fruit. Our peal list is rather smaller than usual, but some of the peals are perhaps more meritorious, notably the peal of Cambridge Surprise at Hoghton, which was the first of Major in the method by the branch, also the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Blackburn Cathedral, which was also the first by the branch, and rung at the first attempt. The conductor was the only ringer in the peal who had rung a peal of Royal in the method before. I would like at this point to thank the Blackburn Branch for their kindness in arranging, and allowing us to make the attempt, which proved so successful. The full list of the peals rung is as follows: One Kent Treble Bob Minor at Eccleston, one Cambridge Major at Hoghton, one Grandsire Triples at Whittle-le-Woods, the first in the methods on the bells, the peal at Whittle being a local peal half-muffled in honour of the fallen members from that tower; two peals of Double Norwich, one at Brownedge, the first peal on the newly-augmented peal, and one at Preston Parish Church, rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Alex. Martin, one of the local ringers; one of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Blackburn, one of Kent Treble Bob Major at Penwortham. The augmentation and rehanging of the bells at Higher Walton has been carried out since the last annual meeting, this being another welcome addition to the eight-bell towers. Subscriptions have come in fairly well, and we have made or re-elected 18 new members during the year, so that our list will be as large or larger than it has been previously.

The secretary and Ringing Master were both re-elected, as also were the branch committee men. The best thanks of the branch were given to both officers for their services during the year, to which the secretary and Master suitably replied.

The Secretary then read a letter from the Fylde Branch secretary, suggesting a joint meeting between the two branches. This was agreed to, the matter being left to the secretaries to arrange.

A vote of thanks to the authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness, concluded the business.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**FARNHAM DISTRICT MEETING.**

A most successful meeting of the Farnham District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, July 27th. This meeting had been originally arranged for Farnborough, but owing to sickness in the parish it was transferred to Aldershot, and 38 members and friends were present from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Blackwater, Farnham, Hawley, Seale and Woking. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and later the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Dudley. An excellent tea was provided in the Parish Hall by Miss A. Fisher and other lady ringers.

At the business meeting the Rev. A. E. Dudley, who was elected a ringing member of the Guild, took the chair, and one hon. member (Mrs. Walker, wife of Admiral T. P. Walker, the Guild's esteemed treasurer), and one compounding member (Mr. J. Sparrow, hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths), were also elected.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. general secretary of the Guild, gave an interesting account of the proceedings of the Central Council, and was heartily thanked.

A message of condolence was sent to Mr. B. H. Clark, late hon. secretary of the district, who is in hospital as the result of injuries received in a motor accident.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. A. E. Dudley for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the ladies for preparing tea, and to the organist and blower. Touches were afterwards rung on handbells, and the tower bells were kept going in various methods until nine o'clock, one touch being rung in which six ladies took part.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

It was thought that a large number would be attracted to the delightful town of Darlington for the Durham and Newcastle Association's summer meeting on Saturday week, and the officials were rather disappointed when only 15 sat down to the excellent tea at Hunter's Cafe. Those present included the president (Mr. E. E. Ferry) and the Rev. A. S. Thompson, Vicar of St. John's. St. Cuthbert's bells were kept going during the afternoon, and St. John's and Holy Trinity after tea, with a final rally at St. Cuthbert's from 8 to 9. A very pleasant time was spent, all agreeing that the meeting had been well worth while. Six new members of St. Peter's, Jarrow, were elected.

A FIVE-BELL TRIP.

On Saturday, July 27th, five members of the Loughborough Parish Church Society visited the Saxon Church of Willoughby-on-the-Wolds. By kind permission of Mr. J. G. Baldoock, churchwarden, the Vicar being away, the bells, a light peal of five, were raised and set going to 120's of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. It was soon found that they sadly needed the bellhanger. The bells were lowered in peal, and after tea a visit was paid to Walton, by kind permission of the Rev. B. M. Bird, where a quarter-peal was tapped off in fine style, consisting of four 120's of Bob Doubles and six of Grandsire, the ringers being: J. Onslow 1, C. Bollard 2, C. Allsop (conductor) 3, J. Saddington 4, J. Towell 5.

YORKSHIRE FRIENDS, HOSPITALITY AND DALES.

The ringers of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Penwortham, Lancashire, paid a visit to old and new friends in Yorkshire for their annual excursion. The occasion was not merely a day's outing for ringing, but a commemoration of a somewhat unique event, for it was on June 8th, 1912, that the bi-centenary of the bells was celebrated, and, since then, an endeavour has been made to hold an outing each year on the Saturday nearest to June 8th. This year an invitation had been received from the band at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds—once described to the writer by Mr. Arthur Craven as the 'University'—to make Headingley the venue, and, once transport difficulties had been solved, the invitation was accepted with alacrity. So, at nine o'clock on a fine summer morning, the party, which included Mr. B. A. Knights, of Preston Parish Church, and also five ladies who had eyes on the shops at Leeds, and a glorious disconcert for the tenth commandment, set out along the beautiful valley of the Ribbles. Past Whalley Abbey, one of Lancashire's historical gems, and Whalley Church, where time did not permit a stop to try the new ring of eight, the journey proceeded by way of Pendle Forest, the home of the Lancashire Witches, to the main Pennine Range, a region of vast expanses and wild moors. Soon, however, these moors were crossed, and the party passed along wooded roads, down to the sheltering warmth of Keighley. Here they were met by Mr. R. W. Jennison, who led the way into the belfry, and soon the bells—a particularly fine ring of eight—were set going. Touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were successfully rung, and an adjournment was made to the King's Arms Hotel for dinner. Having satisfied the inner man, the party set out once again, this time down the lovely valley of the Aire, through Bingley and Shipley, where again good rings of eight had to be passed by, to Calverley, where the local ringers were waiting to give a welcome. Again the bells were set going, and, after a touch of Rob Major, ambition persuaded a joint band to try a touch of Superlative Surprise; it was, however, not successful.

The journey on to Headingley was quite a short one, and soon the party reached its destination, where many old friends were met. After 'callin' for a little while, the bells were raised, and over an hour's ringing indulged in, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise all being rung. The two bands had arranged for a joint tea, and this took place at a neighbouring cafe, a very happy gathering. After tea, Mr. P. J. Johnson, addressing a few words of welcome to the visitors, referred to the pleasure of meeting old friends and making the acquaintance of new ones. He spoke, too, of the traditions of Headingley, and the time when so many as five Surprise methods were rung for Sunday services; also of the necessity for training recruits and setting a high standard before them.—Mr. J. R. Taylor, responding, said he knew that once Headingley had been decided upon as the venue of the trip, everything would be done by the hosts to make the day a memorable one. He extended a cordial invitation to the Headingley band to visit Penwortham. Handbells were then obtained, and a touch and a course of Bob Major successfully rung before the tower was again visited. The ringing being ended, and the ladies having found the male portion of the party, farewells were said and the journey home commenced along the lovely vale of the Wharfe. Yorkshire friends, Yorkshire hospitality and Yorkshire dales!—could anyone desire more for their day's outing? Such was the good fortune of the Penwortham band, and they wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Keighley, Calverley and Headingley for the use of the bells, and their friends the ringers at those places for meeting them and doing everything possible to make the day one of such happy memories.

A DAY IN WARWICKSHIRE.

For the annual outing of the band at St. Peter's, Dunstable, Beds, on Thursday, July 25th, a visit to Warwickshire had been planned, and involved a motor trip of 120 miles, with plenty of ringing thrown in. Fourteen ringers, with the Rev. S. Dye (curate), set off in high spirits for their day's adventure at 7.30 a.m. Southam, 50 miles distant, was the first tower. At 9.45 the party were welcomed by a local ringer, with the invitation to ring as long as they liked. The Church of St. James is a fine old building, with a very handy ring of eight, rung from the ground floor. 336 Stedman, 168 Grandsire Cambridge, and a touch of Double Norwich were well rung, and after a hasty look round the village the journey was continued to Lillington. On arrival, the party were welcomed by members of the local band, and the bells, a lovely little ring of eight (tenor 9 cwt.) were pulled up. An excellent touch of 432 Stedman Triples was rung, followed by a touch of Bob Major and a course of Superlative. Mr. F. W. Perrins unexpectedly joined the party at this tower, and, needless to say, his help and guidance for the rest of the day gave the greatest pleasure to all. Tracks were made for Leamington Spa, where dinner was awaiting the party, who afterwards enjoyed a stroll in the lovely Jepson Gardens. Ringing took place later at the Parish Church, where there is a ring of eight (tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.), with a long draught, which, with springy ropes, rather bothered the band for a start. However, some good ringing was done, including five courses of Little Bob. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major followed, and the bells rung down. The journey was then continued to Warwick, where tea was followed by the 'tit-bit' of the day, namely, ringing at St. Mary's. The party were joined here by Miss D. E. Lewis, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild, and Mr. A. H. Beamish, of Chilvers Coton, and one or two other visitors, whose names are unknown to the writer. The party were met at St. Mary's by Mr. T. Male, who conducted them to the tower. St. Mary's, as is well known, has a fine ring of ten (tenor 25 cwt.), and, considering that the majority of the visitors had had little 10-bell experience, some very good ringing was done. Rounds, so that everybody could have a pull, was followed by 413 Stedman Caters, being the first touch of Caters by several of the band, 384 Cambridge Major, 168 Grandsire, and a touch of Little Bob Royal, the Royal being rung as though the band had been ringing Royal all their lives. The ten bells were then lowered in peal, which concluded the ringing for the day. A social half-hour, and the long journey home was then begun via Banbury and Buckingham. Banbury was the first stop, and it is a good thing no more stops like it were possible. Banbury Cross had, of course, to be inspected, and the cakes, among other things, had to be tested, so that it was long after dark before all the erring members got aboard and the last 40 miles of the journey begun, some reaching their homes on the 25th, others on the 26th. However, one of the most enjoyable days had been spent, and the band, through 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank all who helped to make it so successful, the Warwickshire friends for meeting them, especially Miss Lewis, the Warwickshire Guild secretary, whose help in providing information as to towers was much appreciated.

SHELLEY RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of Shelley Church, accompanied by the Vicar (Rev. Walkden), the sexton and other interested friends, making a total number of fifteen, enjoyed a motor trip on Saturday, June 22nd. Travelling by way of Brighouse, over Keighley Moors, the happy party arrived at their rendezvous, Skipton, about 3 p.m. The ringers visited the fine Parish Church, to enjoy the sweets of change and music on one of Taylor's latest peals. The rest of the party toured this fine old market town, with history marked on its streets and buildings. At 4.15, a reunion took place for a short tour to the castle, etc., and afterwards the company sat down to a repast at Whitaker's Cafe, High Street. The Vicar proposed that a telegram be sent to Dr. Horne, of Old Hall, Shelley, thanking him as the donor of the trip, also that a vote of thanks be given to C. D. Potter, secretary of the Bainsley Association, who was the medium of communication in the first place between the worthy doctor and the ringers.—This was carried with acclamation. Further ringing and sight-seeing followed. At 7.30 the return journey commenced. At Bradford a short halt took place to refuel, and home was reached at 10.45, all feeling thankful for the pleasures of glorious weather and sights that please.

MUFFLED BELLS AT ABERAVON.

On Sunday, July 21st, the Rev. D. W. Davies, Vicar of Aberavon, passed away after about ten days' illness. The deceased was 59 years of age, and had been an hon. member of the Swansea and Brecon Guild for many years. The bells were rung by the following service ringers: C. Hughes, W. Williams, F. E. Stone, W. J. Norton, E. Stitch, C. Jones, A. J. Pitman (conductor), J. Weathersby and G. Chappell, on Wednesday evening, as the body was being brought to the church, where it rested through the night, after the interment on Thursday, and for both morning and evening service on the following Sunday. For the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 52 mins. with the ringers standing in above order, G. Chappell kindly standing out.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 742 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: H. L. Cook 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, F. Edwards 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. Lewis 6, L. Stillwell 7, C. W. Pipe 8. Arranged for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 8th, who were on a visit from Windsor.—On a recent Sunday 547 Stedman Caters: F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cook 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, A. V. Bond 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, W. Wrigley 10. This is the longest touch of Stedman Caters rung by a local band.

CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 21st, on the occasion of the annual commemoration service at the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire War Memorial, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 43 mins.: J. J. Turner 1, H. Day 2, W. H. George 3, H. F. Attewell 4, F. F. Hill 5, F. W. Hill 6, A. Hutchison 7, A. C. Wright (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, for evensong of Dedication Festival, on Sunday, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, G. W. Wilson (first quarter) 4, S. Penfold 5, J. Martin 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, G. Machin 8.

MITCHAM.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evensong, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Miss E. M. Mosse 1, H. Tourle 2, D. Wright 3, J. Lott 4, C. Dean 5, A. Calver 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. S. Smith 8.

LADY RINGER MARRIED AT CHILVERS COTON.

The Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, July 31st, when Mr. G. W. T. Mosedale, a Sunday School teacher and member of the choir, second son of the Vicar's warden, was married to Miss G. M. Dodds, a keen and much esteemed member of the All Saints' band of ringers', eldest daughter of the late Vicar of Chilvers Coton, Canon M. A. Dodds, M.A.

The service, which was attended by a large congregation, was fully choral, and was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies), assisted by the curate. The bride, who looked very charming in white georgette, with a bouquet of white roses, was followed by four child attendants, the Misses Veronica and Ruth Mosedale (nieces of the bridegroom), and Masters John Tulloch and Michael Dodds (nephews of the bride). Miss Dodds was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. Walter Dodds, while Mr. Frank Mosedale acted as best man to his brother.

As the bridal couple left the church, the bells pealed forth in 'rounds' and 'queens' interspersed with 'firing,' after which a well-struck 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by: Mrs. P. Billington 1, C. E. Rayson 2, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 3, Miss D. E. Lewis 4, H. Harris 5, A. Haswell 6, J. E. Moreton 7, W. Carter 8. The honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents, including an eight-day Jacobean oak clock from the local ringers, together with an inkstand in the shape of a bell made from the old oak of the frame which held the three old bells prior to recasting and augmenting in 1908.

The next evening Parker's 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but had to be called round at 896 changes owing to a choir practice in church, a fact which had been overlooked when arranging the peal. The following took part: A. Haswell 1, C. E. Rayson 2, J. Draycott 3, Miss D. E. Lewis 4, H. Harris 5, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 6, J. E. Moreton 7, W. Carter 8.

RINGER'S WEDDING AT BELBROUGHTON.

The wedding of Mr. E. Calcutt and Miss E. Abel took place at Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton, Worcs, on July 20th. Mr. E. Calcutt is the conductor of the local band, having held the position for the past four years, in succession to Mr. H. Martin. He took in hand a band of learners, and they scored their first peal of Grandsire Doubles on December 26th last.

As the bridal party left the church, the bells rang out. After being fired, and the Queen's change rung several times, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was brought round in 46 mins. by the following, who, except Mr. Short, the conductor, are local ringers: H. Phillips 1, G. Parton 2, W. Short 3, W. Saunders 4, R. Parton 5, L. Darby 6. The ringers were afterwards entertained at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple received many useful presents including a tea service from the Belbroughton ringers.

BEESTON RINGER'S WEDDING.

On the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Noel B. Kirk, a ringer, of Beeston, Notts, to Miss Irene M. Watson, on Saturday, August 3rd, at Bassingbourne, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at Beeston Parish Church in 50 mins.: F. Whitman 1, F. S. Price 2, H. Price 3, C. Rogers 4, A. B. Moss 5, H. Rogers 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, J. A. Kirk 8. The ringers wish the bride and bridegroom every success in their new lifelong venture.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 15th and 29th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) and the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District) will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, H. Hancock, 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey, Hon. District Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. each. Last chance for paying annual subscriptions for current year. Business: Election of branch secretary and committee representatives.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wentworth on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided, but only for those who apply to Mr. Geo. West, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham. All ringers and friends are invited. It is hoped there will be a good meeting at this most attractive village.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crossens on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Newbury Branch and Andover Branch.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Newbury on Saturday, August 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis and the Rev. F. C. Sear, Hon. Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Saturday, August 10th. Church of St. Lawrence, 6 bells (tenor 8 cwt.), available afternoon and evening.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting to be held at Dorking on August 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, August 14th, please. All members and friends invited to attend.—Alan R. Pink, Dis. Sec., 32, Nower Road, Dorking.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — The summer festivity meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5 p.m. in the Vicarage and short business meeting. Handbells and bowls on the lawn afterwards. All ringers invited. Will those staying to tea kindly notify not later than Tuesday, 13th inst.?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley Parish Church on Saturday, August 17th. Bells 3.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, 1s. 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. E. Garside, 61, Lees Road, Mossley, near Manchester, not later than Wednesday, August 14th. Will members make a special effort to attend and make this meeting a success.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Willingham (6) on Saturday, August 17th. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify, postcard please. These six, like Bourn, are out of the same best pot of Taylor's—'nuff said.' Good bus service from Cambridge, or railway, Longstanton, L.N.E. Railway. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Longstanton, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. No arrangements will be made for tea. — Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. E. Rowley, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton, by Friday morning, the 16th. All ringers are cordially welcome. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, August 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, August 14th, all those attending. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Appleby on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me before Aug. 16th. A good attendance requested.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, August 17th. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. G. Redfern, St. Ann's Vale, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, before August 14th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, August 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must advise me by Tuesday, August 13th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence, on Saturday, Aug. 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome. —W. J. Paice, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Colne on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will those intending being present please notify Mr. R. Whitehead, 66, New Market Street, Colne, not later than August 21st?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, August 24th. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. Roe, 7, Starkey Lane, Farnhill, Kildwick, near Keighley, not later than Thursday, August 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Those intending to be at tea must notify me not later than Wednesday, August 21st.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, August 24th. All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Bengoe (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at St. Andrew's 5 p.m. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise Mr. W. H. Lawrence as early as possible.—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association, Little Munden, Ware, Herts; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Basingstoke District) and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Sonning Deanery Branch).—Preliminary Notice.—Joint meeting Saturday, August 31st, Hawley, Hants. All welcome.

MARRIAGE.

GOLDSMITH—JONES.—At Woking on August 1st, by the Rev. J. O. Warburton, John Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking, to Doris May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones, of Wroxton, Woking.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—At St. Peter's Church for Sunday evening service, June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by E. Grater 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, P. C. Orchard 3, F. G. Lewis 4, J. Coles 5, F. Viney 6, P. Newcombe (conductor) 7, H. Ware 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th, on a visit from North Wales.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service at the Parish Church, 547 Stedman Caters: F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cook 2, H. S. Parsons 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, A. V. Bond 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, W. Wrigley 10. This is the longest touch yet rung by a local band. Also a course with F. J. Lewis, jun., ringing the 2nd.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Sunday, June 16th, for civic service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) (Brooks): F. Oliver 1, E. Roberts 2, T. A. Meredith 3, F. Richardson 4, R. G. Lewis 5, G. Burrows 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, E. Green 8.

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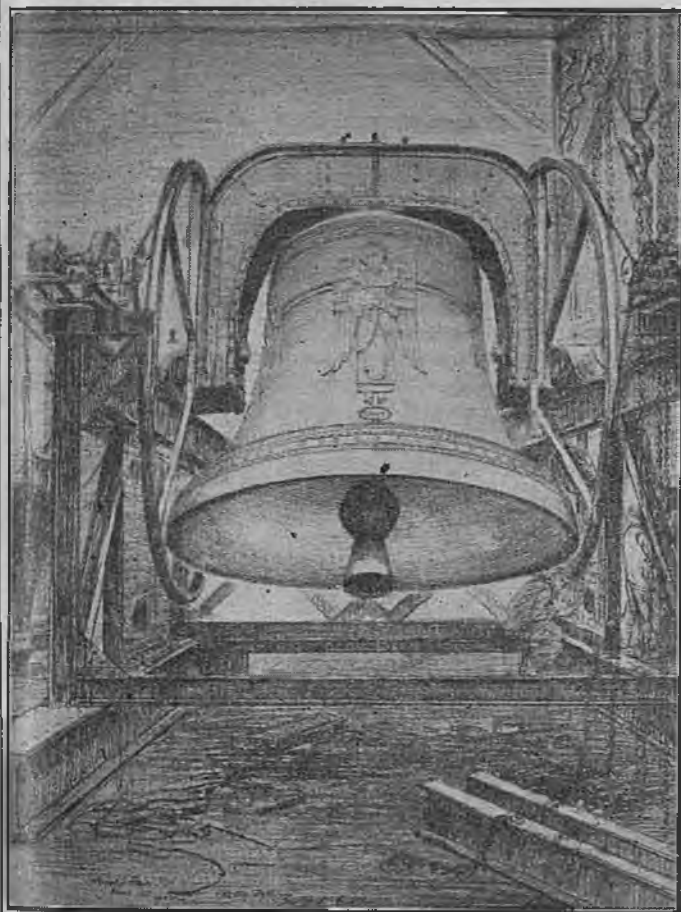
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THE REORGANISATION IN NORFOLK

The Norfolk Guild for the Diocese of Norwich—which was a cumbersome and almost unnecessary duplication of title—has ratified the proposal to revert to its original name and henceforth is to be known, as of old, as the Norwich Diocesan Association. By the older members especially this alteration will doubtless be received with pleasure, for, while the question has often been asked, 'What's in a name?' there is a flavour about old titles which many people are loath to lose, and changes sometimes have a tendency to break tradition. The reasons for the departure from the original title of the Norwich Diocesan Association need not be entered into here, but since the division of the diocese which eventually led to the setting up of the Suffolk Guild as a separate entity, the Norwich Association has more than once altered its name. In reverting to the name given to it at its birth, more than fifty years ago, the association will bind itself with new links to a past record as brilliant as that possessed by any territorial ringing organisation, a record from which its newer names must to some extent have divorced it in the minds of many ringers.

Like some other associations whose areas are largely rural in character, the Norfolk Guild has been finding it difficult to maintain the active interest of its members, and now, in addition to changing its name, it is re-organising its administration. At the meeting last week a scheme for three districts, each with more or less autonomous powers, was submitted, but has been referred back for a further division of the central area into two districts, making four in all. Hitherto the diocese, as at present formed, has been split up into eleven districts, some of them with very few towers, and a mere handful of members. Obviously such small numbers could not be expected to make a great success, for they are handicapped both financially and in the bells available for meetings. Improved organisation, therefore, pointed the way to larger amalgamations, and with fewer districts it is hoped that more energy will be shown. In days gone by, of course, areas had to be mapped on the basis of railway communication, for it was on this means of conveyance, and this alone, that the majority of ringers had to rely. The network of motor omnibus routes which has spread with such rapidity over the country in the last few years has altered all this, and actually the railway to-day has often to take a secondary place when studying the convenience of members. The old lines of division in the Norwich Diocese may have been more or less compelled by the sparse railway facilities, but road transit has put an entirely different complexion on the

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subject. In these days the successful district must be large enough to offer ample choice of towers for meetings and to be self-supporting financially; and must be small enough to put the members within reasonable touch of all, or, at any rate, the large majority, of the towers. The Norwich Association is endeavouring to solve the problem, and it is to be hoped that its efforts will result in securing for the officials of the association a greater measure of active support in the work which they are doing than has sometimes been apparent among the mass of the members in the past.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 8
LESTER L. GRAY 3	JAMES MARTIN 9
WILLIAM PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT 10
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
GEORGE R. NEWTON 6	CLAUDE I. DAVIES Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The visitors wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank their Liverpool friends for welcoming them to Liverpool.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*TONY PRICE Treble	HERBERT SHEMMING 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 8
WILLIAM TILLET 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 9
HARRY R. ROPER 4	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 10
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
*WILLIAM CLOVER 6	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Tony Price, who returned to Canada on Thursday, August 15th.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	†CYRIL TANSELL 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	†GORDON W. CHECKETTS 8
*FRANK LAWRENCE 4	CHARLES CAMM 9
†THOMAS W. J. WALTERS ... 5	WILLIAM LEWIS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE DALTRY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

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RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence, Thanet,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 6
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM SPICE 7
*TOM SAUNDERS 3	FREDERICK G. BRETT 8
THOMAS E. SONE 4	GEORGE E. WILSON 9
HARRY BAKER 5	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten. This was Mr. H. Baker and the conductor's 50th peal together, and also 50th peal as conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Birch for their kind assistance and hospitality after the peal, and also Mr. Geo. Willshire, of Birchington, who made the arrangements for Quex Park, where, with Messrs. F. Wollard, F. Fearbeard and W. E. Pitman, Treble Twelve was attempted.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRITTLEWELL, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BACON Treble	† JOSEPH BARRETT 5
*ALBERT NORTH 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	GORDON A. BACON 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Oxford. Ringers of 2nd and 4th were elected members of Essex Association previous to the peal.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

JOHN BAGLEY Treble	JOHN COOKE 5
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	THOMAS ROGERS 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	JOHN BREEZE 7
*JOHN BROWN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Major and first peal of Surprise. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK BRADLEY Treble	SAMUEL PINDER 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	ALFRED BARRETT 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	HENRY HARRISON 7
NORMAN HEMMINGTON 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE W. ENGLAND Treble	SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 5
SIDNEY HILLIER 2	LOUIS A. WILSON 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
THOMAS DAVISON 4	JESSE STONE Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the son and daughter (twins) of Mr. S. Wiltshire, ringer of the 5th.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

H. FULCHER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	JOHN SNELLING 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ROSSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE HOWLETT 4	F. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble	† C. E. LEVETT 5
*W. J. GAIT 2	WILLIAM G. NIPPER 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 3	STANLEY CARTER 7
*A. E. FERRIS 4	R. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. NIPPER.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
*TONY R. PRICE 2	JOHN C. DICKEN 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 3	CHARLES F. SAYER 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON

* 50th peal for the Norfolk Guild.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS DAVISON Treble	CHARLIE LOVELOCK 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
SAMUEL J. ILECTOR 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. KIPPIN. Conducted by FRED LAMBETH

First peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Popnell and Williams wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped to make their long week-end out of Wales such a success.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S SIX-PART, No. 4.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
MADRICE SWINFELD 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDS 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	RICHARD C. BELTON Tenor

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On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR ... 6
EDWARD A. HERN ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
ROBERT ANDERSON ... 4	ADAM DEAS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Double Bob by all the band,
also by the association.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH ... Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
*MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 3	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The above contains 2,944
of London, 608 of Bristol, and 736 each of Superlative and Cam-
bridge. The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate
courses.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HENRY T. WILSON ... 6
STANLEY W. BAYBUT ... 3	*LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
HERBERT HAIGH ... 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
ROWLAND MYERS ... 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 100th peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	ARTHUR PASHLEY ... 5
*ALBERT SMITHSON ... 2	*SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 6
HAYDON THORPE ... 3	HAROLD NAYLOR ... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, August 1st, 720 Kent
Treble Bob: J. Cooke 1, Miss G. Storer 2, J. Breese 3, F. Banton 4,
J. Martin 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6. Miss Storer hails from St. An-
drew's, Bebington, and this was her first 720 of Treble Bob. Her
first 720 in any method (Plain Bob) was rung at Rock Ferry on
July 7th.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent, and three 720's of Plain
Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK ... Treble	DAVID WHITING ... 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS ... 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY ... 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 Spliced 240's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. G. MORGAN Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... 3
REGINALD MORRIS ... 2	EDMUND MORRIS ... 4
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. The conductor's 100th peal of Doubles for the Here-
ford Guild.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MINOR AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,
5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST A. MARSH ... Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5
RONALD RUSSELL ... 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*REGINALD WRIGHT ... Treble	HAROLD G. SMITH ... 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	JESSE BAYLEY ... 5
ALBERT THOMAS ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. H. G. Smith's 21st peal, and rung on his 21st birth-
day.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Treble	EDWARD BARKER ... 4
JAMES H. RAPER ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung as a farewell to the conductor on his return to Canada. He
would like to thank all those who have made his holiday a success.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 120's of Canterbury Pleasure and 14 Spliced 240's of Grand-
sire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES ... Treble	EDMUND MORRIS ... 4
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... 2	*JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... 3	JAMES RANDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* 100th six-bell peal. Rung on the back six.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 changes each of Stedman, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 1,440 changes of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
HARRY HOWARD 2	ROBERT HOWARD 5
WALTER MANSFIELD 3	*WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. John Boucher, whose interment took place on that day.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, consisting of (1) St. Clement's and College Single, (2) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) Double and Single Court, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FRANK TAYLOR Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	†WILLIAM H. WALDON 5
HERACE M. DAY 3	*JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in eleven methods. † First peal in eleven methods inside.

LAPLEY, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 Plain Bob, 3,840 Grandsire and 720 Stedman. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3
ROBERT PICKERING 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 4
JOHN PERRY Tenor	

The conducting of the peal was shared by all, J. Perry calling four different 120's of Plain Bob, followed by Messrs. J. C. Adams, R. Pickering, C. Wallater and J. Perry, each calling eight different 120's of Grandsire, leaving H. Knight to finish calling the peal with six different 120's of Stedman. First peal on the bells and first peal on five bells by the ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BAVIN Treble	FRED C. GINN 4
GEORGE L. PERKINS 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
BERRY WAYMAN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Sharp, wife of the local captain. Mr. G. L. Perkins is from Hemingford Abbots, and it was his first peal of Surprise. 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers from Over, tenor from Long Stanton.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 Spliced 240's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOSEPH WATKINS Treble	HARRY T. CHANDLER 4
*GEORGE KING 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
ARTHUR KEEN 3	TREVOR JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung for evening service.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, June 5th, at 56, Moorland Avenue, 1,344 Bob Major on handbells in 40 mins.: Harry Carter 1-2, Charles McGuiness (conductor) 3-4, Harold Marcon 5-6, Harold Walker 7-8. Witnessed by Mrs. Charles McGuiness and Miss S. Norton.

A SUSSEX TOUR.

Visiting ringers to Brighton during the holiday period had a successful ringing programme arranged for them. The following peals resulted:—

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	KEITH HART 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

KEITH HART Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
RONALD H. DOVE 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
ALFRED BALLARD 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Miss Vera Dawe (eldest daughter of Mr. Robert J. Dawe, of Lewes), and Mr. T. Slaughter, who were married that afternoon. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the conclusion of the peal.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED J. BOLL Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
CHARLES W. CLARKE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by KEITH HART.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On August 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Wadley 1, G. Woodman 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, S. Vince 4, G. Feist 5, F. Hindes 6, R. Langridge 7, W. Thorns 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

A NORTHANTS WEEK.

The following peals were rung in a tour under the auspices of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

NORTHAMPTON.

On Friday, August 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Sepulchre,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
FRED WILFORD 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
THOMAS LAW 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by the late E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	WALTER PERKINS 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 8
*ALBERT JOHN GREEN 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
EDWIN J. HOBBS 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal on ten bells.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Sunday, August 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*ALBERT JOHN GREEN 2	FRED WILFORD 6
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
EDWIN J. HOBBS 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

*CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WALTER PERKINS 6
EDWIN J. HOBBS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

ARCHIBALD KAY Treble	EDWIN J. HOBBS 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by the late E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WALTER PERKINS 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
ARCHIBALD KAY 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, August 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER 5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

On Thursday, August 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

On Friday, August 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On Friday, August 9, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
W. H. FUSSELL 2	JAMES T. WARD 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was Mr. Perkins' 300th peal. The conductor's 100th peal of Cambridge Major and the first on the bells.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT
First peal of Superlative on the bells.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sunday, August 11th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Bratchell 1, R. Rex 2, C. Pearce 3, F. J. Knapp 4, S. Quintin 5, H. W. Curtis 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. Challis 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 8. Arranged for D. Cooper, of Croydon.

PEELERS ENTERTAIN PEALERS.**RINGERS IN THE HANDS OF THE POLICE.**

On Saturday last over 80 ringers, their wives and friends from many parts of Lancashire met on the Athletic Ground of the Bolton Borough Police, at the invitation of that body, who had kindly placed it at their disposal. A bowling match between the police and the ringers opened the events, and although the police won, it was only after some very keenly contested games. Then, as in previous years, the interest began. Old scores were wiped off, or new challenges contested between rival towers. A policeman has a son a ringer, a ringer also has a son a policeman, and the latter pair's match was the 'tit-bit.' Ladies also tried their skill with the 'woods.'

Hot and cold refreshments were provided, and a few of the women folk attended to these wants. When all were tired of the greensward, a 'free and easy' entertainment was provided in the pavilion. Here Miss Annie Potter and Mr. Robert Marsden provided vocal solos, and P.C. Hayhurst the mirth.

Those who had seen too many summers for dancing enjoyed themselves in quiet corners either with a game of whist or a game of dominoes.

Mr. Ernest Cutsforth moved a vote of thanks to the police for again inviting them there that afternoon. He said he felt he was voicing the opinion of all, when he said they had begun to look to this as an annual affair, and he hoped it would be carried on for many more years.—Mr. John Potter, in seconding, said he hoped that next time the police would play howls left handed. Then the ringers might have a chance to win.

In reply, P.C. Hayhurst said the ringers were very welcome visitors. It was very nice to see old faces again, and if the ringers looked forward to this event, so did the police, because they were sure of getting a good entertainment, apart from the sports side, and hoped that some time during the winter they would come again. He said he also wished to congratulate them on having such an energetic organising secretary in Sergt. Crook. The Police Athletic Club knew the value of his services in that line, and as a head in the sports section.

The president of the Lancashire Association (Rev. Canon Elsee) looked in during the proceedings, but regretted he could not stay, as he had many pressing engagements.

Community singing, dancing, gramophone records and touches on the handbells brought to a close, all too soon, another happy and enjoyable day between the peelers and peelers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**PEAK DISTRICT.**

A pleasant, but not too well attended, meeting of the Peak District was held at Eyam on Saturday last. Probably, the largely-attended opening of the bells at the nearby village of Tideswell on Bank Holiday, and the ever-popular Bakewell show in progress on Saturday, had much to do with a small attendance. However, the fifteen or so ringers who were present from Bakewell, Castleton, Dore, Duffield, Eyam, Hope and Tideswell were rewarded with a very pleasant afternoon in this beautiful and historic village, some enjoyable, if somewhat jazz-like, ringing on the light ring of six, in which learners had every chance, and a substantial tea provided by the kindness of the Rev. W. P. Wright.

At a short business meeting following tea, it was decided to hold the next meeting on September 14th at Tideswell, where a warm welcome and much hospitality are promised, and where it is hoped there will be a large gathering.

The usual votes of thanks to the local church authorities, and particularly to the Rev. W. P. Wright for his kindness and hospitality, were cordially endorsed.

PROGRESS AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD.

Since the bells of St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, were retuned and rehung, and the company re-formed in July, 1928, a most successful and progressive year has passed. The bells have been rung for morning and evening service on each of the 52 Sundays, and the performances include seven quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, one quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung by the local band, and one quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in which the company was helped by visitors from neighbouring towers. Two learners have rung their first quarter-peals. A very enjoyable outing was held on Whit Monday, when the company visited Ely, calling at Royston and Godmanchester for ringing on the outward journey, and at Sawston and Ickleton on the homeward journey. At the annual meeting the following officers were appointed to serve during the coming year: Mr. F. Bird, Master; Mr. H. White, secretary; Mr. W. Wilkinson, treasurer; and Mr. W. T. Prior to serve with the officers. The balance sheet for the year was presented and adopted. This showed a balance in hand of £6 8s. 4d. Three learners, all ladies, were accepted as members, viz., Miss Wacey, Miss Rickwood, and Miss Torn.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Not content with a fifteen thousand of Cambridge Maximus on Bank Holiday, five of the long peal band took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Liverpool the following day, and one, by way of a change, went on a ringing tour for the rest of the week. Ye gods!

A Leicester Vicar, so the 'Burton Daily Mail' announces, has advertised for voluntary ringers. This is how he worded the appeal: 'Qualifications necessary: Earnestness, enthusiasm and energy, Preference will be given to those who are prepared to take up ringing seriously, and to give the greater part of their (spare) time to a study which is more brainy than billiards, more captivating than cricket, more fascinating than football, and more pleasurable than the pictures. Remuneration: More kicks than ha'pence.'

The secretary of the Salisbury Guild, in addition to clerical and campanological activities, is a country correspondent for the Children's Country Holiday Fund. A group of little girls from North London, recently spending a fortnight at Kington Magna under his care, were shown a photograph of the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral. One of the girls quickly pointed out Mr. Cockerill and exclaimed, 'That looks like the King!'

A new peal of ten bells was opened at York Minster on August 19th, 1765. They were cast by Lester and Pack, of London, and the order that they should be as nearly as possible like Bow bells seems to have been faithfully carried out, for the tenor was just three pounds heavier than the tenor at the famous Cheapside church.

On Saturday, August 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Michael's Goslany (Norwich) a complete 5,040 of Mr. Holt's Tripples in 3 hours, without changes alike or a bell out of course. It being the first time ever performed by eight men only, so intricate it was thought no man could ring a bell and call the Bobs. It has been rang in London and Stonham Aspal with prompts, but was rang by these men without a prompt. Thus the 'Norwich Mercury' recorded the performance of Holt's Original when it was called for the first time by a conductor ringing in the peal.

The report of a peal rung at St. Werburgh's, Blackwell, Derbyshire, has been sent without the date. We constantly receive defective peal reports. May we once more ask correspondents, especially those who do not often send this kind of communication, carefully to check their report, before sending it, with any of the reports of peals, of which a number appear in every issue of 'The Ringing World.' They would thus be sure of including all the essential details, and it would frequently save delay and disappointment.

A little chime of eight bells, with tenor 2½ cwt., was dedicated last week at South Malling, near Lewes, Sussex, as part of a scheme in connection with the commemoration of the tercentenary of the church. The bells were supplied by the Whitechapel Foundry.

South Malling Church is notable for the fact that John Harvard (the founder of Harvard University in America) was married there on April 19th, 1636.

By a slip, the date of the first peal of Double Norwich in Wales was given in our last issue as 1908. It was rung on August 13th, 1883.

ROBERT MOT'S BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Before leaving London last Friday I had only time to glance at my 'Ringing World,' but I read with pleasure your 'leader' about Mot's and Carter's five bells of Sedlescombe. An Elizabethan 'ring' of five must be extremely rare—the more so if untouched by the restorer. I know of only one—untouched or otherwise—pre-Reformation ring, i.e., that at St. Bartholomew's in the City of London, which is a ring of five bells.

With the above in mind, I venture to send you a plea from the Tyrolean Valley, which knows neither carillons nor peals.

In your reference to the proposed saving of the five bells of Sedlescombe, we are left with the impression that the augmentation involves retuning, and that, as usual, little regard will be paid to Robert Mot's own views as to how these bells should sound, and have so done since the great days of Elizabeth. If, indeed, as may be the case, they are to be 'Simpsonised,' then, even if they boast more than the famous 'five harmonic tones,' they will sound neither as they did to Mot's approving ear nor to those of the 'rude forefathers of the hamlet,' whose ears, like our own, were less critical. These villagers certainly approved and cared for their bells, since they have come down to us 350 years later, untouched and entire.

'Blest be he who spares my tones,' Mot may have said, which motto I commend to our friends at Whitechapel, asking them not to be rude to their famous forefather.

Twenty years since, these bells would have been recast without a murmur. Twenty years hence those concerned in saving them will be generally praised. And twenty years again, and—well! perhaps even tuning machines may shake in their shoes.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Innsbruck, August 5th, 1929.

ANCIENT STAFFORDSHIRE BELLS RESTORED

LAPLEY'S LITTLE RING.

Standing like a bulwark on a prominence some three miles north of Brewwood, the ancient Norman tower of Lapley, Stafford, until recently contained four old bells which for many years were unringable. Two of the bells were badly cracked, as also was a very old Sanctus bell, which also hung in the tower.

This 11th century church, with barely twenty houses round it, has much to interest the visitor who cares to turn off the Old Watling Street and wander into this out-of-the-way place. The parish registers date back to 1538, and are therefore as old as any. The font is supposed to be the work of some Dutch sculptor, as an inscription carved on one panel in plain Roman characters is said by one learned linguist to mean 'The Birth of Christ' in modern Dutch. The bowl of the font is octagonal, and measures 36in. in diameter and 18in. in height. The shaft and base are modern, and only the remains of the original. Seven of the panels are carved, and represent various episodes in our Lord's life, while the eighth panel is left plain. The date of the font is doubtful. One writer wonders if it dates back to the first half of the twelfth century.

In the ringing room are some curiously-carved bosses on the walls which are said to be decidedly French in character.

Close to the church there stood at one time a priory, which in the time of Edward the Confessor was bestowed on the monks of the Abbey of St. Regimus, of Rheims. The church itself is said to have been founded in the eleventh century by the Benedictine monks from this Abbey.

But it is in the bells that readers of 'The Ringing World' will be most interested. Of the four old bells, the treble was badly cracked, and bore the date of 1855, which shows it was put in the tower in Cromwell's time—not a time when one would expect this sort of thing to take place. The second bell is dated 1565, and is therefore one of the oldest bells in the county. The third bell is dated 1629, and bears the inscription, 'Saintta Petra, ora. pro. nobis.' The fourth was dated 1617, and was badly damaged at the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. As regards the Sanctus Bell, an exhaustive treatise on the bells of the county mentions only two other ancient Sanctus bells, one in Lichfield Cathedral and the other at St. Mary's, Stafford.

The present Vicar of Lapley, the Rev. O. St. J. Smith, about two years ago set about the task of trying to have the bells restored, and issued an appeal for funds for this purpose. The first work to be undertaken was the Sanctus bell, and thanks are due to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, for saving this old bell from the melting pot, the result being that a new Sanctus bell has been provided, while the old one is hung in the chancel of the church as a relic of the past.

The fund for restoring the other bells gradually grew until at length the order was placed with the same firm to recast the treble and fourth and retune the second and third, while an additional treble bell has been given in memory of the late Prebendary Talbot, who was at one time Vicar of Lapley. The whole ring has been hung in a steel frame with all the latest fittings, and provision has been made in the frame for a sixth bell to be added when funds are available. The tower has been strengthened by three tie rods, and is of such a size that it would hold another 8 or 10 bells.

The dedication of the bells took place on Tuesday evening, July 30th, by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, before a crowded congregation, extra seats having to be placed in the chancel and aisle, while many people had to stand.

After the service the ringers from Brewwood rang various 120's of Doubles on the bells under the conductorship of Mr. J. Perry, who has worked hard for the restoration. The work done reflects great credit on the Loughborough firm, the tone of the bells being greatly admired by all who heard them.

The task of providing the sixth bell, it is understood, is to be undertaken by the school children of the parish, which includes the parish of Wheaton Aston, and is to be called 'The children's bell,' a very appropriate way of completing the number. If this article is read by anyone who has been connected with the parish, or anyone else who feels that they would like to help forward the work, Mr. J. Perry, Brewwood, Stafford, would be pleased to receive any donations, and would hand them over to the proper quarters.

As will be seen in the peal column, a peal of Doubles has been rung on the bells, and it is interesting to note that the band consisted of the present and some of the past Ringing Masters of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, with the hon. secretary added for safety, while the peal was rung slowly to give the parishioners the benefit of hearing the full tones of the bells.

EDENBRIDGE RINGER'S DEATH.

At Edenbridge, Kent, on August 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: W. Leigh, sen., 1, E. Leigh 2, E. Collison 3, R. Jenner 4, G. Malyan 5, J. Heasman 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Malyan, an old member of the local band, who was buried that day. Mr. J. Malyan took part, with the ringers of 4th, 6th and 7th, in the first peal rung on the bells in 1896.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S ADDRESS TO THE KING.

The loyal address of the Central Council to His Majesty the King, decided on at the meeting at Chelmsford, has been sent to the King in the following terms:—

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS.

May It Please Your Majesty.

It was unanimously resolved by this Council at their annual meeting on Whitsun Tuesday, held this year at Chelmsford, to venture to approach Your Majesty with a humble expression of their heartfelt thankfulness for Your Majesty's recovery from grave and protracted illness, coupled with their earnest prayer that Your Majesty may be restored to complete health and strength and may, by the blessing of Almighty God, be spared to reign in peace and happiness for many years to come.

It may interest Your Majesty to know that a large number of Peals of 5,000 Changes and upwards were successfully achieved throughout the Country to proclaim the Nation's joy.

The following table is taken from 'The Ringing World,' the journal of the Ringing Exercise:—

On 12 bells	two peals.
On 10 bells	five peals.
On 8 and under fifty-eight peals.	

In addition to the above a large number of Quarter Peals of 1,260 Changes and 'Touches' of 720 were rung, many on Thanksgiving Day itself.

We have the honour to remain Your Majesty's most humble and devoted servants and subjects.

Signed on behalf of the above Council,

G. F. COLERIDGE, President.

E. ALEX. YOUNG, Secretary.

August, 1929.

THE REPLY.

Buckingham Palace.

The Private Secretary presents his compliments to Mr. E. Alexander Young, and writes to acknowledge the receipt of his letter and enclosure of the 2nd inst.

The Address from the Central Council of Church Bellringers has been laid before the King, and the Private Secretary is commanded to convey His Majesty's sincere thanks to the Members of the Council for their message of good wishes and for their account of the Peals of Thanksgiving which have been rung throughout the country.

August 6th, 1929.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

MIDDLESEX AND GUILDFORD RINGERS FRATERNISE.

Sonbury, on the banks of the Thames, is a pleasant spot on a summer's day, and a joint meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association and the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held there on Saturday, attracted an attendance of over 50. Many visitors were present from distant places, including Messrs. R. F. Elkington (Anstey, Leicestershire), A. Ballard (Stoney Stanton), P. D. Jennison (Keighley, Yorkshire), O. Sippetts (Crawley, Sussex), the veteran Mr. Joseph Waghorn, of East Ham, etc., while the two associations were represented by ringers from Hillingdon, Heston, Ealing, Chelsea, Chiswick, Sunbury, Guildford, Godalming, Woking, Haslemere, Oatlands, Ottershaw. Ringers were also present from Croydon, Beddington, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Bishopsgate. There was ringing throughout the afternoon and evening sufficient to satisfy all tastes. It was, as usual on such occasions, of mixed quality, but Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, the Ringing Master, was assiduous in his efforts to 'fit up' everyone. A short, bright service was held, at which the curate (Rev. W. H. Jones) officiated in the absence of the Rector, and the singing was led by the organ, at which Mr. Poole presided.

Among those present at tea, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mr. C. S. Bird (vice-president), Mr. W. H. Hollier (hon. sec.), and Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. treasurer of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey District Ringing Master), Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), etc.

There was no business to be transacted, but both Mr. Bird and Mr. Trollope welcomed the Guildford Guild, and this was acknowledged by Major Hesse and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. The latter also suggested that a letter of congratulation should be sent to Mr. William Pye (who is Master of the Middlesex Association) and the band who rang the record twelve-bell peal earlier in the week.—This was at once agreed to.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, the curate and the organist, and the district sec. was asked to convey the condolences of the meeting to Mr. Tom Beadle, who in the past has done so much for the Middlesex Association, and who has had a long period of illness. Mr. Beadle had sent his greetings to the meeting.

'THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.'**NORFOLK GUILD REVERTS TO OLD TITLE.**

By the ratification of the resolution passed on Easter Monday, the Norfolk Guild now reverts to its original title of the Norwich Diocesan Association. The ratification took place at a meeting at North Elmham on Bank Holiday. By the kind permission of the Rev. E. H. Townsend, M.A. (Vicar), the ring of eight bells of the Parish Church was placed at the disposal of the members during the day. Luncheon was served at the George and Dragon, the Rev. E. H. Townsend presiding, in the absence of the president, (the Archdeacon of Norwich). He was supported by Mr. Charles E. Borrett (vice-president), Mr. A. L. Coleman (secretary), Messrs. W. L. Duffield, W. C. Duffield, W. B. Duncan, members of the committee, and several representatives from Norfolk and Suffolk.

The Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry election of Messrs. William C. Bunn and William Buckenham.

The secretary brought before the meeting a motion passed at the last general meeting recommending that the word 'Guild' should be substituted for the word 'association' in the original title of the Guild. The motion was not supported by the meeting.

Mr. W. C. Duffield then moved, and Mr. B. Whiteside seconded, 'That the original motion, as put at the annual general meeting held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 1st, 1929, be ratified in accordance with the referendum to the members on changing the title to "The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers."' The motion, on being put, was carried by a substantial majority.

The secretary presented the sub-committee's report on the grouping of the eleven existing districts into three branches of the association, viz., 'The West Norfolk Branch,' 'The Mid-Norfolk Branch,' and 'The East Norfolk Branch,' and 'that each branch shall be governed by a committee consisting of a chairman, hon. secretary, and five members elected to form the committee, and each branch shall be at liberty to manage its own business and elect its officers and arrange general and periodic meetings for the practice of change ringing.'

A discussion followed on the areas of the branches. The 'West' and 'East' branches were favourably commented upon, the whole criticism being on the area of the Mid-Norfolk Branch, which was considered far too large an area to work satisfactorily. The view was expressed that it should be divided into two branches, called 'The North Norfolk' and 'The South Norfolk,' thus making four branches of the association instead of three as recommended in the sub-committee's report.

Mr. W. E. Duffield moved, and Mr. W. B. Duncan seconded, 'That the report be referred back to the sub-committee for further consideration for the division of the Mid-Norfolk Branch into two branches,' and the motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried by a large majority.

Mr. A. L. Coleman (secretary) moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. H. Townsend for so kindly presiding, and also for the use of the Parish Church bells.—The Rev. E. H. Townsend suitably responded, and the meeting then closed.

The members adjourned to the belfry for further ringing.

OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.**JOINT GATHERING AT NEWBURY.**

A very successful joint meeting of the above Guilds was held at Newbury on Saturday last, when 50 members attended from Swindon, North Stonham, Englefield, Bramley, Rainham (Kent), Reading, Maidenhead, Ringwood, Croydon, Faringdon, Aldermaston, Beenham, North Bassett, Winchester, Binfield, Bucklebury, Beedon, Brightwalton, Highclere, Woolton Hill, Shaw, and the Newbury ringers. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. R. Majendie), who gave a very interesting address. Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by the ringers' wives. The Rector presided, and was supported by Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Oxford Guild), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester Cathedral), and Mr. H. W. Curtis (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Newbury Branch).

The Rector welcomed the ringers, and said how pleased he was to see so many present.—Mr. G. Williams spoke on behalf of the Winchester Guild, saying it was 40 years since he rang on Newbury bells.

Mr. H. W. Curtis also welcomed the Winchester Guild, and hoped this would be one of many meetings to be held jointly by the two Guilds.

The Rector proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Curtis and the ladies for providing the tea.—Mr. H. W. Curtis proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and for the use of the bells.—This was seconded by Mr. Crocker and carried with applause.

The tower was again visited, and some good touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Double Norwich Major.

Apologies were received from the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) and Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary of the Winchester Guild).

NEW BELLS AT DERBYSHIRE CHURCH.**HAPPY GATHERING AT THE 'CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK.'**

The town of Tideswell, buried in a hollow of the bold swelling hills in the Peak district of Derbyshire, was en fete on Bank Holiday, when the music of the augmented peal reverberated over the neighbouring hills and dales. The church, commonly known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak,' dates back to the 14th century, and is a popular shrine for visitors to this part of the country. Its architecture is in a class by itself, and the building contains many fine examples of statuary, brasses and tombs, one of the latter being dated 1358. The carving in the church is extremely fine, and is all of local execution. The tower is a massive and rugged one, surmounted by four tall pinnacles which give an added grace to the structure, which, towering above the surrounding old-world cottages, presents a truly beautiful picture.

It was, however, to hear the augmented ring of eight bells that the majority of visitors paid a visit to this fine old town. Over 60 ringers turned up from Stafford, Derby, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Burton, Stockport, Cheadle, Norton-le-Moors, Norton, near Sheffield, Sheffield, Rotherham, South Anston, Duffield, Bakewell, Dore, Treeton, Bolsterstone, Eyam, Handsforth, etc., and were well repaid for their journey in spite of uncertain weather.

Ringings commenced before noon and continued until late in the evening, a special feature being the very fine ringing which took place by mixed bands—a tribute to the way in which the rehanging of the peal has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

A short service of welcome was held in the afternoon, the Vicar expressing his great pleasure at the interest shown by the number of visitors present.

In spite of the fact that only three names were sent in for tea, there was ample food for all, and the generosity of the Tideswell folk in this direction will not be easily forgotten. It demonstrates in no uncertain way the hospitality of these homely people. After tea the Rev. W. Peter Wright moved a vote of thanks for all the good things provided and to all concerned for the kindness shown.

A pleasant social half-hour followed, some very good handbell ringing taking place, but the tit-bit was provided by Mr. Maurice Swinfield, who tapped two courses of Duffield Major on the piano and a touch of Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. Frank Smallwood; then followed a course of Duffield simultaneously with the piano and handbells. 'True' stories were then related by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Peter Wright and the 'Fidler.'

Mr. J. E. L. Cockey referred to the new district formed by the M.C.A. in the Peak District, and hoped that the Tideswell company would see their way to join them, and thus swell the ranks of this section of the association which had made such a successful beginning.

There was formerly a peal of six bells at Tideswell of very different tonal quality, but now there is a fine ring of eight with a tenor about 13 cwt.

The old 4th, a fourteenth-century bell, has been placed on view in the church, and has been replaced by a new bell. The tenor has been recast and two new trebles added, the whole having been hung in a new cast-iron framework with entirely new and modern fittings.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have given Derbyshire another fine example of their work, and the Tideswell company feel proud in their acquisition and appreciate all that the firm has done to ensure such a satisfactory and lasting job.

The firm were represented at the opening gathering by Messrs. J. P. Fidler and C. Harrison, who arrived neatly packed, with their spouses, in a well-known Morris 'chara.'

There is to be a gathering of the Peak District of the M.C.A. in September (14th), particulars of which will be duly advertised in this journal. That this meeting will be a huge success is a foregone conclusion. Undoubtedly, a hearty welcome awaits the association.

MINOR RECORD ATTEMPT 'OFF.'

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, two of the band who were to have attempted the record peal of Minor at Rickingham, Suffolk, on August Bank Holiday, were unable to stand in, and the peal was therefore abandoned for the time being. A 5,040 was, however, rung. Miss Kitty Willers had cycled from Trumpington, Cambs, a distance of 42 miles, to listen to the long peal, and was invited to take part in the seven 720's, Mr. B. Chilvers, of Cotton, giving up his rope to the lady, who enjoyed the good striking throughout the peal.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—One must write to congratulate the whole band who rang the record peal at Ashton-under-Lyne on Bank Holiday—a marvellous performance. I was talking to Mr. Sperring somewhere in Chester last Tuesday about this, and he said, 'That's nothing for this band; if they made up their minds they would ring twice as long, by gomm!'—Yours, etc.,

JOHN JAGGAR.

RUARDEAN BELLS REOPENED.

The peal of eight at St. John's Church, Ruardean, Gloucestershire, has been rehung in new gudgeons and ball bearings, the 6th bell recast, and the 7th bell replaced, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon Bell Foundry. The dedication took place on August 1st, the service being performed by the Rev. J. F. Clayton, M.A., warden elect of St. Nicholas', Bristol University, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Parnell. A good congregation assembled, including ringers from the South and North Forest and Gloucester Branches of the Association.

At the dedication the bells were rung in rounds by the local band, after which the Rev. J. F. Clayton addressed the congregation on the use of church bells.

At the conclusion of the service, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band, and the bells were then thrown open to the visitors, when every ringer present had the opportunity of having a pull. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich.

The visitors were afterwards entertained in true Forest style, Mr. Harper (secretary) presiding, supported by Mr. Wilkes (conductor of the local band), Mr. F. C. Collins (bell hanger), Mr. W. E. Harris (secretary of Gloucester Branch), Mr. J. Austin, Mr. Baldwin, ex-Sergt. Williams, of Newent, and Mr. J. Clarke (Ross).

Mr. Collins said he would like the opinion of the ringers present as to the 'go' of the bells to enable him to report to his firm. He was sorry that the representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston (Mr. Roper) was absent, but he expected that something had detained him.

Mr. Austin thanked Mr. Collins for the excellent way in which the work had been carried out. The 'go' of the bells, he said, was everything that could be desired.—Mr. G. L. Brunson and ex-Sergt. Williams expressed agreement with Mr. Austin as to the 'go' of the bells.

Mr. Collins, in thanking the speakers for their kind remarks, said he was glad to hear they had found everything to their liking, and he would convey their opinion to the head of the firm, as he knew how much it would be appreciated.

Ex-Sergt. Williams thanked the donors on behalf of himself and fellow-ringers for their kindness in entertaining them.—This was supported by Mr. Brunson.—Mr. Harper replied on behalf of the donors and the local band, and said it gave them all the greatest pleasure to hear the remarks from the previous speakers regarding the 'go' of the bells. He was pleased to see so many old friends amongst them that evening, and if at any time they required the bells for a peal he should only be too pleased to assist them. He thanked them all for coming to the assistance of the local band that evening.

Touches on the handbells by ringers and tunes by Messrs. Austin and Williams brought a pleasant gathering to an end.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild took place at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, and was well attended, ringers being present from Northampton, London, Leicester, Shouldham, Chatteris, Somersham, Raunds, Wymondham, Guildford, Irthlingborough, Titchmarsh, Market Deeping, Littleworth, Spalding, Lufon, Stamford, Husbands Bosworth, and the local band. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's, and Woodston were rung during the day. Service took place in St. John's Church, and was conducted by the Rev. Carlton, who gave a very interesting address. Afterwards, 45 sat down to tea.

The business meeting was held in St. John's vestry, the president of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) being in the chair. The officers were re-elected for the year.

Some discussion took place with regard to St. John's bells, and the hope was expressed that they would soon be made into a peal of eight again.

The methods rung during the day ranged from London Surprise to Plain Bob.

THE CHESTER GUILD'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The account of the Chester Guild annual meeting, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on Friday, August 9th, contained a remark that the motion to accept the annual report was passed with one dissenter.

A peal of Minor, consisting of seven Surprise 720's, rung at Wallasey by six members of the Sunday band, was published in the annual report as an outstanding performance for the Guild. I asked the chairman at the meeting if this was the only outstanding performance put up by the Guild during 1928. The late General Secretary (Mr. E. W. Elwell) replied that it was so.

To a further enquiry, he remarked that the peal of London Surprise Major rung at Frodsham by a local band, although it might be the first of its kind rung for the Guild, was not, in his opinion, an outstanding performance for the Guild, comparable with the peal at Wallasey. I differed from him, and voted accordingly. Hence the one dissenter.—Yours truly,

Frodsham.

W. BIBBY.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRIDGNORTH'S VETERAN RINGER HONOURED.**

On Bank Holiday a notable visit was paid to Bridgnorth by the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, who assembled to honour Mr. John Overton, Ringing Master of the Bridgnorth District, and one of the oldest members of the Guild and committee. Some four years ago Mr. Overton was presented with an illuminated address on his completion of 50 years' service as head ringer of St. Leonard's Church.

The bells were set going shortly after two o'clock in the afternoon at both churches, and at 4.15 a special service was conducted by the Rev. Trevor Morgan.

A party of sixty members and friends sat down to a splendid tea at King's Head Hotel, whereat Mr. C. Edwards, Guild Ringing Master, presided, supported by the Rev. L. E. Lewis, of Madley, Hereford. Apologies were received from the general secretary, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. Trevor Morgan and the district secretary. The visitors, who assembled from far and wide, included Messrs. John Clarke (Ross), Albert Walker (Birmingham), John Booth (Wigan), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), A. Hackett (Halesowen), William Short (Glent), A. Rowley (Tipton), Frank Perrins (Coventry), Frank Stoneley (Manchester), with other representatives of the district from Broseley, Bromsgrove, Coalbrookdale and the Hereford District.

The Chairman explained that there was no 'business' before the meeting, which had been specially convened as a compliment to Mr. John Overton, one of the oldest ringers of the Guild. He spoke with feeling of Mr. Overton's successful work, particularly with regard to change ringing, and the instructions he had given to beginners, and enjoined the younger ringing members to benefit by his training and example.

Mr. Overton, who, on rising, was tunelessly greeted as a 'jolly good fellow,' suitably replied, thanking his hearers for their appreciation, and expressing a hope that he had been of some service to the Guild.

Mr. Short, Mr. Saunders (Coalbrookdale) and Mr. John Clarke also spoke briefly of Mr. Overton's good work.

Mr. Albert Walker, Ringing Master of St. Martin's, Birmingham, also expressed his appreciation of Mr. Overton in warm terms. He proffered to him the very cordial wishes of St. Martin's Guild.

After tea a nicely-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by five of the visiting members. The visitors then returned to the towers for further ringing, which during the day included Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent and Plain Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles.

Mr. Overton is 78 years, and is still an active member in the belfry.

A TAUNTON RINGER RETIRES.

Writing in the August 'Parish Magazine,' the Vicar of St. James' Church, Taunton, says: 'I have to announce that after having occupied the position of leader and conductor of the bellringers in St. James' tower for 37 years or so, Mr. J. Maddock has resigned owing to inability to fulfil the duties of the post. For some few years past Mr. Maddock has desired to take this step, but owing to the esteem in which he is held by the ringers he has been dissuaded from doing so. There is not room here to state all that Mr. Maddock has done in connection with the ringing in St. James' while he has been in charge. I think an interesting booklet could be written upon that subject. I would tender our hearty thanks to Mr. Maddock with the observation that during the time of his leadership the reputation of St. James' for good ringing has been deservedly very high.'

It is a pleasure to be able to add to the above that Mr. Maddock conducted the first peals of Minor, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Stedman Triples for the Bath and Wells Association, and these were all rung by the regular Sunday band of St. James' Church. Mr. J. Maddock, much to the regret of all local ringers, ceased to take an active part in ringing some four or five years ago. A man of a very genial nature, his successor will have a hard task to follow in his steps. Mr. Maddock is 'mine host' of the Wood Street Inn, where he will be very pleased to see any ringers who care to call.

SCOUTS IN SERVICE RINGING.

On Sunday, at the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, Woodchurch, Cheshire, 720 Bob Minor was rung for morning service: R. Bennett 1, J. Johnson 2, W. Bennett 3, G. Phillips 4, H. Martin 5, H. Phillips (conductor) 6. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor: R. Bennett 1, Scout A. Ricketts (Chewton Mendip) 2, J. Johnson (conductor) 3, G. Phillips 4, H. Martin 5, W. Bennett 6. Also 240 of Plain Bob Minor: R. Bennett 1, Scout A. Ricketts (Chewton Mendip) 2, J. Johnson (conductor) 3, Scout F. Ronan (Macclesfield) 4, H. Martin 5, W. Bennett 6. The ringers of the second and fourth were present at the world's jamboree at Arrowe Park, and Woodchurch is the nearest tower to the camp. The 720 in the morning was rung by the local band during the period of the jamboree.

A 200 MILE TRIP!

The ringers of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, together with a few friends, had a 200 miles' trip for their annual outing. The charabanc containing the party departed from the church punctually at 7.30 a.m., under grey skies and with a chilly wind—not what one would expect to get at the time of year. Through High Wycombe they went, almost before the inhabitants were awake! The famous old coaching village of West Wycombe came next, then the climb up and over the leafy Chilterns. They kept to the outskirts of Oxford and made the first stop at the fine old town of Woodstock. A brief visit was paid to the spacious Blenheim Park, with its fine lake and magnificent palace. When the journey was resumed, the party were behind their schedule, and on arrival at the first tower at which they were to ring, were nearly an hour late. This was Chipping Campden, in Gloucestershire. However, Mr. Withers was still patiently waiting. The bells, a fine ring of eight (tenor about 24 cwt.) were raised, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung. When the coach was again sought, those who went sight-seeing, among whom was the Vicar of Hillingdon (the Rev. H. J. Kitcat), were full of praises of the fine old town, the finest in the district. At least four points of interest are worth mentioning—the splendid fifteenth-century church, in design almost exactly resembling that of Fairford in the same county; the almshouses; the remains of Campden House, which was destroyed during the Civil War; and the splendid village street. It is wide and long, and the majority of the houses are 17th century, with many much earlier.

On resuming the journey, the sun began to shine, and everyone's spirits rose accordingly. A stiff climb brought them to the top of Broadway Hill. Unfortunately, a dense haze hid the greater part of the wonderful panorama that can be seen from the summit on a clear day. The road zig-zagged down the hill into the lovely old village of Broadway, one of the prettiest of the Cotswolds, nay, in the country some say. A very tasty lunch was awaiting the visitors at the quaint old thatched cottage of Mrs. Aston, and full justice was done to the excellent fare provided. After this was finished, the party faced the camera, and, when a brief inspection of part of the village had been completed, took to the road again.

Eventually they crossed the Avon, made famous by Shakespeare's birthplace, up the hill into Evesham, and its market place. Passing through Abbot Reginald's gateway (1122-1149), the party reached the fine old sixteenth-century bell tower. Of its bells, Evesham has always been proud, and rightly too. They are a magnificent ring of ten (tenor 3½), and a better ring at the weight cannot exist. With the genial Mr. James Hemming there to receive the party, the bells were quickly raised, and everyone accommodated with touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Major. It was with difficulty that the ringers left these wonderful bells, and they were behind time on departure.

Pershore was the next stop, and the visitors made their way to the remains of the beautiful Abbey. The main part of the present structure was consecrated in 1239. Part was destroyed by fire before the end of the century. The main monastic buildings seemed to have endured until the Dissolution, when they were demolished, with the nave of the great church, the choir transepts and the tower being suffered to remain. In the latter is hung a ring of eight bells, tenor about 26 cwt., and they are one of the finest octaves in the kingdom. The ringing chamber is unique. Some seventy feet from the ground two huge beams bridge the tower from the centre of each wall. The floor of the ringing chamber is set on these, a square about 15 feet with the corners resting on each beam, with the entrance along one of the latter. Ironwork railings constitute the sides, through which can be seen the floor of the nave, hundreds of feet below. At least, that is a first impression! No sooner had some of the party got into this 'bird's cage' than their nerve failed them, and they fled down to earth again! However, those brave souls that remained managed to ring some Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Bidding farewell to Mr. Need, they regained the coach and set off once more.

A pleasant drive through the orchards brought them to old-world Tewkesbury. Tewkesbury contains some fine old houses and a glorious Abbey. To those who have read Mrs. Craig's celebrated book, 'John Halifax, Gentleman,' Tewkesbury has a special interest, it being the 'Nortonbury' of the story. Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, was waiting for the visitors at the Abbey, and led the way up many steps and passages to the spacious ringing chamber. The bells, a ring of ten, tenor about 22 cwt., were raised, and time only allowed of a touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Caters. It was, however, a case of 'short and sweet,' as the bells go well, and are of a good tone. After an all too brief inspection of the Abbey, they all met again at Ye Old Willow Cafe for tea. Fruit salad and cream, buttered scones and cups of tea too numerous to count were among the many good things disposed of. Father Time, again interfering, they bade Messrs. Austin and Hemming good-bye, boarded the coach and set off again.

At Cheltenham, the guide and his wife alighted for a fortnight's holiday at pretty old Broadway. They took with them the best wishes and thanks of all for arranging such an enjoyable day's outing. The homeward route was by way of Northleach, Witney,

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ON THE ESSEX AND SUFFOLK BORDERLAND.

For their annual outing, the ringers at St. Clement's Church, Ipswich, paid a visit to the Essex borderland towers. Starting by bus at eight o'clock, the party, which numbered 12, made their first call at Acton, where the bells were soon going to Grandsire Doubles. Leaving here the next stop was at Foxearth (Essex), where hangs a light ring of eight with a tenor 7 cwt. These call for some ringing, as the pendulum of the clock swings in a glass cupboard in the centre of the belfry and causes extra dodges to be made on the part of the ringers. The bells also hang left-handed, but some Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. The next move was to a good ring of six at Belchamp St. Paul (Essex), where conditions were good, and Ipswich Surprise was scored. The next stop was made at Stoke-by-Clare, where the six bells require ringing. Three leads of Treble Bob each satisfied the company, and a quick run brought them to Clare, where an excellent dinner had been provided at the Bell Hotel by Hostess Bareham. This over, a visit was paid to the tower, where Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung on the fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 23 cwt. These caused a longer stay than was allowed for, and consequently a late start was made for Pentlow (Essex), where is a round tower with an excellent going ring of five, but which wants a conductor with a good voice to make himself heard. After some Grandsire and St. Simon's Doubles, a move was made to Glemsford. Here a very short ring was enough to satisfy everyone. One course of Plain Bob Minor is hard work on them. The party then proceeded to Hartest, another bad-going ring of five, on which Grandsire was rung. The work here was well repaid by the excellent tea which had been prepared on the Rectory lawn by the generosity of the Rector. After tea, the company had their photograph taken by the aid of a 'Self-timer' on the lawn. The secretary of the company provided this, and so was able to include himself in the group, which, by the way, turned out excellently. Tea over, a move was made to Lavenham, with its ring of eight, with tenor 23 cwt., and the pride of Suffolk. Here the help of the local band was obtained, and Bob Major and Treble Bob brought round. All the band climbed to the top of the tower, which is the finest in the Eastern Counties, and can be seen for over seven miles owing to its great size. The church itself is 130ft. in length, and 68ft. in breadth. The tower has no spire, but rises to a height of 141ft. Its other dimensions are in proportion, so its size can be well gauged. Leaving here after most had got over the task of climbing the 196 steps to the top, the last stop was at Monks Eleigh, where hangs a good ring of six, with tenor of 18 cwt. Here the belfry floor is open in the middle, save for the rails put there to prevent a fall. The 5th man has to climb over the rail into another railed-in portion. Here some Double Oxford Minor was rung, and sounded well with the three dodges behind. A return was then made via Hadleigh, and home was reached at 10 o'clock. Everyone agreed that the secretary (Mr. F. Bowell) had arranged a good round, even if he had not selected the best roads. The distance covered was 75 miles, with ringing at 10 churches—7 in Suffolk and 3 in Essex. Nearly all the bells in this district call for some hard work.

LINCOLN AND LADIES' GUILDS.

A very successful combined meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bigby on Saturday, July 20th. Members attended from Barton-on-Humber, Elsham, Grimsby, Ulceby, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, and the local tower. Dr. F. P. H. Birtwhistle, of Barton-on-Humber, and ringing friends from Hull and Lincoln, Mrs. Richardson, of Surfleet, secretary of the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. R. Richardson, were also present. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and the president of the Grimsby District (the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby) conducted the service, Miss Peart presiding at the organ.

A splendid tea was kindly provided by the president, and afterwards the business meetings of both organisations took place, the president being in the chair.

The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 13s.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to those who had arranged the meeting, to the Rector for providing the tea, and to the organist for presiding at the organ.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. G. Blanchard, conductor of the Bigby band of ringers and Deputy Ringing Master, conveying the sympathy of the members in his trying and serious illness.

The date for the Waltham meeting was altered to August 31st. The men then adjourned to the tower and Rectory gardens, and the ladies held their meeting.

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Oxford and Wycombe, the home tower being reached at 10.15 p.m. Much of the success of the outing was due to the excellent help rendered by Rev. E. G. Benson, of Tewkesbury, and Mr. J. Hemming, of Evesham, while the cordial welcome extended to the visitors by Messrs. Withers, Need and Austin, at Campden, Pershore and Tewkesbury respectively, added considerably to an enjoyable time. Nearly two hundred miles were covered, six counties visited, and four really fine sets of bells rung on. Above all, the weather proved kind after all!

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 29th, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting to be held at Dorking on August 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All members and friends invited to attend.—Alan R. Pink, Dis. Sec., 32, Nower Road, Dorking.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — The summer festivity meeting will be held at Whitwell on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at 5 p.m. in the Vicarage and short business meeting. Handbells and bowls on the lawn afterwards. All ringers invited.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley Parish Church on Saturday, August 17th. Bells 3.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, 1s. 6d. per head. Will members make a special effort to attend and make this meeting a success.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Willingham (6) on Saturday, August 17th. Tea, 5 p.m., to those who notify, postcard please. These six, like Bourn, are out of the same best pot of Taylor's—'nuff said.' Good bus service from Cambridge, or railway, Longstanton, L.N.E. Railway. — F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Longstanton, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, August 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. No arrangements will be made for tea. — Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, August 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence, on Saturday, Aug. 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome. —W. J. Paice, Branch Secretary.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, August 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. —G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. All ringers are cordially welcome. — W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Appleby on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts. — A combined meeting will be held at Houghton on Saturday, August 17th. Meet at St. Michael's Church at 2.30. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head.—Frank Ainsley, Harry Tyson, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Colne on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will those intending being present please notify Mr. R. Whitehead, 66, New Market Street, Colne, not later than August 21st?—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, August 24th. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. H. Roe, 7, Starkey Lane, Farnhill, Kildwick, near Keighley, not later than Thursday, August 22nd. Bells available from 2 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Those intending to be at tea must notify me not later than Wednesday, August 21st.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, August 20th? — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, August 24th. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting to appoint a successor to the Bedford District secretary, who is shortly moving to Peterborough, will be held at Kempston on August 24th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend, and that all of the District Committee will be present.—J. T. Newington, 32, Graf-ton Road, Bedford.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, August 24th. All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Bengoe (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at St. Andrew's 5 p.m. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise Mr. W. H. Lawrence as early as possible.—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association, Little Munden, Ware, Herts; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rogate on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the White Horse Inn. Will those intending being present kindly advise me not later than August 21st? Nearest station Petersfield (4 miles).—A. W. Groves.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Folkestone on August 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Wooburn on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at a reasonable charge for those who send their names by Aug. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Wilbarston (5) on Saturday, August 24th. Bus from London Road, Kettering, 2.20 p.m. Stoke Albany (6) bells after tea. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at North Wingfield on August 24th. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, August 21st?—J. P. Tarlton, Local Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), **WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Basingstoke District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Sonning Deanery Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Hawley, Hants, on Saturday, August 31st. Divine service at 5 p.m. Preacher: Rev. B. Long, Rural Dean of Sonning. Tea in Memorial Hall immediately after service. Hawley bells available afternoon and evening. Other towers to be announced later. All ringers welcome. Those desiring tea must inform Mr. J. Boyles, Hawley Bridge, Blackwater, before Wednesday, August 28th.—C. W. Denyer, Rev. D. L. Board, W. J. Paice, Hon. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar. Those requiring tea please send card by the 28th inst.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Sedgley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Swindell). Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. Dinner tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) may be had from Messrs. G. Lewis, R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson, or direct from the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Kindly enclose remittance with application.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Sunday, August 11th, for 6 p.m. service, 600 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. N. Other 1, J. Crisell 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, F. W. Lack 4, T. Townsend 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. A quarter-peal had been arranged, but owing to late start the above was rung.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: T. S. Colling 1, H. G. Lewis (Wrexham) 2, C. F. Austin 3, F. Hayes (High Wycombe) (conductor) 4, E. T. Carter (Llandaff) 5, T. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole 7, C. Boyce 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. W. B. Picton 1, A. Holden 2, A. V. Corden 3, C. S. Greenfield 4, S. Picton 5, A. C. Greenfield 6, C. Smart (conductor) 7, H. J. Dolick 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by a local band. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. Buckenham 1, E. Harris 2, A. E. Bacon 3, A. V. Bowen 4, W. Buckenham 5, E. Barker (conductor) 6.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 11th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: M. Parker 1, J. Watts 2, A. Bryant 3, H. Parker 4, I. Farmer (conductor) 5, A. Stevens 6.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. J. Butler 1, H. Payne 2, F. Mursell 3, A. Newman 4, F. White 5, H. Reeves 6, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 7, H. Nash 8. Arranged for F. White.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, in 27 mins., 672 Grandsire Triples: E. V. Rees 1, A. Challinor 2, F. Ronan 3, J. Tipper 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Worth 6, W. Gayes (conductor) 7, J. Walmsley 8. Longest for all except the 7th ringer.

REIGATE.—For morning service, on Sunday, August 4th, at Reigate Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. F. Hoad 1, A. Bashford 2, J. Foster 3, F. Jeal 4, A. Willett 5, A. Cheadley 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, W. Pooley 8.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, F. E. Stone 2, W. J. Nulton 3, E. Stith 4, C. Mathers 5, C. Jones 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8. Also a birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th.

LEWISHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Warnett (West Grinstead, Sussex) 1, H. James 2, R. Warnett (Hillingdon, Middlesex) 3, W. Fox 4, H. Warnett (conductor) 5, H. Warnett, jun., 6, J. Dafters 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

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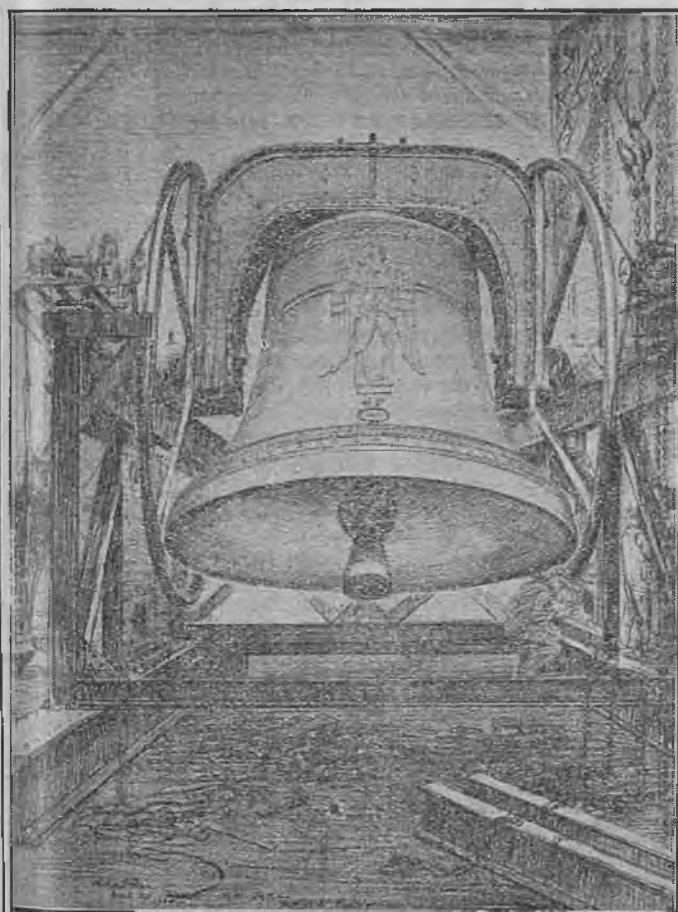
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Elsewhere in this issue appears a letter, signed by prominent members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, recording their regret that a small number of members could not see their way to settle a slight difference of opinion without resorting to the precipitate and drastic action of withdrawing the association's affiliation to the Central Council, and asserting that they (the signatories) will do all in their power to pass, at the earliest opportunity, a resolution more in keeping with the real feeling of the association. Thus it would appear that the secession of the Gloucester and Bristol Association from the Council, although properly carried by a majority at the annual meeting, does not reflect the true opinion of the members. The decision to withdraw was carried by 35 votes to 25, which was a comparatively small majority in a division in which only 60 members took part out of a total of something like 900 resident performing members. Whether the result would have been the same had the whole nine hundred voted it is idle to speculate, but there can be no excuse that the members, as a whole, did not have due notice of the proposal. Whether they realised the importance of it is another question.

The decision, on the face of it, was arrived at mainly on the ground that the Council did not recognise the right of an association to instruct its representatives how to vote on specific questions and also on account of the grievance which certain members felt they had over the treatment of the association at the hands of the Council. These matters obviously influenced those who voted at the Chippenham meeting, and the Exercise, whether agreeing or disagreeing with the action taken, respects the views of those who voted. But the communication which we publish to-day, coming on the top of Mr. Cave's recent letter, is rather suggestive. In any case it reopens the whole question and the members of the association throughout the diocese would do well to give careful thought to the position which has been created. They are evidently to be asked to reconsider the matter at their next annual meeting and, in view of this, they will do well to ponder on the question whether their own desire to see a change in the policy of the Council would not be better served by re-affiliation and effecting the alteration by constructive means from inside than by stopping outside and taking only destructive action. A central body in an organisation such as the Ringing Exercise has grown to be, is essential to establish standards, to co-ordinate effort and to do those many small things which, if they became anybody's business, would be no-

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body's business, but without which the art would lose considerably. The Central Council, however, can only exist with the good will of the Exercise and it can only be what the ringers make it. Before the next meeting the triennial elections will take place, and if the associations require any change of policy they have now the best opportunity to make their voices heard and to send representatives to the next meeting pledged to give effect, if possible, to their views. The reforming zeal of the Gloucester and Bristol Association could be better used inside than outside the newly-elected body.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

JOHN SPARROW	Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
FRANK E. DARBY	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
RONALD BULLEN	3	CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ...	9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	10
JOHN T. KENTISH	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	11
HORACE BELCHER	6	Cecil W. PIPE	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WM. H. HEWETT
First peal of Stedman Cinques by the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY PRING	Treble	RONALD BECK	6
E. J. TRIMMER	2	ALEX WADDINGTON	7
JOHN WALDEN	3	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ...	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	JACK CARMAN	9
WILLIAM KNIGHT	5	JOHN A. BURFORD	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. A. BURFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. J. Walden is from Lincoln.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ALBERT E. BUSLEY	Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR	6
JOHN W. WOOD	2	MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ...	3	JOHN CURRY	8
GEORGE LADD	4	ARTHUR I. HOLMES	9
JOHN THORPE	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
Rung for the 'Patronal Festival.'

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

WILLIAM PIKE	Treble	JOHN BULLEN	6
* WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	CHARLES GREEDY	7
† MISS D. L. RICHARDS ...	3	† KENNETH KNOWLES	8
* GEORGE POPPELL	4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS	9
† DONALD G. CLIFT	5	† GEORGE HAWKINS	Tenor

Composed by J. NELMS.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* Fiftieth peal together and G. Poppell's 50th peal for the Llandaff Association. † First inside on ten. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to D. G. Clift and W. Williams.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	*PERCY DODLEY 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	SAMUEL PINDER 7
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 8
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JAMES PAGETT 9
MISS ELIZABETH FOULK 5	CHARLES BRADLEY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF BROOKS'.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR Treble	ARTHUR JORDAN 5
WALTER AYRE 2	THOMAS J. WAITS 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	PHILIP C. SPRINGHAM 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	JOHN PRIOR Tenor

Conducted by P. C. SPRINGHAM.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, LINCOLNSHIRE, PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE, BRISTOL, NORFOLK AND NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 1). Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition contains changes in each method as follows: London 1440, Rutland 1184, Cambridge 416, Superlative 384, Lincolnshire 320, Pudsey 320, Yorkshire 160, Bristol 320, Norfolk 288, New Gloucester 288. This is the first peal rung in ten Major methods. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

CHARLES MILLARD Treble	WILLIAM G. MOON 5
*JOHN E. METCALFE 2	ROBERT WHITEHEAD 6
WILLIAM OSMENT 3	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 4	HERBERT F. MOON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM OSMENT.

* First peal of Triples.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt, 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*HARRY ROGERS Treble	JOHN COOKE 5
JOHN BREEZE 2	JOHN BROWN 6
LESTER L. GRAY 3	THOMAS ROGERS 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now completed the circle in this tower. The ringer of the 2nd rang his bell with only one arm, an accident having temporarily deprived him of the use of the other.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JOHN CLIFTON Treble	ADAM DEAS 5
†KENNETH A. NICHOLSON 2	†DAVID VINCENT 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	EDWARD A. HERN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of Mr. J. Anderson's wedding. The ringer of the 6th hails from Nottingham and was made a member of the above association in the belfry.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
GEORGE HAWKINS 2	P. C. CHARLES DAVIES 6
WILLIAM PHILLIPS 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	CHARLES H. MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Arranged for P. C. DAVIES, who hails from Deptford, London.

OIRENCESTER, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANCIS J. LEWIS, JUN. Treble	H. CHARLES BOND 5
FRANCIS W. BOND 2	HARRY S. PARSONS 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS, JUN. 3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD 7
HERBERT L. COOK 4	H. T. JACK ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt; aged 15. Specially arranged as a wedding peal for Mr. J. Butler, of East Hagbourne, who was married on August 4th. He is a member of Cambridge University Guild and was formerly a member of the local band.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN M. SMITH Treble	ROYDEN DAVIES 5
BENJAMIN J. TOBY 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	BERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal and first attempt.

UFFCULME, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. COLES Treble	SIDNEY RIDGEWAY 5
FRANK J. DAVEY 2	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN 6
†WILLIAM COCKRAM 3	*ERNEST STITCH 7
FRANK VINING 4	HENRY E. WARE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

* Were proposed members before starting. † First peal. First peal by the above Guild and first in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. H. Chalk) for the use of the bells.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

*ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble	† WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	THOMAS R. HENSHER 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	† HENRY STAPLETON 7
*GEORGE BASFORD 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE

* Elected members before starting for peal. † First peal of Double Norwich.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
*ARTHUR G. KING 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
JOHN DICKIN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal by the ringer of the 6th since the 23rd July, 1914, and he was re-elected a member of the association previous to starting.

NEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in D.

*EDWARD CROCKER Treble	REGINALD REX 5
SAMUEL QUINTIN 2	*ERNEST W. SMITH 6
*CECIL PEARCE 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
LEONARD BATTING 4	HENRY W. CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were returned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The conductor hails from Croydon, the rest are local ringers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HARRY L. AITKIN 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDZ. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

Specially arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Beaconsfield, Bucks.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	JOHN BROWN 5
THOMAS WILSON 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
PHILIP NORMAN 3	NEVILLE COLEMAN 7
ROWLAND HOLGATE 4	FRED HINDLE Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal on the bells since recasting. First peal for ringers of 3rd, 4th and 7th, who are service ringers at Clitheroe. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Green, of Clitheroe, the donor of the bells, and also as a compliment to Mr. F. Hindle (the secretary of the Blackburn Branch) and Mrs. Hindle on the occasion of their silver wedding.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	*JOHN YATES 5
*JOSEPH POTTER 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 3	CECIL RADDON 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	JOHN POTTER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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

JAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FRANK A. TURNER 5
*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
JAMES BETTS 4	LEONARD E. LAST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (Author's No. 53).

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged to oblige the ringer of the tenor, who is from Tonbridge.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method.

CONTSBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	PERCY GLEDSTONE 5
OLIVER GREATHEAD 2	EDGAR C. STACEY 6
J. EDWARD CAWSEY 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

MRS. JACK BRAY Treble	JACK BRAY 5
HAROLD EASTOE 2	*FRANK LORD 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 3	*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 7
CHARLES H. BIRD 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Varah.

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SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Treble	HAROLD EASTOE ... 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 2	GEORGE O. DIXON ... 6
CHARLES H. BIRD ... 3	JACK BRAY ... 7
FRANK LORD ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
FRANK LORD ... 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Composed by P. O. BIXBY.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal 'in hand' by 3-4 and 7-8. First peal of Major 'in hand' by all.

BURTON STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... 3-4	FRANK LORD ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. A. E. AYRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... 3-4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 7-8

Composed by B. SWINSON.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnessed by MRS. A. E. AYRE, MRS. W. AYRE and MR. C. AUTY.

The fulfilment of a long desired wish.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, York, Lancashire, Wells, Newcastle and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

Rung to celebrate the christening of the conductor's grandson, which took place the previous day.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 6 lb.

*HAROLD G. SMITH ... Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 4
†ERNEST BENNETT ... 2	*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 5
*DAVID SMITH ... 3	HARRY PARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Minor. H. Parker's 25th peal as conductor.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

*FRANK HINES ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 4
†ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 2	HARRY BOSWELL ... 5
†HERBERT R. PICKERING ... 3	†HERBERT E. BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

* First peal (age 15) and made a member before starting. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles on tower bells. Credit is due to the treble ringer, who has learnt to ring during the last three months, for the able way he managed his bell.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES W. SMITH ... Treble	GEORGE PRYKE ... 4
ALFRED B. KING ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 5
THOMAS C. WARD ... 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, all called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*MISS ELSIE COOKE ... Treble	JOSEPH LESLIE ... 4
†MISS MARJORIE COOKE ... 2	WILLIAM DEAN ... 5
JOHN COOKE ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble. First peal for the Guild in which a father and two daughters have taken part, the peal being specially arranged to enable the Misses E. and M. Cooke and Mr. J. Cooke to score a peal together.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Woodbine and Kent, and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE LEE ... Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4
WILLIAM C. BUNN ... 2	ERNEST BAILEY ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Naunton, mother of the conductor, who passed away on August 10th, aged 85 years, and was interred in Wrentham Cemetery the day previous. On February 2nd, 1925, an open peal was also rung for the death of the deceased's husband, at his special request.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, viz., two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... 5
*PHILIP N. BARTON ... 3	EDWARD HOWES ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in three methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 16, LIME GROVE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALLEN F. BAILEY	...	1-2	FREDERICK PAGE	...	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON	...	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	...	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford Major 'in hand.' First peal of Oxford Major on handbells in the county and by the association.

CURIOSITIES IN HEMSLEY TOWER.

MIDDLESBROUGH RINGERS' DISCOVERIES.

The Middlesbrough band of ringers held their annual outing on July 27th. A motor tour of the Cleveland district was arranged, and Hemsley, Pickering and Whitby were visited in turn. The party, numbering some 17 ringers and friends, left Middlesbrough at 8.15, and were soon enjoying the beautiful scenery of Bilsdale, with its lovely valley and wonderful views. The first stop was made at Hemsley, and the eight bells were soon merrily ringing. The ringers were much tickled by the quaint notice which hangs on the belfry wall, and is:—

'To visiting ringers. When ringing into "set," please ring rounds as far as possible. If three or four bells are rung in, it will be taken by the Fire Brigade as an alarm to turn out.'

The desire to see the Fire Brigade do their turn was great, but the temptation was resisted, and a perfect raise accomplished. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent were rung with perfect striking.

The tune of the 6th, 7th and 8th excited some curiosity, and the ringers were amazed to learn from their guide that the 7th was cracked, and had been rung in that condition for over 30 years. A visit to the ringing chamber to view this phenomenon revealed the fact that the bell had a distinct crack some 2ft. long in it, which about 30 years ago had been 'repaired' by a German 'engineer,' who had let straps in and had bolted them to the bell in order to keep the two sides of the crack apart. A most remarkable bell! The visitors were also astonished to learn that between £200 and £300 had been spent on renovations of the bells about five years ago.

A wonderful specimen of old time literature was also observed in 'the Rules of the Company,' the most striking being the last, which reads as follows:—

'The ringers are to remember that the belfry is part of the Church, the House of God. The bells are instruments of sacred music. The ringer's office is a sacred one, and should be performed with reverence, and especially it is their duty not only to call others to worship God, but themselves to set a good example of attendance at public worship, and especially at morning service on Sunday. As it is a public scandal for those who have called together the congregation to leave the Church in the face of them, it is necessary that those who do so leave should be marked as absent.'

The members who subscribed their names to this unique rule are long since dead and buried, but the visitors felt that there was a good deal to be learned from the old words.

After posing for the official photographers, the party journeyed on to Pickering, where a substantial meal was disposed of, and a few touches rung on the eight bells there. The Castle was visited by the fair sex, and more explorations would have been undertaken, but time was pressing, and the journey to Whitby had to be commenced. This beauty spot was reached about 4.30, and visits to old haunts and familiar places were made before tea. After the bountiful repast had been disposed of, a call at the old church, in the company of friends of the local band, was made, and the bells kept merrily pealing until 8 o'clock, when the necessity to begin the return journey outweighed the desires for more touches on the beautiful peal of ten. An amusing occurrence happened in the tower whilst a touch of Stedman was being rung. A little white terrier suddenly made its appearance in the belfry, and it was 'touch and go' for a moment whether the tenor rope didn't turn that quadruped into sausage meat! A hasty grab by one of the bystanders saved the little interloper from an untimely end.

The party arrived home in Middlesbrough about 10.30 safe and sound, and tired, but happy with the remembrance of a glorious day, in which everything went well. The ringers desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank the clergy of the three churches for their kind permission to use the bells, and also to express their appreciation of the ringers at each church who attended to their needs. It was a glorious day, the weather was kind, the ringing was good, the meals excellent, and the travelling arrangements perfect. The whole trip was well organised and reflected great credit on Miss Lancaster, the hard-working secretary.

J. C. P.

PUTNEY MEN IN SUFFOLK.

AN ENJOYABLE WEEK-END.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Putney, spent a week-end in a tour of part of West Suffolk, and the weather being fine, a very happy time was the result. A disastrous start, in which figured the luggage expert and others, caused a train to be lost, and, as troubles never come singly, the next train was held up for one and a half hours in a delightful piece of country called Manor Park. During this time good practice was obtained on a famous peal of handbells, of which more anon. After the wreckage of a previous train had been removed, the journey was resumed, and the party eventually reached Sudbury, the first port of call, at about 12 o'clock, being nearly 2½ hours behind schedule. No time was lost here, however, as the charabanc which a kind secretary and Mr. Scott (Sudbury) had chartered was boarded, and off in one minute (an addition to the party here being Mr. Elliott) to SS. Gregory and Peter's Church, where a very nice eight were soon 'put through it,' but not the band. After finding a lost chauffeur, Foxearth (just in Essex) was next visited, and this very light peal was tried out, some finding the trebles rather tricky. Good touches were, however, accomplished, and the party 'hit the road' for Long Melford, which was reached in time for lunch. An al fresco meal was provided at the Scuthers Arms (a scutcher, it was elicited, was a wool comb of former days, when the cloth industry was the principle one of the district) by Mr. H. Bixby, one of the local ringers, and full justice was done to the homely and humble B., C., P. and B. After a 'flutter' on the handbells, a delight to the townsfolk, the tower was ascended, and ringing in three standard methods was done. The party then pushed on to Bury St. Edmunds. The fine peals at St. Mary's and the Norman Tower were both at their disposal, and, among other ringing, two splendid touches of Grandsire Caters in the hand stroke position were rung, with the assistance of one or two Suffolk friends, two people ringing their first touches on ten bells. Time was ever fleeting and the order 'all aboard' was not immediately complied with, the luggage merchant being engulfed in the struggle for a picture postcard. Having come out of the fray minus collar and tie, and grasping the said postcard firmly in his right hand, he was hoisted into the charabanc, which set off to Lavenham, where a meat tea was 'waded into,' and, beds having been allotted, the visitors set forth to ring on the famous bells in the equally famous tower. Messrs. Symonds and other local men extended a hearty welcome. No need to say that ringing was enjoyed, two courses of Double Norwich with the help of Messrs. Symonds being the 'show piece' of several touches. No doubt exists that Miles Graye was a clever or lucky man, for his tenor speaks with no uncertain voice. Another Mr. Symonds turned up from De Beauvoir Town, very hot and bothered, with bicycle complete, and he was vociferously welcomed by one or two old 'shipmates.' A social hour followed, the handbells being much in evidence, tunes and change ringing being done. A novel feature was a prize distribution for good work. A gentleman, who shall be nameless, but who rejoices in a multitude of Christian names, Frederick, George, etc., etc., who possesses that sweetest little peal of cup handbells ever, much in evidence all the week-end, and who is not unknown in and around Isleworth, gained the first prize, a very useful article (verb. sap.). The secretary was second and Mr. A. Symonds third. This brought bedtime and repose, although it was said by one member that a peal of handbells in a feather bed is not too comfortable to sleep on. Up in good time on Sunday, the party viewed the very ancient and historic buildings which Lavenham contains, the old oak carving and half-timbered structures being a joy to see and the admiration of all. Breakfast was at 8, and, mark you, none was late. A course of Grandsire Triples, like a famous huntsman's horn, brought Mr. Symonds from his bed, and a bus was boarded for Sudbury, where the visitors were due to ring for service. The fine peal of eight at All Saints' was at their disposal, and, having been joined by Mr. Lee (not of London), some good touches were rung, one of Stedman being outstanding. Mr. Scott, guide, counsellor and friend, showed the visitors round, and a pleasant hour was spent by the River Stour. Dinner and a quiet afternoon (for some) in a cool, shady spot brought tea time, and another engagement at the Parish Church to ring for service brought up the course end 6.32, and saying 'good-bye' to Sudbury and Lavenham friends, the Putneyites entrained for London. It is to be hoped that Fred. G. managed to get home per push hike in time for breakfast on Monday morning. The others wished him well, but preferred the Iron Horse. Thanks are due to the clergy who granted permission to ring, to the local ringers for their courtesy, and to Mr. Scott and Mr. Stedman Symonds for the arrangements made for the visitors' comfort. Eight towers were visited, and the conducting was shared by Messrs. Elson, Cassel and Herbert. A very fine outing was brought to a close on reaching Liverpool Street at 9 o'clock.

J. H.

PASTON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, August 11th, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,280 changes) in 43½ mins.: J. Huggins 1, Miss Sylvia Thursfield (Cranford, Northants) 2, C. Pooley 3, N. Golden (conductor) 4, T. Jones 5. First quarter by ringer of 'inside' and first 'inside' by tenor ringer, who, with those of 3rd and 4th, are from Northrepps.

A SHROPSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.**CHESWARDINE'S TWO NEW BELLS.**

The dedication of the augmented peal at Cheswardine, Shropshire, took place on Thursday evening, August 1st, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. A. V. C. Borden, Rural Dean. The service was largely attended, the church being full, and ringers were present from Market Drayton, Hodnet, Stanton, Norton-in-Hales, Burton-on-Trent, etc., also Messrs. C. Harrison and J. Oldham, who represented the founders (Messrs. Taylor and Co.).

The octave has been completed by the addition of two trebles, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on making an excellent 'splice.'

The treble is the gift of the family in memory of the late Mr. William A. Hinstall, for many years parish clerk of Cheswardine, and the 2nd was given, as a thankoffering for having come safely through the Great War, by Dr. Basil Hughes, son of a past Vicar of Cheswardine.

Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes by the local ringers, assisted by several of the visitors, and after the service touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, everyone being highly pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

The bells have been rehung in a new steel frame, with ball bearings and fittings of the latest pattern. The old 5th (now 7th) has been recast and the others tuned. A set of guides has also been put in, as the bells are rung from the ground floor.

The tenor is an interesting bell, it was cast by Clibury, of Wellington (who cast numerous bells in Shropshire and district), and bears the following inscription: 'SOLI DEO IMMORTALIA SIT GLORIA. 1634.'

The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper by the Vicar, the Rev. R. S. Renfree.

On Saturday last a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted by members of the Shropshire Association, but came to grief after over two hours' good ringing.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, on Monday, August 12th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 minutes: F. Price 1, W. H. Ball 2, Ben Gough 3, J. Reynolds 4, W. Anker 5, W. Davies 6, B. G. Leedham (conductor) 7, F. Trinder 8. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Edward Ansell, of Moore Hall, Four Oaks, who was interred earlier in the day.

PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With your permission I give the figures of the peal of Cambridge asked for a short time ago by Mr. Coles, also of the peal of Cambridge rung at Killamarsh on November 13th, 1926. The peal rung on February 18th, 1928, was as follows, Bankes James' arrangement, 2nd group, as given in your issue October 19th, 1923 (by request), and Nos. 1, 2 and 4 of the 720's given below and completed by calling W.R.W.—Yours faithfully, C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh

1.					2.					3.				
2345	4th	W	O	I H	2345	4th	W	O	I H	2345	4th	W	O	I H
2534	—	—	—	—	4352	—	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—	—
5432	—	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—	—	2534	—	—	—	—
3425	—	—	—	—	2453	—	—	—	—	5432	2	2	—	—
2453	—	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—	—
4235	—	—	—	—	2534	—	—	—	—	2453	—	—	—	—
3254	—	—	—	—	5432	—	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—	—
5243	—	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—	—					
2345	—	—	—	—										
4.					5.					6.				
2345	4th	W	O	I H	2345	4th	W	O	I H	2345	4th	W	O	I H
5243	—	—	2	—	4352	—	—	—	—	3254	—	—	—	—
3425	—	—	—	—	3254	—	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—	—
2453	—	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—	—	5243	—	—	—	—
4235	—	—	—	—	5243	—	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—	—
2534	—	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—	—	3542	—	—	—	—
5432	—	—	—	—	4523	—	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—	—
2345	—	—	—	—	5324	—	—	—	—					
					2345	—	—	—	—					
					7.									
					2345	4th	W	O	I H					
					2453	—	—	—	—					
					4352	—	—	—	—					
					4235	—	—	—	—					
					5324	—	—	—	—					
					3425	—	—	—	—					
					4523	—	—	—	—					
					2345	—	—	—	—					

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A veterans' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was 'rung in masterly style' at Guiseley, Yorks, on August 24th, 1868. The combined ages of the band totalled 553 years. The conductor was Henry Hubbard, who was then 64 years old.

The College Youths rang a peal of 10,640 Bob Major at Mortlake on August 26th, 1776, in 6 hours 31 minutes.

At this same church, exactly 100 years ago last Friday, the Junior College Society (an off-shoot of the College Youths) rang a 'true and excellent' peal of Grandsire Triples. It was conducted by Thomas Tolladay, who did a great deal for the old St. James' Society in its early days, and among those who took part were some well-known London ringers in those days, including James Mash and Edward Lansdell.

A record peal of Treble Bob was rung at Otley, Yorks, on August 27th, 1814, the length being 12.320. It occupied 7 hours 15 minutes.

Benjamin Annable called a peal of 5,040 Bob Major St. George at St. George's Church, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750. It would be interesting to know what method this was.

Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, one of London's most famous old ringers, died at the age of 87 years on August 27th, 1912.

The ringers of St. Martin's, Birmingham, will spend the day at Liverpool to-morrow. They will visit the docks and Cathedral, and hope to meet some of their Lancashire friends at St. Nicholas' Church, where they will ring at 3 p.m.

Mr. R. H. Bartram writes with reference to the footnote to the peal at Oakham, published in our last issue, that the first peal of Superlative in the county of Rutland was rung on the bells of Oakham Church on May 26th, 1923, by members of the Midland Counties Association.

'Belles on parade' is the heading of a paragraph announcing that a bathing belle parade will be held at a Woking carnival at the end of August, and a correspondent asks, 'Is it true that our Editor has been appointed to act as the judge at this beauty belle competition? If so,' remarks the inquirer, 'he is reminded that some of our bachelor ringers would much like to be present.' Why?

Three new hemispherical bells have been presented to St. George's Church, R.N. Barracks, Chatham. It is unfortunate that 'J. B.,' late of the R.M., is no longer in the 'Service' at Chatham. Had he still been there a peal of six real bells hung for proper ringing might, perhaps, have been installed at St. George's instead.

The marriage of Mr. C. C. Mayne, of Beaconsfield, and Miss Phyllis Moss, of Uxbridge, took place privately, with only a few friends present, at 9 a.m. on St. Swithin's Day at Fulmer Parish Church. The happy bellringing couple spent their honeymoon with fine weather at Rottingdean, and rang at St. Peter's, Brighton, and at Shoreham during the week with a good Hart.

Berks and Bucks ringers wish them every happiness and success in their new home at Harrow, and, writes a correspondent, the fatherly prophecy of the 'Lancashire Terror' some years ago has practically come true—a rolling Main gathers no Moss.

NO LODGE OF FREEMASONS FOR RINGERS.

PETITION REJECTED.

The proposal which has been made to establish a Lodge of Freemasons with membership restricted to church bellringers has been rejected by the responsible officers of the craft. It had been suggested that the lodge should be formed at Birmingham, as a convenient centre, and should be known as the 'Campana' Lodge. A considerable measure of support had been promised and the sanction of Grand Lodge was applied for. The petition has, however, been rejected.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I enclose copy of letter received from the Grand Secretary with reference to the proposed 'Campana' Lodge of Freemasons, which I should be glad if you would kindly publish for the information of those ringers who have taken an interest in the movement. I need only add that I am much disappointed that so promising a project should have met with this sad fate.—I am, yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT, P.G.D.,

Assistant Prov. G.M. (Warwickshire).

55, Temple Road, Birmingham.

(Copy.)

8th August, 1929.

Dear Sir and W.Bro.—With further reference to your letter of 9th February, I regret to inform you that the Grand Master's Advisers are unable to recommend the petition for the proposed new lodge to meet at Birmingham to be called the Campana Lodge, there being, in their opinion, no sufficient reason to justify the formation of a new lodge.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

(Signed) P. COLVILLE SMITH, G.S.

W.Bro. John B. Wilson, P.A.G.D.C.,
Provincial Grand Secretary,
Warwickshire.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

A PEAL RUNG IN TEN METHODS.

Another great advance in the splicing of Major methods was made when Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Pont Talbot, South Wales, published on March 22nd last a peal of Surprise Major in ten methods. This composition was rung on Tuesday, August 13th, at Willesden, by the same band that had previously rung the five and six method peals in that tower. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to say that a peal of such intricacy was not rung at the first attempt; indeed, two previous attempts had each lasted nearly two hours, whilst one of about 30 minutes' duration had given an opportunity of some good practice afterwards. The achievement of this peal is unquestionably the most brilliant performance ever accomplished on tower bells.

Some idea of the mental activity involved will be gathered when it is pointed out that there are 128 changes from one method to another, and that no method is rung for more than two leads (64 changes) at any one time. Indeed, in by far the most cases, only one lead of a method is rung before a change to another method is called. Then again, the variety of methods, and the similarity of the work in some of them, makes it necessary for the ringer to be always on the alert. It is not only essential to look out for the change of method at the lead-end, and to take care that the work of the next method is properly picked up, but it is necessary to keep wide awake so as not to forget, during the lead, which method is being actually rung. One ringer trying to ring Rutland whilst the others are ringing London is sure to bring disaster.

The odd leads of comparatively unknown and little rung methods are in themselves causes of much necessary thinking. For instance, only five leads of Yorkshire occur throughout the peal. Thus, any one working bell can only ring each of five leads once. Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Bristol have ten leads each, and Norfolk and New Gloucester nine, so that leads in these methods are never rung by the working bells more than twice. As the work of these leads has to be remembered, possibly until nearly the end of the peal, it says much for the mental alertness of the ringers. For the conductor it is a gigantic task, and Mr. William Pye is again to be congratulated. Recent performances have once again proved him to be the greatest all-round ringer that has ever lived.

THE COMPOSITION, 5,120 CHANGES.

The methods are indicated as follows: London, L.; Rutland, R.; Cambridge, C.; Superlative, S.; Lincolnshire, Lin.; Pudsey, P.; Yorkshire, Y.; Bristol, B.; Norfolk, N.; and New Gloucester, N.G.

First part.

23456	M.	W.	H.	Methods
64352	—	—	—	R. C. L.
(34256)	—	—	—	L. P.
62453	—	—	—	N. S. R.
64523	—	2	—	R. C. R. B.
56423	—	—	—	R. Lin. L.
(46325)	—	—	—	L. P.

The above four times repeated, substituting N. for R. in first course of each repetition, and calling Rutland at W. in last course, adding a bob H., bringing 42356.

Second part.

42356	M.	W.	H.	Methods
43526	—	2	—	R. Y. R. B.
65324	—	—	—	L. C. L.
36524	—	—	—	L. S. L.
25463	—	—	3	L. Lin. R. N.G.

The above four times repeated, omitting one bob H. and one lead of New Gloucester in last course.

Cambridge and Superlative are interchangeable, and as rung at Willesden were called alternately throughout the peal. The course-ends bracketed are not actually rung, the change from Pudsey to Norfolk cutting out the H. lead. Norfolk is rung with a 4th's place Bob.

ANOTHER COMPOSITION.

The following is a second peal in ten Surprise methods by the same author:—

5,280 IN TEN METHODS (No. 2).

BY A. J. PITMAN.

2345678

- 6423857 London.
- 4357682 Lincolnshire or Cambridge.
- 5437682 Bristol.
- 6354278 Rutland.
- 5634278 Gloucestershire.
- 3564278 Gloucestershire.
- 2635847 Rutland.
- 3265847 Bristol.
- 5427386 Lincolnshire or Cambridge.

(Continued in next column.)

THE SECESSION OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, wish to express our regret at the recent action of our association in ceasing to be affiliated to the Central Council.

We do not propose to enter into details here, but at the same time we are keen that the Exercise should be under no misapprehension as to the real state of feeling on the subject in our association.

It is to be regretted that a small number of our members could not see their way to settle a slight difference of opinion without resorting to this precipitate and, to our mind, unnecessarily drastic action; and while we freely admit that the resolution was carried by a perfectly fair vote at an annual meeting, we wish to make it quite clear that in our opinion the idea of ceasing to be affiliated to the Central Council is only favoured by a very small number of our members.

We feel sure that we have the majority of our association with us in regretting the unfortunate resolution which 35 of our members were able to pass at Chippenham, and it is our sincere hope that a resolution more in keeping with the real feeling of the whole association, proposing re-affiliation, will be passed at the earliest opportunity.

We can assure the Exercise that we will do all that is in our power to achieve this object.

Signed (Rev.) C. D. P. DAVIES (ex-Master).

(Rev.) R. H. WHITFORD (Bristol).

A. WRIGHT (Painswick), ex-Master.

F. J. LEWIS (Cirencester), ex-Master.

E. BISHOP (Swindon).

S. H. WOOD (Bristol).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

'SHORT NOTICE' MEETING AT BARNES.

A 'short notice' meeting was held by the Southern District of the London County Association on Saturday at Barnes, Surrey, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. W. Patrick Dotts). The bells are a light eight, augmented from three old bells (1600-1700) in 1897 by Warner, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, the tenor being about 11 or 12 cwt. Ringing commenced in the afternoon with a touch of Stedman Triples under Mr. Mance (Master), and various touches were rung till 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Church Hall, where a tea had been arranged, kindly provided by the Rector, who was unable to be present, being on holiday. His place was, however, ably taken by his warden, Mr. Bowes Loddiges, who welcomed the association in a few well-chosen words. After tea a short business meeting, of the usual routine character, was quickly disposed of.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and church-warden for the hospitality and welcome extended to the association, also to Mr. Charles Hunt and the local men for the help and speed with which the meeting was organised. Some 25 members from a not very wide area attended, and rang methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major. Perhaps worthy of note is the fact that four men who rang in the first peal on the bells accidentally sat in a row at tea.

(Continued from previous column.)

5427386	
2534678	Rutland.
— 6325847	London.
— 3547682	Cambridge.
— 4365278	London.
— 2643857	Rutland.
— 3567284	Yorkshire or Cambridge.
— 2635478	Rutland.
— 3265478	Bristol.
— 4632857	Rutland.
— 2567483	Superlative or Cambridge.
— 3462857	Norfolk.
— 2547386	Superlative or Cambridge.
— 4235678	London.
— 6342857	London.
— 2537684	Yorkshire or Cambridge.
— 6325478	London.
— 4263857	London.
— 2357486	Cambridge.
— 6452837	Norfolk.
— 2347685	Pudsey or Cambridge.
— 4263578	London.
— 5642837	London.
— 2367584	Pudsey or Cambridge.
— 5623478	Rutland.

Repeat four times.

This composition is a reduction from a peal of 5,760, and contains 15 leads of Bristol and ten each of Gloucestershire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge, and Norfolk.

THE TWELVE BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May we, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' acknowledge with sincere thanks all the messages of congratulation that have been received by us on the successful outcome of the long peal attempt at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday?

These congratulations come from ringers in all parts of the country, including the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, ringers, and are too numerous for them all to be acknowledged separately.

We trust, therefore, that this brief, but none the less grateful, acknowledgment will suffice.—Yours faithfully,

W. PYE.
C. T. COLES.

MR. GABRIEL LINDOFF'S REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

The long peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th was the first in the method by Mr. G. Lindoff, of Dublin. It is an extraordinary coincidence that his first peal of Stedman Cinques was also a record, this being the 11,111 rung at Birmingham in 1901.

AN ASHTON PRESSMAN'S VIEW.

Usually peals, and especially long peals, if they excite comment at all in the public Press, bring forth protests, but in the case of the record twelve bell peal at Ashton-under-Lyne the Lancashire people seem to have entered into the spirit of the performance, and Ashton-under-Lyne is proud that the record should have been made at their own Parish Church. 'Ashtonian,' writing in the 'Ashton-under-Lyne Reporter,' said: 'I know far more to-day about campanology than I did a week ago. I have hitherto regarded bellringers as men who had a penchant for letting everybody know they were enjoying a little manual exercise, men who pursued their hobby on Sunday mornings and told all and sundry that the hour of morning service approached.'

'Now I know that bellringers are gentlemen who combine with their bellringing a scientific study of numbers. They truly know what "ringing the changes" means. After meeting twelve good men and true, who cheerfully consented to be shut in a belfry for eleven hours and 33 minutes, to be without food or drink, to toil ceaselessly at their ropes and concentrate their mental faculties on their work to such a degree that they managed to ring 15,312 changes without error, then I think I am justified in attempting to dispel any impression that they were merely disturbers of the ether on a Bank Holiday.'

'Mind you, you have to be a campanologist to detect the changes. I frankly confess that not until the close of the record peal in the Ashton Parish Church on Bank Holiday did I detect any difference, and then the bells seemed to ring right down the scale, but my education has apparently been neglected. We all know now that it is possible to ring a complete peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and Ashton has the honour of having a peal of bells in its historic Parish Church on which the feat was accomplished. A cynic asked "What for?" but I sternly reminded him that the passion for records is not confined to bellringers, but dirt track enthusiasts, cricketers and footballers also attach great importance to records.'

VISIT TO YORK MINSTER.

WORSLEY RINGERS RENEW ACQUAINTANCE WITH GREAT PETER.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Mark's Church, Worsley, took place on Saturday, August 10th. Leaving Worsley at 7 a.m., they journeyed through Bolton and Blackburn to Whalley, where they had a substantial breakfast. Then going on through beautiful country via Clitheroe, Gisburn and Skipton, they arrived at Harrogate, where they partook of lunch, which everyone enjoyed. After a brief look at the northern spa, they proceeded through Knaresborough, and reached York Minster at 2.15 p.m. Here they were met at the west end by some of the York ringers, who at once took them up into the tower. The middle eight were raised, and, after touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the tenors were pulled up and a touch of Grandsire Caters rung. Owing to the service, the bells were lowered at 3.45, but the visitors were taken round to see the bells they had been ringing and also the 104 ton bell. This was a case of reviving old acquaintanceship, for most of the ringers had seen 'Great Peter' in the bell foundry at Loughborough two years ago prior to its departure to York. After a peep into the Minster and tea at Ouse Bridge, the party set out to make a call at Knaresborough, but, owing to a misunderstanding, they were delayed and had to cut it out with regret. They extend their apologies to the Knaresborough company, who were expecting to see them. Leaving York at 6.45 p.m., the party started the return journey, and after a most enjoyable day arrived at Worsley at 11.30 p.m. Their best thanks are offered to the Dean and Chapter of York for the use of the bells, and to Mr. G. Horner's colleagues for the kind way they were treated and shown all that could be seen in the time available.

'ROPE-SIGHT.'

A NEW EDITION.

One of the greatest services which Jasper Snowdon rendered to the Exercise was that of placing in the hands of beginners a book, written in simple language, which explained the rudiments of change ringing and their practical application in the belfry. He called this book 'Rope-sight,' and its usefulness and popularity as a means of instruction was at once appreciated. For exactly 50 years it has remained the first text book of the beginner, and, incidentally, it may be noted it was the forerunner of the Snowdon series, which has done so much to raise the standard of method ringing.

'Rope-sight' has now reached its eighth edition and is as much in demand as ever. It should be placed in the hands of every beginner and part of his education in ringing should be a study of the chapters of this book. It can be obtained (price 1s. 10d. post free) from Mrs. Laura Snowdon, Cartmel, N. Lanes.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

INTERESTING MEETING AT DORKING.

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held their summer meeting at Dorking on Saturday last. This is the first visit of the Guild to this fine church, and proved to be quite successful. The Church of St. Martin, rebuilt in 1873 in the decorated style, is the third edifice to be erected on this spot, and with its handsome spire is the most conspicuous building in the town. Rumour has it that had Dorking not been right on the edge of the diocese, the Church of St. Martin would have been the Cathedral. The bells are quite the oldest part of the church, and, judging from the remarks of some of the visitors, it is time some of their antiquity was shorn from them in the shape of completely rehanging the whole peal. Unfortunately, 'the powers that be' rule otherwise, so for the present the ringers' task here must remain an unenviable one.

About 30 members and friends took the opportunity to meet here, many of them for the first time. The following towers were represented: Dorking, Leatherhead, Hersham, Guildford (St. Nicolas'), Billingshurst, Pulborough, Warnham, Epsom (Christ Church and St. Martin's), Newdigate, Southgate, Merstham, Crawley, Horley, Godalming, Deptford and Southwark. Amongst the visitors were Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. A. J. Bull (hon. secretary, Surrey Association, Southern Branch).

Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., and under the able management of Mr. Alfred H. Winch, who carried out very successfully the duties of ringing master, everyone had a pull, and some of them had too many. The remarks and facial expressions of some of the visitors who tackled bad going bells round the 'heavy end' were one of the amusing features of the meeting. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise defeated the efforts of the company.

Service was held in the church and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Newill). Mr. J. Gore provided the musical accompaniment.

The members then adjourned for tea to the Church Room, and, following the tea, came a short business meeting, at which the Rev. E. J. Newill took the chair. Mr. Arthur H. Smith, of Leatherhead, was elected a ringing member, and Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, of Brasted, Kent, a compounding member. Following the usual votes of thanks, the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which was continued till 8.30 p.m. Thus ended another successful meeting of the Leatherhead District. Good food, good music, a trial of strength and a trial of skill—the Leatherhead District provides them all, and after the meeting there are always members willing to show visitors the 'sights of the town.' This is the Leatherhead district's motto, and the committee beg leave to suggest that they have lived up to it at the latest of their meetings. The next meeting is at Epsom (St. Martin's) on October 12th. A. R. P.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Willingham on Saturday last, when about 30 members attended, including the general secretary, the Rev. R. Copeman. The towers represented were Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Chatteris, Fulbourn, Great Staughton, Hemmingford Abbots, Long Stanton, Melbourn, Over, Peterborough (Mr. Jutson), Somersham, Sawston and the local band. The association service was conducted by the Rev. J. G. Garland (Vicar of St. Mary's, Cardiff). Tea and meeting were held at the Three Tuns, and Ickleton was voted as the place of the next meeting at the latter end of September. Notice will be given in due course.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for conducting the service, to the Rev. A. C. Hair (Rector) for use of the bells, to Mr. H. J. Hazel, A.L.C.M., for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. A. Huckle for having the bells in readiness. Touches in the standard methods were rung until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal, everyone being satisfied with an enjoyable meeting.

BARKING'S 'COPYRIGHT.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Some 16 or 17 years ago we were short of ringers, and the then Vicar of Barking, the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, asked me to write something for the Parish 'Mag,' drawing attention to the shortage. I did so, in the form of an advertisement, and the Vicar, being a 'sport,' published it as sent. I remember, when stating the terms of remuneration, being afraid of that part being censored.

Some Knight of the Scissors and Paste got hold of it, and part of it appeared in almost every newspaper at the time—even in places as wide apart as British Columbia and at least two Australian newspapers. Journals as divergent as 'The Star' and 'The Church Times' honoured Barking by telling the world the Parish Church wanted ringers, and their rate of pay. Tom Hibbert, of Reading, wrote me for it for use there a few years back.

In your this week's issue it appears that it has been resurrected as the product of a Leicester Vicar. Well, he is welcome to the use of it, and may it produce the desired result, but the copyright (if any) belongs to the 'Barking Parish Magazine' and yours sincerely,

THOMAS FAULKNER.

GRIMSBY RINGERS' OUTING TO LEICESTER.

On Saturday, July 27th, the ringers of St. Andrew's, Grimsby, with their wives and lady friends, had their annual outing and visited Leicester. Leaving Grimsby in the early morning, they picked up the G.O.M. from the country, who, as usual, came provided with a buttonhole for all. A halt was made at Newark for light refreshment and for a visit to the castle ruins. Then they went on to Loughborough for lunch. Here the party were shown over the celebrated foundry of Messrs. Taylor, with Mr. Stubbs as guide. A most interesting time was spent here, and at first trial the foundry bells played tricks with the ringers. Touches were also rung at the Parish Church. At Loughborough, too, the visitors were joined by their old friend and host from Leicester, Mr. F. H. Dexter, who piloted them to his city. Ringing was indulged in on the beautiful ring of twelve at St. Margaret's and on the rings of ten at the Cathedral and St. John the Divine Church. The ladies, meanwhile, 'faded away' into the large open market place, and found useful presents to take home. The return journey was made through Melton Mowbray and Grantham, Grimsby being reached at midnight in a blaze of light from a huge timber yard fire in the docks.

The ringers wish to thank all the incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeple keepers and their old friends, Messrs. Dexter, Poole and W. Willson, of Leicester, Mr. Stubbs, and their own local secretary, 'Freddy.' Their best wishes also go out to all the newly-wedded couples they saw leaving the various churches on the way to Leicester.

THE 'MAASTER' RETIRES.**'FAREWELL' TO EAST ILSLEY VETERAN.**

'Twelve of the 'bwoys' and the 'passon' from East Ilsley village recently had their annual outing. At Caversham, where ringing is ringing, the 'bwoys' did their best to emulate the deeds of the local band, and met with fair success. Someone suggested that a visit to Caversham without calling at the 'Griffin' would be out of course; therefore, a sample was tried. Lunch took place at the Ringwell Cafe, Reading. Leaving Reading (having picked up 'Old Tom' and 'Young Bill'), Basingstoke was safely reached, the party being met by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis. Here a pleasant half-hour was spent putting Mr. and Mrs. Curtis 'through their paces.' Whitechurch (Hants) was next on the programme, but a halt was made at Laverstoke, just outside Whitechurch, and at the tower Grandsire Doubles were tapped off. Arrival at Whitechurch was the cause of considerable amusement. The 'all ready' was shouted and 'Owd Bob' tugged and pulled at the 3rd without result. When the other seven bells had been set up the third was pulled up, much to Bob's surprise. Grandsire Triples was then rung. After tea Highclere, a fine little eight by Taylor, was visited, and the party arrived at Newbury at 8.45 p.m., whence 'Old Tom' departed for Reading. Later Ilsley was safely reached. To the various incumbents and tower keepers of the churches visited the Ilsley 'bwoys' extend their best thanks. The conducting of the day was shared by 'Old Tom,' 'Young Bill' and 'Buffer.'

On Sunday evening a 500 of Grandsire Triples was rung as a compliment to the 'Maaster,' who was retiring after 50 years' faithful service to his church and fellow-ringers. It would benefit a great many if a pattern was taken from 'Maaster's' book, as for 50 years he had been punctual and regular in attendance, always ready to do that which he considered right. It is hard to replace such men as these. The proudest day of his ringing career was blowing the 'big inn' behind to the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Triples. This was the extent of his peal ringing, but his loyalty to his church and the Guild will long be remembered after the peal has been forgotten. The ringers of the 500 were: G. J. Hibbert 1, E. Warwick 2, R. Warwick 3, W. Hibbert, jun. (conductor) 4, E. Sneller 5, W. Hibbert, sen., 6, H. Brown 7, K. Burt 8.

W. H.

CHESHIRE RINGERS AT NOTTINGHAM.

A party of Cheshire ringers, Messrs. H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan, R. Sperring, W. Thomas, A. E. Richards, G. Jones and J. W. Clarke, set forth on Friday, July 5th, to sample the bells in the Nottingham district. Shortly after three o'clock the party and luggage were comfortably packed in two cars, and the ancient city of Chester was left to enjoy its own rain! Macclesfield was reached in good time, and the noted climb over the Pennines to Buxton loomed ahead. The famous Cat and Fiddle Inn, perched on the crest of the hill, is passed (if shut) on the left, and Buxton soon appears at the end of a long descent. It was unfortunate that the rain made it impossible to enjoy the fine scenery in this district.

Duffield, the first place of call, was reached about 7.30 p.m., where several members of the local company met the visitors, and conducted them to the belfry of this beautiful church, famous among ringers for its associations with the late Sir Arthur Heywood. Among the many peal boards in the tower, the one recently erected by the Central Council as a memorial to Sir Arthur is of special interest. Ringing was enjoyed for about an hour, after which the remainder of the journey to Nottingham was completed. Here the travellers were met by Mr. A. Coppock, who had been good enough to make arrangements for them, to 'park' at the George, and as it was 9.30 p.m. the visitors' book was signed with all speed, and a few good 'rounds' were enjoyed before supper.

There was considerable improvement in the weather next morning, and Ilkeston was reached shortly after nine. This tower contains a pleasing ring of eight, and with the help of Mr. Wragg, who kindly took the tenor rope, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was completed in 43 mins. Stanton-by-Dale, the next tower visited, was of considerable interest, especially to Mr. Wilde, for it was in this church that he was married. The bells were soon raised, and an extent of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung, followed by 360 Kent and a course of London. The Rector's kindness in showing the party round his delightful garden, and presenting a basket of refreshing strawberries, was greatly appreciated.

After a short run, Sandiacre was reached in time for ringing before lunch. It was on this fine old-fashioned ring of six that Mr. Wilde rang his first peal in 1889. That peal is made more interesting by the fact that it was the first for the M.C.A. To commemorate the event, Mr. Wilde called a 720 of Oxford and Kent spliced, and before the visitors left Mr. J. Hall, the towerkeeper, joined in a course of London.

Permission to use the bells at Long Eaton had been obtained for the early afternoon, and Mr. Coppock, having joined the party, coats were again discarded. The tower, although rather small, contains a light, smooth-running eight, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 42 mins., followed by touches of Double Norwich, in which some of the local company joined.

The large, roomy tower of Beeston made quite a contrast with the previous one. Here, again, some of the local ringers were good enough to meet the visitors, and touches of Treble Bob Major and Cambridge were completed before turning towards Nottingham again. Halts were made on the way to view the new university opened last year by H.M. the King, and the magnificent war memorial arch surrounded by its delightful grounds.

After a leisurely tea to the strains of music, a little sightseeing was indulged in before repairing to the belfry of St. Peter's shortly before eight o'clock, where the visitors were very pleased to meet Mr. W. E. White (former secretary of the M.C.A.), Mr. F. Blood and Miss Thompson. Touches of Treble Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire were rung. It was regretted that Mr. Cobbin, who had been good enough to make arrangements for the bells to be available, was not able to join in the ringing. Nottingham boasts many quaint old taverns, with names equally quaint, so, having come to the end of a good day's ringing, it was not very difficult to find a congenial retreat.

On Sunday morning the meeting place was St. Mary's, where the fine ring of ten were rung for the special thanksgiving service, which was attended by His Grace the Duke of Portland and the Mayor and Corporation. In the early afternoon, Nottingham was left behind with many regrets. The return journey was made via Leek, where a halt was made to visit the tower of the Parish Church. Although the visit was unexpected, Mr. Ridgeway, the leader, was good enough to hand over the ropes to the visitors, and, after a touch of Stedman Triples, the ten were heard in Caters. They are undoubtedly a beautiful ring in every respect.

This concluded the ringing part of the programme, and there was nothing left to do but to go home. Good things, they say, soon come to an end, but, fortunately, they leave pleasant memories behind. The Cheshire ringers will retain many pleasant memories of their tour in the Nottingham district, and would like to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks for the warm welcome extended to them at all towers. Special thanks are due to Mr. Coppock for his many kindnesses and unsparing efforts, which undoubtedly made the week-end the success it was.

J. W. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at the Parish Church of St. Leonard, Keevil, on Saturday, August 3rd, but on account of the wet afternoon and the holidays the attendance was small. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. M. Weller), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Hegginsbotham. The choir boys were in attendance, and the singing was unaccompanied.

Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held. The Chairman referred to the inductions of the Rector of Trowbridge and the Vicar of Edington, also to the death of Canon Mogg, formerly Vicar of Bishop's Cannings, an hon. member of the Guild, who took a great interest in the branch. Those present stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the last named.

The Chairman also congratulated Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, on ringing his 100th peal for the Guild, and also the ringers who had rung peals for the branch for the King's thanksgiving.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) reported that he had written a letter on behalf of the branch to Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, on the occasion of his birthday, and at his request the chairman read Mr. West's reply.

It was decided to hold an evening meeting at Urchfont on August 24th, if the bells are available.

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, also to the choir boys and those who prepared the tea.—The Vicar replied.

Ringers were present from Keevil, Bratton, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Trowbridge and Warminster. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Keevil possesses a nice ring of six (tenor 19 cwt., diameter 48in.). The treble is by Thomas Meats (1842). The second is inscribed, 'Hope Well, I.W., 1609,' and the 3rd 'Fear the Lorde, I.W., 1609.' James Wells, of Aldbourne, cast the 4th in 1810. The fifth and sixth were cast by Thomas Bilbie in 1761. They bear the names of Samuel Atwood and Thomas Bell, John Marieram and John Taylor, churchwardens, and are ornamented with roses, crosses and fleur-de-lis. There is also a Sanctus bell, which is ancient, and hangs in the original cot at the east end of nave.

The church, an early English building, was unfortunately remodelled in the 17th century. The window of the north transept is a memorial to the Right Hon. W. Hicks-Beach, Father of the House of Commons, who died in 1903. There are the names of four churchwardens on the 5th and 6th bells. This may be accounted for by the fact that the living is held with Bulkington, the church of which was destroyed about the time of the Reformation. The people of Bulkington then attended Keevil Church until between 60 and 70 years ago, when a new church was built at Bulkington. The living is now known as Keevil-cum-Bulkington.

MR. WALTER PERKINS' 300 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles	2	—
Plain Minor, 1 method	1	1
Plain Minor, 7 methods	19	8
Treble Bob Minor, 7 methods	4	—
Surprise Minor, 1 method	5	4
Surprise Minor, 7 methods	1	—
Bob Triples	2	1
Grandsire Triples (c)	17	7
Stedman Triples	55	18
Bob Major (b)	4	1
Treble Bob Major (a)	8	—
Double Norwich Major	72	20
Superlative Surprise Major	67	13
Cambridge Surprise Major	12	3
Bristol Surprise Major	11	2
London Surprise Major	11	3
Stedman Caters	4	—
Bob Royal	1	—
Treble Bob Royal	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	—
Total	300	79

(a) Includes 10,176; (b) 4 peals on handbells; (c) conducted 1 on handbells. Rung in 53 towers, in 10 counties.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On August 13th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Doubles, being three six-scores of Canterbury Doubles, four of Plain Bob and three and a half of Grandsire Doubles: E. Coles 1, J. Phillips 2, J. Bailey (conductor) 3, Lewis Wright 4, Evan Coles 5, Fred Wright 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Molton 1, W. Theobald 2, A. Reeves 3, E. Smith 4, G. Dawson 5, J. Moule 6, A. Prior (conductor) 7, J. Bullen 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evensong at the Parish Church, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 42 mins.: S. Warne 1, H. E. Hammond 2, W. G. Welbourne 3, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 4, C. H. Howard 5, H. C. Reason 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: F. Arthur 1, W. Falconer 2, H. J. Tucker 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, W. E. Ticehurst 5, J. H. Blake 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, A. Tugwell 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Ticehurst.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, *E. Clarke 3, C. Otter 4, H. Arrand 5, Jim McCluskey 6, *Joe McCluskey 7, *E. Cooper (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Bob Major.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, August 18th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 120 Grandsire Doubles and 504 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins.: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders 3, G. Ransome 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Hospital Sunday, August 18th, for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Robinson 1, W. Seekings (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, E. Wakeling 3, A. J. Abrams 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, F. Robinson 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 18th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,261 changes) in 53 mins.: F. Barrett 1, R. G. Rice 2, H. J. Balcombe 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. Honey 5, J. Nobes 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, E. A. Passam 8, G. Caudwell 9, A. E. Lock 10.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, August 18th, for parish evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: G. E. Foster 1, J. F. Milner (conductor) 2, H. F. Clulow 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, E. H. Clulow 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Longest touch on the bells since they were put on ball bearings.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: L. Nemes 1, J. Harper 2, B. Chew 3, G. Wilks 4, H. Reid 5, J. Bishop 6, Wm. Bishop (conductor) 7, H. Meek 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late J. W. Lowe.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Thomas' Church for evensong, 720 Kingston Treble Bob Minor: N. Clark 1, J. North 2, R. Stiles 3, I. Bryant 4, J. Roberts, sen., 5, E. B. McKie (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method on the bells and by all the band, who are all regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, August 11th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): S. H. Symonds 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks (Beckenham) 3, T. Chinery (Long Melford) 4, F. G. Symonds (London) 5, A. Symonds 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. Composed and conducted by S. H. Symonds.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 22 mins.: A. Harding (first 720) 1, C. E. Rayson 2, H. Harris 3, A. H. Beamish 4, J. E. Moreton (conductor) 5, G. Veasey (first 720) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.—On Sunday, August 4th, for 11 a.m. matins, 816 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders 3, G. Ransome 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Sunday, August 4th, at the Parish Church prior to evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: J. Blackmore 1, W. Popham 2, W. Tanner 3, J. R. Jones 4, A. E. Parsons (Old Hill, Staffs) 5, E. Parker 6, C. R. Lilley, conductor (Congresbury) 7, W. Pitman 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At Southover on Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Ward 1, C. J. Rugg 2, R. W. E. Dawe 3, D. White 4, A. J. Turner 5, R. Hide 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. F. Steadman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, who takes a great interest in ringing. It was the first quarter-peal by a local band for a long time.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 24 mins.: E. Tyler 1, E. Sargeant 2, O. Mutton 3, H. Patrick 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5. Rung by an entirely local band.

TIVERTON.—At St. Peter's Church for Sunday evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 51 mins.: Mrs. C. Knowles 1, W. Cockram 2, F. Viney 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Coles 5, F. Newcombe 6, E. Stith (conductor) 7, H. Ware 8. Ringers of 4th and 7th from South Wales.

BATH.—On Sunday, July 28th, at the Church of St. Saviour, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Miss N. G. Williams 1, S. White 2, Mrs. Broome 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, H. Taylor 6, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 7, C. W. Bell 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on August 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting and social will be held at Colne on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) at 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Business: Election of branch president. Social commences 7.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Kildwick on Saturday, August 24th. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available from 2 p.m.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow.—A J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, August 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, August 24th. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Wilbarston (5) on Saturday, August 24th. Bus from London Road, Kettering, 2.20 p.m. Stoke Albany (6) bells after tea. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, August 24th. All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Bengoe (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at St. Andrew's 5 p.m. Tea at Farrow's Restaurant 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise Mr. W. H. Lawrence as early as possible.—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association, Little Munden, Ware, Herts; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting to appoint a successor to the Bedford District secretary, who is shortly moving to Peterborough, will be held at Kempston on August 24th. Bells (6) available 2.45. Tea at 5. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend, and that all of the District Committee will be present.—J. T. Newington, 32, Grafton Road, Bedford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rogate on Saturday, Aug. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the White Horse Inn. Nearest station Petersfield (4 miles).—A. W. Groves.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Folkestone on August 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Fillongley on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Wooburn on Saturday, August 24th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Basingstoke District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Hawley, Hants, on Saturday, August 31st. Divine service at 5 p.m. Preacher: Rev. B. Long, Rural Dean of Sonning. Tea in Memorial Hall immediately after service. Hawley bells available afternoon and evening. Other towers to be announced later. All ringers welcome. Those desiring tea must inform Mr. J. Boyles, Hawley Bridge, Blackwater, before Wednesday, August 28th.—C. W. Denyer, Rev. D. L. Board, W. J. Paice, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Sedgley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Swindell). Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Nuthall (6 bells) on Saturday, August 31st. Tower open 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Shield Contest will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, August 31st. All towers belonging to the association are requested to join at once; 6s. per tower; usual conditions and rules. First company drawn at 3 p.m. to take the ropes. Further particulars in next week's issue. Further practise not allowed. Good bus service from all directions.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 1 to 6 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar. Those requiring tea please send card by the 28th inst.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, August 31st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided to those who notify Mr. D. England, Hatfield, not later than Wednesday, August 28th. All ringers welcome.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, August 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., which will be in Blaise Castle, by kind permission. All visitors welcome.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, August 31st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by August 27th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Broughton Astley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Sept. 7th. Bells open early. Tea can be had by applying to Mrs. Godber, Refreshment Rooms, Eyam. Visitors will be welcome and it is hoped that we shall have a good attendance.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Kenn on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4. Tea (1s. each) 4.45. Bells available: Kenn (6), Alphington (8), Exminster (6), Kenton (6). All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Whimble, Devon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested; business very important.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Navenby (new peal of 6 by Taylor) Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tower open 2 p.m. Silver Queen bus leaves Lincoln at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; returns

from Grantham at 6.15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Notification to tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members make their own arrangements for tea.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. York Minster (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Rank, New Lane, Malton Road, York, not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. Dinner tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) may be had from Messrs. G. Lewis, R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson, or direct from the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Kindly enclose remittance with application.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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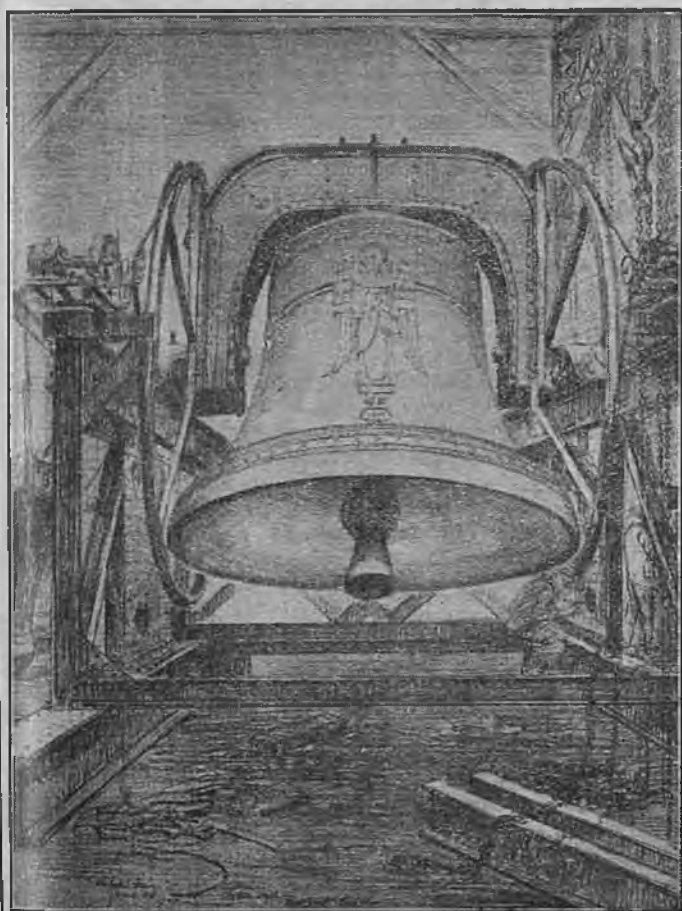
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CHARLES DRAPER ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

G. HARRY MYERS ... Treble	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... 5
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 2	WILLIAM J. RUNDLE ... 6
*JOHN O. POOK ... 3	WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT ... 7
WILLIAM G. LAVERS ... 4	ALFRED WONNACOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT.

* First peal of Stedman.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Faith,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HRYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
MISS K. E. FLETCHER 2	JAMES W. WILKINS 6
HARRY WINGROVE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 4	WILLIAM H. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Specially arranged for the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor, who hail from Beaconsfield, Bucks, and the ringer of the 6th, who hails from High Wycombe, Bucks, and who were spending their holidays at Southsea.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Tydfil,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSCRIPTION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 7 lb.

*DAVID EVANS Treble	P.C. JOHN COLES 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
FRED SHARP 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
PERCY JONES 4	GEORGE COOKE Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

* First peal (aged 16 years).

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ALPHEUS J. BERRY Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 5
FRANK L. FISHER 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	LEONARD E. LAST Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 1507).

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

The ringer of the 2nd hails from Ufford and was re-elected a member of the association prior to starting for the peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM WILSON, SEN. ... 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*PERCY H. ALLFREY Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5
†FRANK V. GANT 2	GEORGE A. COOKE 6
WILLIAM J. WASEY 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
GORDON L. DYE 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First of Major. † First on an 'inside' bell and of Plain Bob. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1925. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th and 6th are local, 3rd and 5th from Reepham, 7th from Northrepps and tenor from Buxton. This 44 course composition, containing the 4-5-6 only in sixths, with the 6th the extent there, is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
GEORGE B. COLE 2	SGT. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	CECIL J. PIPE 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Arranged for Sergt. Lawrence, of the Herts Constabulary, Hatfield, and this was his first peal in the method.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
JOSEPH POTTER 2	ERNEST BIRCHNALL 6
JOHN POTTER 3	*JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
JAMES WM. GROUNDS 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN 5
JAMES MILLER 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JAMES ARMSTRONG 3	JOHN THOMAS MILLER ... 7
JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (112). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS

First peal of Major on the bells.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E

MRS. JACK BRAY Treble	GIBSON JACKSON 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JACK BRAY 6
*HARRY CARTER 3	HARRY MORGAN 7
HAROLD MARCON 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Herbert Randall and Miss Elsie Carey, friends of the conductor, who were married at the Congregational Church, Lewisham, on the same day.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werrburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 480 of New Doubles, 480 St. Simon's, 480 Stedman (Slow Course), 1,200 Bob Doubles and 2,400 Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED RILEY Treble	FRED W. KNOWLES 3
HUBERT BAILEY 2	ARTHUR SMITHSON 4
BERNARD BAILEY Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

First peal in five methods by all the ringers and also the first peal in five methods by the association since its name was changed. The third ringer hails from Morton and is the instructor to the tower. The remainder are Blackwell ringers.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 4 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. HOUSE Treble	J. TOSSELL 4
C. FIELD 2	F. TOSSELL 5
E. BATH 3	F. FILER Tenor

Conducted by J. TOSSELL.

First peal on the bells.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM BAVIN Treble	JOHN W. WARD 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
FRED C. GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Arranged for Mr. Jutson, of Peterborough, who was on holiday in this district.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. F. ARTHUR OSWELL Treble	WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 4
ALAN A. RACKHAM 2	BERT HUNT 5
G. ROBERT JONES 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

This peal was arranged for the Rev. F. A. Oswald and Mr. B. Hunt, who were on holiday in the district. The Rev. F. A. Oswald hails from Tenby and Mr. B. Hunt from Cefn Coed, Merthyr.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

WILFRED STEVENSON ... Treble	JACK TIPPER 4
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	JOHN WORTH 5
*FRANK RONAN 3	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal away from treble. First peal of Minor for all the band. Rung on the front six bells.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*HAROLD ROBSON Treble	SIDNEY BRIZE 4
*EDWARD C. ROBSON 2	*JOHN CLOUSTON 5
FREDERICK ROBSON 3	ERNEST BURNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BURNETT.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band. All are service fingers at the above church. The peal was rung with bells half-muffled as a mark of sympathy with Mr. J. H. Champion, a local ringer, whose wife was interred the same day.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK J. TALBOT ... Treble	*WALTER J. TILLY 4
WILLIAM CHAILLY 2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... 5
RAYMOND J. WEBB 3	*THOMAS BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at the Parish Church of St. Laurence, North Wingfield, on Saturday, August 24th, but owing to wet weather the attendance was rather small, about 20 sitting down to tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector. Members were present from Alfreton, Bolsover, Cresswell, Chesterfield, Derby, Duffield, Morton, Rotherham, Sutton and South Normanton. Touches and courses were brought round of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise.

A short meeting followed tea, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bolsover on September 21st. Ringing continued until 9 p.m., when the lowering of the bells brought to a close a most successful meeting.

AMONG NORTHANTS TOWERS.

On August 17th, the Wicken and Stony Stratford ringers had their annual tour, which again proved most enjoyable. The places visited were Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Finedon, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Rothwell and St. Giles' (Northampton). During the day touches were rung in the following methods: Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Kent Royal, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Bob Major. The party wish to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all those who so kindly helped to make the trip so pleasant.

5,184 BOB MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

23456 W B M H

42356				
53246				3
25463				
34256				
35264				3
54263				2
43265				2
24536				3
24365				
36254			S	4†
23546				

Repeated.

† —, S, —, S.

Contains the 6th the extent 'wrong' and 'home' and all the combinations of 4-5-6, subject to the following limitations: The second never in 5-6 and the sixth never in 2nds.

First rung at Bucklebury, Berks, on June 22nd, 1929.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

6,144 OR 5,024 BY GEORGE H. CROSS.

23456 1 6

36245	(S.1)	(S.2)	3	4	5	8
42635						
26435						
24635					S	
46235						
62435						
64235					S	
32465						
24365						
23465					S	
34265						
42365						
43265					S	
62345						
63245					S	
32645						
26345						
23645					S	

Repeat twice. Contains the 4-5-6 the extent in 6ths without the 2nd in 5-6.

By omitting the first six calls at 6 in the first two parts the peal is reduced to 5,024, and will then contain all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 with the 6th the extent home without the 2nd in 5ths.

First rung at Bushey, 8th June, 1929, as 5,024, conducted by the author.

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SPLICING OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS. THE RESULT OF SOME INVESTIGATIONS.

By Stephen H. Wood.

In the leading article of 'The Ringing World' of April 5th on 'Splicing' it was suggested that someone should follow the example of Mr. Law James' and Mr. Pitman's spliced peals of Surprise Major, and of Plain Triples, and see what could be done with regard to Plain Major Methods. The following is the result of some of my investigations in this direction.

Starting (as is proper) from the beginning, the first thing we consider is the 'Lead-for-Lead' Splice, which in this case does not lead us far, as the only methods having the same change in a lead are those having different places (i.e., 2nds or 8ths) at the Treble's lead. The splicing of these will be dealt with later.

The next thing to consider is the 'Course-for-Course' Splice. Now, given any 'Court' Method, we can in general derive 3 'bob' methods from it by adding (i.) 2nd's place (by itself)
(ii.) 7th's place (by itself)
(iii.) 2nds and 7ths;

this will give us a group of 4 methods, in each of which the Plain Course (henceforward 'P.C.') contains the same changes.

Let us now consider the first 15 methods in the 'Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods,' and divide them up into groups such as I have just described, thus:—

8th's Place Methods.		2nd's Place Methods.	
No. 2. Reverse Bob.		No. 1. Plain Bob.	
No. 4. Shipway's Court.		No. 3. Double Bob.	
No. 6. Highbury Bob.		No. 5. Winchester Bob.	
No. 8. Lavenham Court.		No. 7. Marlborough Bob.	
No. 10. Maidstone Bob.		No. 9. Edmonton Bob.	
No. 12. Double Norwich Court.		No. 11. Chesterfield Bob.	
No. 14. Pershore Bob.		No. 13. Hereward Bob.	
		No. 15. Double Oxford Bob.	

The missing 'Court' method in the first group is represented by the plain hunting course, which, though, of course, it does not produce a method itself, gives its 3 derivative 'bob' methods by adding 2nd's and 7th's. If we add to the plain hunting course '4th's and 3rd's round the Treble' we get No. 4 Shipway's Court, and by adding 2nd's and 7th's we get the other 3 methods in this group, Nos. 5, 6, 7. No. 8, Lavenham Court, is plain hunting with '6th's and 5th's round the Treble,' and Nos. 9, 10, 11 are its 3 companions. When we add both '4th's and 3rd's round the Treble' and '6th's and 5th's round the Treble' to the plain hunting course we get No. 12, Double Norwich Court, and the addition of 2nd's and 7th's gives us Nos. 13, 14, 15.

In the above table I have also kept the '2nd's place' methods and the '8th's place' methods in separate columns, because it will be advisable (at this stage at any rate) only to attempt to splice up methods of like kind in this respect.

The significance of this table is therefore that in any composition where a whole course of any method appears we may substitute a whole course of the other method in the same group and column.

IN 17— WAS RUNG A PEAL.

Behind the west door curtain stand eight good men and true.
The 'Jasies' hang upon the pegs with coats of red and blue.
The door itself stands open wide, that summer draughts may blow:
And then they ring up, set 'em, tuck 'em, strike their rounds and 'go.'

There's Matty Finch, the Sexton, and 'Pompey Bill,' the 'Pug,'
Barling the admiral's coxswain, handy with bell or jug,
Tom Hoskins drives the 'Quiver' upon the road past Chcam,
And handles both his bell and 'callings' as he would his team.

A red-coat back from Plassey, and Lawyer Dean, a man
Who argues much on rights and wrongs, as only lawyers can,
And white-wigged parson, with his clerk, make up that set of eight,
Whilst round about the Lych-gate critics quarrel, bet and—wait.

No more those simple fellows will crack their jokes and drink:
Peace to their honest ashes is all that we can think.
They kept our dear land free from foes, for in those days of Mars,
Good Farmer George had got his Ringers, Soldier Lads and Tars.
'CASCABLE.'

* Short pump-handle wigs of the period.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

As a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. M. A. C. E. Smith, who has been for 38 years a Sunday service ringer at Fulham, a touch of 504 Stedman Triples was attempted at All Saints', Fulham, on Sunday, but proved too long for the veteran, who was ringing the tenor. Afterwards 504 Grandsire Triples was rung: H. C. Page 1, A. Cutmore 2, H. Belcher 3, J. W. Driver (conductor) 4, H. A. Folkard 5, W. H. Hollier 6, A. Harding 7, W. E. Neale 8.

Now, let us consider the possibilities of splicing these groups together. The question before us now is: 'Given the P.C. of one of these groups, what courses of another of them will contain changes which repeat with it?' Let us take, for instance, the first 2 groups—i.e., the Plain Bob Group and the Shipway Group, and compare the P.C.s. We find that most of the changes are the same; but the 2nd and 3rd rows and the 12th and 13th rows (counting from the Treble's back stroke blow at lead) in each lead are different. Since there are 7 leads in a P.C. there are, therefore, 14 pairs of rows in each method which are liable to repeat with each other. Now in 5 of these the tenors are in different positions in the 2 methods, so that assuming that we are dealing only with composition with 7, 8 fixed they cannot repeat and we can therefore wash these 6 out. This leaves us with 8 possible places of repetition. Let us take one of these as an example and consider it in detail.

The 2nd row of the 2nd lead of Plain Bob is 32145678.

The 2nd row of the 1st lead of Shipway is 24135678.

So that the corresponding row in the course of Shipway which starts from 13425678 would be 32145678, and would therefore repeat with the P.C. of Plain Bob. This is the same as saying that if we ring the course in the Plain Bob Group which has 23456 as its 'Natural Course End' (henceforward 'N.C.E.') then we cannot ring the course in the Shipway Group which has for N.C.E. 34256 without repetition. Or again, we may put it in this way, '34256 is a False Course End between the 2 groups.' The other 7 pairs will give us 7 other false-course-ends, making 8 in all.

We have worked them out for the 2 groups, Plain Bob and Shipway, but whichever 2 of the 4 groups we select we arrive in each case at the same set of 8 False Course Ends; they are these:—

34256 |	35426 |	63254 |	42635 |
42356 |	52436 |	43652 |	35264 |

This is a very interesting, and most unfortunate, result; and it proves the impossibility of splicing together courses of different groups from the above table. It is possible to have isolated courses of different groups which are not connected by any of the 8 conditions represented by the 8 false-course-ends, and therefore not repeating with each other, but this unfortunately does not help us much because it is not possible to join them up (using Bobs). This is because the 8 False-course-ends happen to be just the 8 possible means of transposition from one N.C.E. to another (i.e., Wrong, Middle, Right, Before, In, Fifths, Out and Home) and it is not possible to get from one N.C.E. to another (in any method) without using one of them.

Having proved that we are up against a brick wall in this direction, we must go back and see what side-turnings (if any) may be explored with advantage. But first let me just make one point clear. So far I have assumed that we are dealing with in-course N.C.E.s only, i.e., we have limited ourselves to the use of bobs, keeping Singles for the purpose of doubling the number of methods in our peal by ringing one half in-course in certain methods and the other half out-of-course in other methods. Later on we will return and consider whether we can use Singles as a means of forcing a way through our brick wall.

Let us now take stock of the state of affairs and see what we can hope to do.

By ringing the first half in-course, and the 2nd out-of-course, with Singles half-way and end, we can use 1 group in the first half and another in the 2nd. This will give us 2 methods. We can then substitute courses of one other method for whole courses of each of these 2 (as explained above). This gives us 4 methods. Now, by exercising ordinary care and a little ingenuity, we can compose an in-course round-block which contains chunks of 2 methods which have the same changes in a lead, but different places (i.e., 2nd's or 8th's) at the Treble's lead (e.g., Double Norwich and Double Oxford). In this way we can again double the number of methods in our peal, bringing it up to 8. The accompanying example contains 7 methods, the reason being that I have chosen the Plain Bob Group as one of the two, it being so much the best known and most practised, and this group has one member missing (as explained above).

So far we have kept strictly to full Major methods; if we now admit 'Little' Methods we can immediately add 6 more, because there are 6 Little Methods (2 with the Treble hunting up to 4th's place and 4 with it hunting up to 6th's) in the P.C. of which all the changes occur in either a P.C. of Plain Bob or of Shipway's Court. Choosing these 2 groups therefore as our foundation we can get a peal containing 13 methods.

We must now temporarily suspend our investigations while we do a little actual composing. The result is the 2 accompanying peals. In each of them the actual composing is done in 4 methods, 2 in the first half and 2 in the last, each pair being a 2nd's place method and an 8th's place method having the same changes in a course. Whole courses of the other methods are then spliced in at appropriate places; the joining together of the 2nd's place methods is at the course-ends, but the 8th's place methods must be joined at the 'Out' lead-end.

In writing out these peals it becomes necessary to dispense with the rather slipshod '1-4-6 business' which is generally used in the case of Double Norwich, and resort to the correct terms, namely,

Wrong, Middle, Right, and Before for 2nd's place methods, and In, Fifth's, Out, and Home, for 8th's place methods.

I am glad to be able to say, in conclusion, that in these two cases the splicing of several methods into a peal has not been achieved at the expense of 'music.' Neither the 2nd nor 3rd is ever in 6th's place in either of them, and I hope that their musical qualities will satisfy the sternest critic of splicing.

A PEAL IN PLAIN MAJOR METHODS. 5088 CHANGES.

By Stephen H. Wood.

I	F (H)	O	23456	W	M	R	23465
—	—	—	53624 Double Norwich	—	—	—	42365 Plain Bob
—	—	—	36524 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	36425 Plain Bob
—	—	—	65324 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	43625 Double Bob
—	—	—	23564 Double Norwich	—	—	—	64325 Double Bob
—	—	—	35264 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	32645 Plain Bob
—	—	—	52364 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	63245 Double Bob
—	—	—	32465 Double Norwich	—	—	—	24635 Plain Bob
M	W	x	R	—	—	—	62435 Double Bob
—	—	—	46325 Double Oxford	F	O	I (H)	—
—	—	—	34625 Hereward Bob	—	—	—	23654 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	63425 Hereward Bob	—	—	—	36254 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	54326 Double Oxford	—	—	—	62354 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	32546 Double Oxford	—	—	—	35624 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	53246 Hereward Bob	—	—	—	56324 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	25346 Hereward Bob	—	—	—	32564 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	34256 Double Oxford	—	—	—	25364 Reverse Bob
I	F	O	—	—	x	—	25436 Reverse Bob
—	—	—	52436 Double Norwich	W	M	R	—
—	—	—	25634 Double Norwich	—	—	—	42536 Plain Bob
—	—	—	56234 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	54236 Double Bob
—	—	—	62534 Pershore Bob	—	—	—	23546 Plain Bob
—	—	—	26435 Double Norwich	—	—	—	52346 Double Bob
—	—	—	64235 Double Norwich	—	—	—	35246 Double Bob
M	(B)	W	R	—	—	—	24356 Plain Bob
—	—	—	24365 Double Oxford	—	—	S	23456 Plain Bob
—	—	S	23465 Double Oxford	—	—	—	—

2 and 3 never in 6th's place.

The 2nd's place methods are changed at the Course-ends. In the case of the 8th's place methods, however, the changing must be done at the 'Out' lead-end, i.e., where Pershore Bob is marked opposite a course this method must be rung from the Out-lead-end of the previous course to the Out-lead-end of this course.

These 7 methods are all among the first 15 in the Central Council Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods. 'Reverse' must be rung with a 6th's place bob, the 2nd of the 2 alternative forms shown in the 'Collection.'

A PEAL IN 13 PLAIN MAJOR METHODS. 5000 CHANGES.

By Stephen H. Wood.

F	I	O	23456
—	—	—	54326 Shipway's Court, Victoria Little Court
—	—	—	43526 Victoria Little Court, Highbury Bob
—	—	—	35426 Highbury Bob, Shipway's Court.
—	—	—	24536 Shipway's Court, Victoria Little Court
—	—	—	45236 Victoria Little Court, Highbury Bob
—	—	—	52436 Highbury Bob, Shipway's Court
—	—	—	34256 Shipway's Court, Highbury Bob
—	—	—	(42356) *Highbury Bob
M	W	(B)	R
—	—	—	63254 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	26354 Marlborough Bob
—	—	—	35264 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	23564 Little Oxford Bob
—	—	—	52364 Marlborough Bob
—	—	—	36524 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	53624 Marlborough Bob
—	—	—	53246 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	25346 Little Oxford Bob
—	—	—	32546 Marlborough Bob
F	I (H)	O	—
—	—	—	23645 Shipway's Court
—	—	—	62534 Shipway's Court.
—	—	—	25634 Shipway's Court, Victoria Little Court.
—	—	—	(56234) *Victoria Little Court.
M	W	R	—
—	—	—	43265 Winchester Bob
—	—	—	24365 Little Oxford Bob
—	—	S	23465 Marlborough Bob
W	M	R	—
—	—	—	42365 Double Bob
—	—	—	36425 Plain Bob
—	—	—	43625 Double Bob
—	—	—	64325 Gainsborough Little Bob
—	—	—	32645 Plain Bob
—	—	—	63245 Gainsborough Little Bob

Continued 63245

—	—	—	24635 Plain Bob
—	—	—	62435 Gainsborough Little Bob
F	O	I (H)	—
—	—	—	26534 Reverse Bob, Wellington Little Court.
—	—	—	65234 Wellington Little Court, Crayford Little Court.
—	—	—	23654 Crayford Little Court, Reverse Bob
—	—	—	36254 Reverse Bob, Wellington Little Court.
—	—	—	62354 Wellington Little Court, Crayford Little Court.
—	—	—	35624 Crayford Little Court, Reverse Bob.
—	—	—	56324 Reverse Bob, Wellington Little Court
—	—	—	32564 Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob
—	—	—	25364 Reverse Bob, Crayford Little Court.
—	—	x	25436 Crayford Little Court, Reverse Bob.
W	M	R	—
—	—	—	42536 Double Bob
—	—	—	53426 Plain Bob
—	—	—	45326 Double Bob
—	—	—	34526 Little Bob
—	—	—	52346 Plain Bob
—	—	—	35246 Little Bob
—	—	—	24356 Plain Bob
—	S	—	23456 Plain Bob.

2 and 3 never in 6th's place.

Where 2 methods are marked opposite a course the first must be rung as far as the 'Out' Lead-end and the second from the 'Out' Lead-end to the Course-end. The 2 courses marked * are only rung as far as the 'Out' Lead-end, at which point Winchester Bob is started, the 'Middle' position occurring at the next lead-end. This cuts out 3 leads, including the Course-end, which is therefore put in brackets.

The 13 methods are Nos. 1-7 and 73-79 (omitting 75) in the C.C. Collection.

A DIFFERENT PLAN.

The following is a peal composed by Mr. E. C. S. Turner on quite a different plan from those described above; it contains 14 methods.

A PEAL IN 14 PLAIN MAJOR METHODS. 5016 CHANGES.

By Ernest C. S. Turner.

23456	W	M	H
53426	S	—	Plain Bob, Hereward, Whittlesea.
42536	—	—	Whittlesea, Little Bob, Whittlesea.
65234	—	—	Edmonton, Longney, Double Bob, Plain Bob.
26534	—	—	Edmonton, Longney, Double Bob, Plain Bob.
53624	S	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, St. Clement's, Tiverton, Whittlesea.
62534	—	—	Whittlesea, Hereward, Whittlesea.
56234	—	—	Winchester, St. Clements, Tiverton, Whittlesea.
25634	—	—	Winchester, Longney, Richmond, Plain Bob.
35624	S	—	Whittlesea, Little Bob, Whittlesea.
62354	—	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, St. Clements, Windsor, Plain Bob, Halifax or Sandringham, Plain Bob.
36254	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Windsor, Double Bob, Plain Bob.
23654	—	—	Plain Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob.
65324	S	—	Plain Bob, Hereward, Whittlesea.
32654	—	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, St. Clements, Tiverton, Plain Bob.
63254	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Tiverton, Whittlesea.
26354	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, Longney, Richmond, Plain Bob.
56324	S	—	Plain Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob.
32564	—	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, Longney, Plain Bob, Sandringham, Plain Bob.
53264	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Windsor, Plain Bob, Halifax or Sandringham, Whittlesea.
25364	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Windsor, Plain Bob, Halifax or Sandringham, Plain Bob.
36524	S	—	Plain Bob, Hereward, Whittlesea.
52364	—	—	Whittlesea, Richmond, Longney, Richmond, Plain Bob.
35264	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Tiverton, Plain Bob.
23564	—	—	Plain Bob, Richmond, St. Clements, Tiverton, Plain Bob.

Repeat twice.

The peal may be reduced to 5,000 by ringing Little Bob instead of Hereward in the first course of any two parts.

This peal contains 1,440 changes of Plain Bob, 864 of Whittlesea Bob, 720 of Richmond Bob, 480 of St. Clements Bob, 288 of Longney Bob, 216 of Tiverton Little Bob, 192 each of Hereward Bob and Windsor Bob, 144 of Double Bob and 96 each of Winchester Bob, Edmonton Bob, Double Sandringham Bob, Halifax Bob and Little Bob.

A VISIT TO 'THE GARDEN OF EDEN.'

The members of the St. Saviour's Society, Eastbourne, accompanied by the president (Rev. Claude Williams, Vicar), the vice-president (Col. A. A. Oakham), and Mr. C. M. Taylor, churchwardens, also the Rev. L. Hands, former curate of St. Saviour's, now on holiday in England from South Africa, had their annual outing recently, when they enjoyed an excursion to Maidstone. The route was taken by way of Pevensey, Nisfield, Casfield, Battle, Northiam, a pull at Rolvenden and thence to Tenterden, where luncheon was served after a few touches on the melodious peal at St. Mildred's. Seats again being taken in the well-appointed 'South-down' charabanc, Headcorn, via Biddenden, was reached, where the eight bells were set going to some very good ringing, the journey being afterwards continued through Sutton Valence to Maidstone. After partaking of tea at a local restaurant, a visit to All Saints' belfry was made, where the bells responded to the tune of Grand-sire and Stedman Caters, and Bob Royal. This concluded the ringing for the day. At 7.30 p.m., a start was made on the homeward journey through Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. There is no gain-saying the fact that the ten miles between Maidstone and Tonbridge, which is termed 'the Garden of Eden' by Kentish folk, well merits that description, with its river, with fine meadows on each side of it, and vale covered not only with hop gardens and beautiful woods, but immense orchards. A stop was made at the Abergavenny Arms Hotel, Frant (to water the 'bosses' and other light refreshments). Here the opportunity was taken to thank the donors of the outing and feast, viz., the Vicar and churchwardens, together with the worthy secretary, Mr. W. Ware, for their kindness and appreciation of the efforts of the members of the society in all matters connected with the belfry. The churchwardens and Mr. Ware responded in felicitous terms. The Rev. L. Hands, whose name was coupled with the toast, said how pleased he was to have been able, after such a long absence abroad, to be present and to have spent such an enjoyable time as that day had afforded. He hoped that on his next visit, three years hence, he might be given a similar opportunity.

Eastbourne was reached by 11 p.m. after a most glorious ride through some of the prettiest villages in Kent and Sussex. In connection with this outing there is only one regret, and that is, owing to a previous arrangement at Eastbourne, the Vicar had to leave the party at Tenterden. The members of St. Saviour's Society desire, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents and those in charge of the churches mentioned, for their kindness in allowing their bells to be rung.

LANCASTRIANS IN SOMERSET.

Hearing about 'Bumshire,' near Bath, four kindred spirits decided to find it, and, after nearly 200 miles of a journey by various routes, we met together at tea, and started what proved to be a successful week. Sunday morning found us at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, where we successfully brought round a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Going round in the evening, we found two 'strangers at the gate,' who proved after challenge that they came from Plymouth for half a day. They made us up for Kent and Plain Bob Major for the service. On Monday evening we were at Tiverton, where touches of Kent Major, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major and Superlative were rung. A motor called at the door on Tuesday and took us to Wells, where we spent an interesting hour round the Cathedral, going on to Cheddar, viewing the Gorge and one of the caves, and, driving on to within seven miles of Bristol, we found a house on the roadside, where we were supplied with tea. Then on to St. Stephen's practice, where touches and courses of Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Cambridge Major were the order, during which time the ladies drove to Clifton Downs and Bridge. Eventually we arrived at Bath before 10 p.m. On Wednesday, someone conveniently getting married gave us a chance for a course of Grandsire Caters on the Abbey bells. Thursday being second day of the races, we went to try for our winter's keep, but after the fifth race we got a 'ducking' before we found shelter. We finished the day at St. Saviour's practice. Earlier in the week we arranged to meet Miss Williams in her own tower at Weston on Friday, and here we rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with her, afterwards taking tea with her and her father and enjoying a walk in the garden under the mulberry, walnut and tulip trees, which we do not see in our part of the country. One of the party discovered a piano, and that meant a trial of vocal powers against it, and a flute, played by Mr. Williams, who found us some old songs which were popular about the time we took up ringing. We went on to meet Mr. Canning at Bathford, where Kent and Bob Minor were the order. Hearing that Taunton ringers were passing through on Saturday morning, we met them and had a word as they stretched their legs after their two hours' run. Sunday concluded with service ringing at St. Michael's. Our guide, having spent his vacation there for 20 years, tried to show us in a week what he had found by tramping and tramping us up and down the hills. At the end of a long peal the footnote says the welcome 'That's all' was a relief, or words of that sort, but in our long peal it was most unpopular, as it meant going back to earn another 'eightpence' to replace that we had spent, and, at the same time, part with such friends whose names are too numerous to mention, but whom we hope to meet again in our homes or at Bumshire. WOO OOP OI BEE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The longest peal on handbells was rung in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on August 31st, 1912, by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Mr. Alfred Pulling called 19,738 Stedman Caters, which was rung in 9 hours 32 minutes. The original intention was to ring 22,222, but a late start made it necessary to bring the bells round earlier. As it was, the ringing did not conclude until 11.27 p.m. The ringers were Arthur Shepherd (now deceased), Alfred Pulling, William Shepherd, James Hunt and Frank Blondell.

Bertram Prewett, one of the finest ringers that ever entered a belfry, was killed in action on August 31st, 1918. He had rung 953 peals.

The first ten bell peal in Scotland was Grandsire Caters rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886.

The first peal on the bells at Bishop's Stortford was Grandsire Caters, rung by the Junior Society of College Youths on September 2nd, 1820.

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

MR. PITMAN PRODUCES A PEAL IN ELEVEN METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With your kind permission, I have great pleasure through 'The Ringing World' in congratulating Mr. W. Pye and his band on ringing my peal in ten Surprise Major methods. It is certainly a wonderful performance, and, when I produced it, I was very doubtful if a band would ever be able to ring it. There is no doubt it is the most difficult peal ever rung on tower bells.

The following peal can be rung in eleven methods.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

5,600 CHANGES IN ELEVEN METHODS.

2345878

- 6423857 Rutland.
- 3547682 Lincolnshire or Cambridge
- 6435278 London.
- 3645278 Bristol.
- 2436857 London.
- * 6547283 Superlative, Lincolnshire, Pudsey or Cambridge.
- 4525378 Rutland.
- 3246857 Rutland.
- 6527384 Yorkshire, Superlative or Cambridge.
- 4326857 Norfolk (fourth's place bob).
- 6537482 Lincolnshire or Cambridge.
- 4365278 Rutland.
- 2643857 Rutland.
- 3567284 Superlative or Cambridge.
- 2635478 Rutland.
- 3265478 New Gloucester.
- 4632857 Rutland.
- 6257483 Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative or Cambridge.
- † 5642378 Bristol.
- 4536827 Bristol.
- 3456827 Bristol.
- 6247385 Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative or Cambridge.
- 4632578 London.
- 5346827 London.
- 3627584 Yorkshire, Superlative or Cambridge.
- 2356478 London.
- 4523867 London.
- 3657482 Superlative or Cambridge.
- 5346278 Rutland.
- 2453867 London.
- 3647285 Superlative or Cambridge.
- 2436578 London.
- 5324867 London.
- 4637582 Superlative or Cambridge.
- 3456278 London.

Repeat four times.

From *6547283, Norfolk may be rung, producing 3246857 next lead end. This has the effect of reducing the peal by 32 changes in any part or parts. For the three consecutive leads of Bristol† two leads of Peterborough may be rung. This also reduces the length by 32 changes in each part, but it must be clearly understood that if Peterborough is rung in one part, it must be rung in the five parts to ensure the truth of the peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch was held at Stow on Saturday, August 17th. About 36 members and friends were present from Gainsborough, Upton, Willingham, Misterton, Lincoln, Scunthorpe, Branstons and Burton Stather, together with the local ringers. Evensong was sung at 4 p.m., at which the collection was devoted to the Church Restoration Fund. Tea, followed by the short business meeting, was held in the schoolroom. Cambridge, Kent and Oxford, St. Clement's Bob Minor, Bob Doubles and Stedman Doubles comprised the ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. SOME SUGGESTED CHANGES.

[CONTRIBUTED]

The relation between the Central Council and the constituent organisations has been brought prominently before the Exercise on several occasions in the past, but it has come in an acute form this year on account of the action of the Gloucester and Bristol Association in cutting itself off from the Council. However much this may be regretted, the Council and the Exercise have got to face the position that a large and important association has withdrawn itself from membership because it is dissatisfied. Disintegration of this kind has a habit of spreading unless it can be promptly stopped and, while it is now stated that members of the association intend to do their best to bring their organisation back again to the fold, it is not certain their efforts will succeed.

It therefore behoves the Council itself to look into the ground of disagreement and not to bury its head in the sand and ignore the circumstances of the moment. If the house needs putting in order the Council should see to it. It may be that its present constitution and policy suits the majority of the affiliated bodies, but let it be remembered that the Council was formed close on forty years ago and that now the constitution and policy remain unchanged. That may be considered by some to be a virtue; but there are others who look upon it as stagnation. The Exercise has moved considerably in the last forty years and it is doubtful if the Council has progressed in equal degree—indeed, there are many who will declare that it has moved much more slowly.

When the Council was established its mission in the Exercise was a more or less self-appointed one. Many of the territorial associations at that time had hardly got upon their own feet and the Council, naturally, had carefully to feel its way. It was by no means certain that its presence would be welcome, but a judicious handling of affairs established it safely as the organised head of the Exercise. From the start its policy has always been to influence and not to direct matters affecting ringing—to follow rather than to lead. After forty years 'in the saddle' is it not time that the Council adopted a bolder policy, and made itself a real centre of thought and progress, calling for loyal recognition on the part of all the many associations and guilds throughout the country?

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This question of whether members of the Council are representatives or delegates is hardly one upon which the Exercise need stop to split straws. They are members, and that should be sufficient. They are elected by their associations and if those by whom they are appointed wish to have certain views expressed on any special subject they should, in loyalty to those who elect them, give expression to those opinions—or let someone else do so. And in this connection it might be well if the Council considered an alteration in the constitution to make elections annual instead of triennial, as it now is.

Nothing would be lost by this change; but it might do some good. In those organisations where the members of the Council have satisfactorily represented their association, there could be re-election, but in cases where an organisation wished to ensure support of a particular policy, they would be able to ensure the election of men (or women) who were in favour of such policy and there

would be less likelihood of the spectacle of a member having to confess that his association wanted him to vote one way, while his own convictions urged him to vote the other. An annual election would strengthen the position of the associations, by giving them a more direct control; it would strengthen the position of the Council by keeping it thoroughly representative of the current views of its affiliated bodies.

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Another step in making the Council the real head of the Exercise, in practice as well as in name, would be to make it a *sin qua non* of membership that the Council's rulings should be recognised. To get all the associations to accept this may at first sight seem a difficult task, but it is really the only logical action that can be taken. After all, if the associations are content to send members to the Council, why should they not be content to accept the decisions arrived at? A free and easy attitude, by which an association will accept the decisions which please it and reject those that do not, is one that leads no whither. If the question were properly put before the association—if they were educated so to speak—they would, it is easy to believe, come to the view, that to be consistent, they must, if they are affiliated, accept the rulings of the Council and that there is no reason, therefore, why, in retaining affiliation, they should not pledge themselves, as some of them have already done, to do so.

The rules of the Council lay down the number of 'representative members' which an affiliated society may elect, the number, with a maximum of four, being governed by the membership of the society concerned! Instances could be quoted where societies, entitled to, say, three or four members, elect only one or two—presumably in order to save the small affiliation fee. That is a parsimony that ought to be discouraged and even if an association does not send the whole of its representatives to the meetings (or delegates, if you prefer it) it ought at least to pay its full fees.

The Council's rules provide for the representation to be in a certain proportion, so the society of over 450 members, which is entitled to four representatives, and which elects only one representative, is depriving the Council of a part of its legitimate income. The Council has just altered one of its rules, by which the fees have been raised from 2/6 to 5/- per member; it might well give consideration to a further change, by laying down, instead, that a society exceeding 75 but not exceeding 150 members should pay an affiliation fee of 5/- and be entitled to one representative; exceeding 150 but not exceeding 300 should pay a fee of 10/- and be entitled to two representatives; exceeding 300 but not exceeding 450 should pay a fee of 15/- and be entitled to three representatives; and exceeding 450 should pay a fee of 20/- and be entitled to four representatives. This in turn ought also to involve a definition of those who should be included in the total, and obviously the proper basis of counting heads in county and diocesan organisations would be to include only resident members. A large proportion of the strength of many associations is made up of 'compounding' or non-resident members and these should be excluded when arriving at the membership upon which representation should be based.

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In another direction the link between the Council and the associations might be strengthened and a possible
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ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD'S LOSS.

The St. Mary Abbots Guild of Ringers, Kensington, deeply regret the loss of their friend and treasurer, Mr. Reginald Carter, who on August 14th collapsed and died in the street. The funeral service took place on August 20th at St. Mary Abbots Church.

Mr. Carter will be sadly missed in all branches at St. Mary Abbots, where he was a generous church worker, especially in the belfry. He was also a borough councillor.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Rogate on Saturday, there being a good gathering of ringers, their wives and friends. Between 30 and 40 were present, including Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, members from Angmering, Chichester, Ham, Pulborough, Knuford, Rogate and visitors from Manchester and Bristol.

A short service was held and an address given by the Rev. M. Champneys. Tea was partaken of at the White Horse Inn, with the Rev. M. Champneys at the head of the table. A short business meeting followed. No new members were forthcoming, and, after the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, etc., the members again visited the belfry for further ringing.

The next quarterly meeting is fixed for Chichester in November.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION'S FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the report of the retirement from ringing of Mr. Maddock, of Taunton, it was stated that he conducted the first peals of Minor, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples for the Bath and Wells Association. The first peal of Stedman Triples for the association was rung at Dunster on February 4th, 1895, conducted by O. F. Winney. Mr. Maddock rang the tenor to the first peal of Stedman at St. James', Taunton, July 3rd, 1897, conducted by Ferris Shephard, and he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples inside on December 27th, 1898, conducted by C. F. Winney, at St. James'. It is, therefore, an error to say that he conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples. I rang in all three of the peals mentioned.—Yours truly,

W. W. THORNE.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.—At St. Vincent's Church on Wednesday, August 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leslie Squires (first quarter-peal and aged 13 years) 1, H. Haynes 2, T. Cragg 3, H. Thorpe 4, S. Proctor 5, H. Squires 6, W. Thorpe (conductor) 7, R. Pick 8.

ROTHWELL, Yorks.—On Tuesday, August 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Bob Minor: J. Ellis (first 720) 1, A. G. Wood 2, G. Copley 3, A. Wornald 4, H. L. Jones 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Monday, July 22nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, by the St. Nicholas' Society, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Higgin 1, H. Rann 2, G. Smart 3, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 4, F. I. Hairs 5, F. N. Smeaton 6, P. Bennett (conductor) 7, G. H. Shaker 8. This was specially arranged to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Coard, a highly-respected member of the society. It was intended to ring a peal, but owing to unforeseen circumstances the above had to be substituted.

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means of irritation removed. Both the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Suffolk Guild have complained of the way in which motions which they have got on to the agenda have been treated. At present the only recognised form of motion is that given in a personal way by a member. If associations are to take a full interest in the Council and get their suggestions considered by the central body, they ought to be able to send them officially as recommendations. It would often give a proposal more weight and even gain for it a wider consideration by other affiliated bodies. What apparently is wanted is a set of Standing Orders as suggested by Rev. H. Drake, which would put this procedure and other matters on a proper footing.

Once again, let the Council examine its own position and adapt itself to modern developments. There are many ways in which it might make itself the leader as well as the adviser of the Exercise.

THREE ASSOCIATIONS' JOINT MEETING.

BIG GATHERING AT HERTFORD.

The popularity of associations' joint meetings was further exemplified on Saturday last, when between 70 and 80 ringers attended a joint gathering of the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations at Hertford. A pleasing feature was the number of veterans present, and it was evident that they each came to see if they would meet other veterans, to chat together over old days. They were not disappointed, and we especially hope that our old friend Mr. Joe Waghorn will be spared to attend many more such meetings. Divine service was held in St. Andrew's Church at 5 p.m., when the Rev. R. J. Paulsen gave the members of the three associations a sincere welcome to the county town. The Herts Association form of service was used.

At tea Mr. C. H. Howard (Master, Essex Association) took the chair. He was supported by Mr. W. H. Laurence (Herts), Messrs. E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye and W. J. Nevard (Essex), Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. Pickworth (Middlesex), and a large number of members and friends of the three societies.

Mr. Howard expressed the pleasure of the Essex ringers in being associated with these joint meetings. They were not now satisfied with two societies fraternising, and he was pleased that the three associations could meet together.

Mr. Lawrence gave a hearty welcome to the visitors from Essex and Middlesex. He was delighted at the presence of the Master of the Essex Association, and also expressed his pleasure at seeing members of the Ashton long peal band present. He heartily congratulated them on their achievement.

Mr. Coles thanked the last speaker for the very kind welcome given to Middlesex ringers, and said he hoped to give Herts and Essex ringers an equally hearty welcome in Middlesex next year. He also thanked Mr. Laurence for his kind reference to the Ashton peal, and paid a tribute to the excellent 'go' of the bells, stating that if the bellringers had not done their work well it would have been an impossible task.

Mr. E. J. Butler, on behalf of Essex ringers, also expressed pleasure at being present, and was glad to notice that all had had a much better tea this year.

Mr. Howard moved a vote of thanks to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. R. J. Paulsen for taking the service. He also referred to the Ashton peal, and to the spliced peal in ten methods rung at Willesden. He ceased to be surprised at anything that was accomplished by ringers nowadays. Mr. Howard also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Lawrence for the excellent arrangements made, which was carried with acclamation.

A great deal of ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8) and Bengoe (8), in most of the standard methods, the day coming to an end all too soon.

CRAWLEY DISTRICT RINGERS IN KENT.

On Saturday, July 13th, the Crawley ringers, with ringing friends from Horley, Charlwood, Buckland, Reigate and Merstham, embarked early in the morning on a trusty Southdown charabanc for their annual 'outburst' of ringing. They had a pleasant ride via Redhill and Sevenoaks to Speldhurst, the first port of call. The good running bells at this church were soon tripping along merrily into changes, while some of the horticulturally-minded members took a stroll round the Rector's garden, which he very kindly opened to them, and which was greatly admired. The next tower to be visited was Marden, on which octave Superlative and Cambridge, etc., were rung. Proceeding to Staplehurst, whose massive bell, the tenor, was rung by a massive man, the Reigate men had the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance of Mr. Wenban, an old friend, who met the party at the tower. After ringing, a 'scrumptious' dinner was enjoyed at the Railway Tavern, and then a Charlwood gentleman entertained the company to some amusing songs, and others contributed on the hand-bells. The journey was then resumed to Headcorn, where some further Surprise ringing was indulged in and a fine view of the surrounding countryside obtained from the summit of the tower. A move was then made to Leeds, famous in ringing history, with its huge squat tower, 44ft. x 47ft. inside. Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Treble Ten and London Surprise Major were rung, and some of the party had their first touch on ten bells here. Cambridge Royal was to have been attempted, but one of the ringers was missing at the critical time. (He was fascinated in watching the ten bells turning over in the bell chamber.) Tea was partaken of on the lawn of the George Hotel before proceeding to Linton, where the party were met by Mr. Sono. Last of all came Hadlow, where they 'ran into' the St. Margaret's, Westminster, party. These (the bells at Hadlow—not the ringers from Westminster) are a quaint toned lot, but were soon put into changes. Seven towers were visited during the day, and the ringing throughout was of a high order. The company take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of the bells. That everything went off with such admirable smoothness was due to that energetic and capable organiser, Mr. Oliver Sippetts, who must have put in a lot of unseen work, and last, but not least, the weather clerk, who provided an ideal summer day.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING ENDS IN DARKNESS.**

A very successful meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Betchworth on Saturday, June 24th, ringers being present from Redhill, Reigate, Godstone, Burstow, Buckland, Merstham, Kingswood, Charlwood, Horley, Chelsea, Crawley, Godalming, Aldershot, Dorking, Leatherhead, Croydon, Betchworth and Limpsfield Chart. An excellent tea was provided at the Red Lion Hotel, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. A. Gear was elected to the chair.

The usual business was transacted, Kingswood being proposed as the place for the next meeting, to be held in October.

Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman for presiding at the meeting, to Mr. J. Judd for having everything in readiness, also to Mr. F. Sanders for obtaining permission for Buckland bells for the rest of the evening.

At the conclusion of the business meeting some ringers went to Buckland, and spent an enjoyable hour on this light peal, in ringing Grandsire Doubles, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob; whilst the remainder returned to Betchworth tower, where successful touches of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round, several ringers taking part for their first touch in these methods. The learners also were not forgotten, all those who cared to being given the opportunity to take part in some good rounds. Ringing was kept up till 8.30, when the electric light gave out, and brought an enjoyable meeting to a sudden end.

BROMLEY YOUTHS.

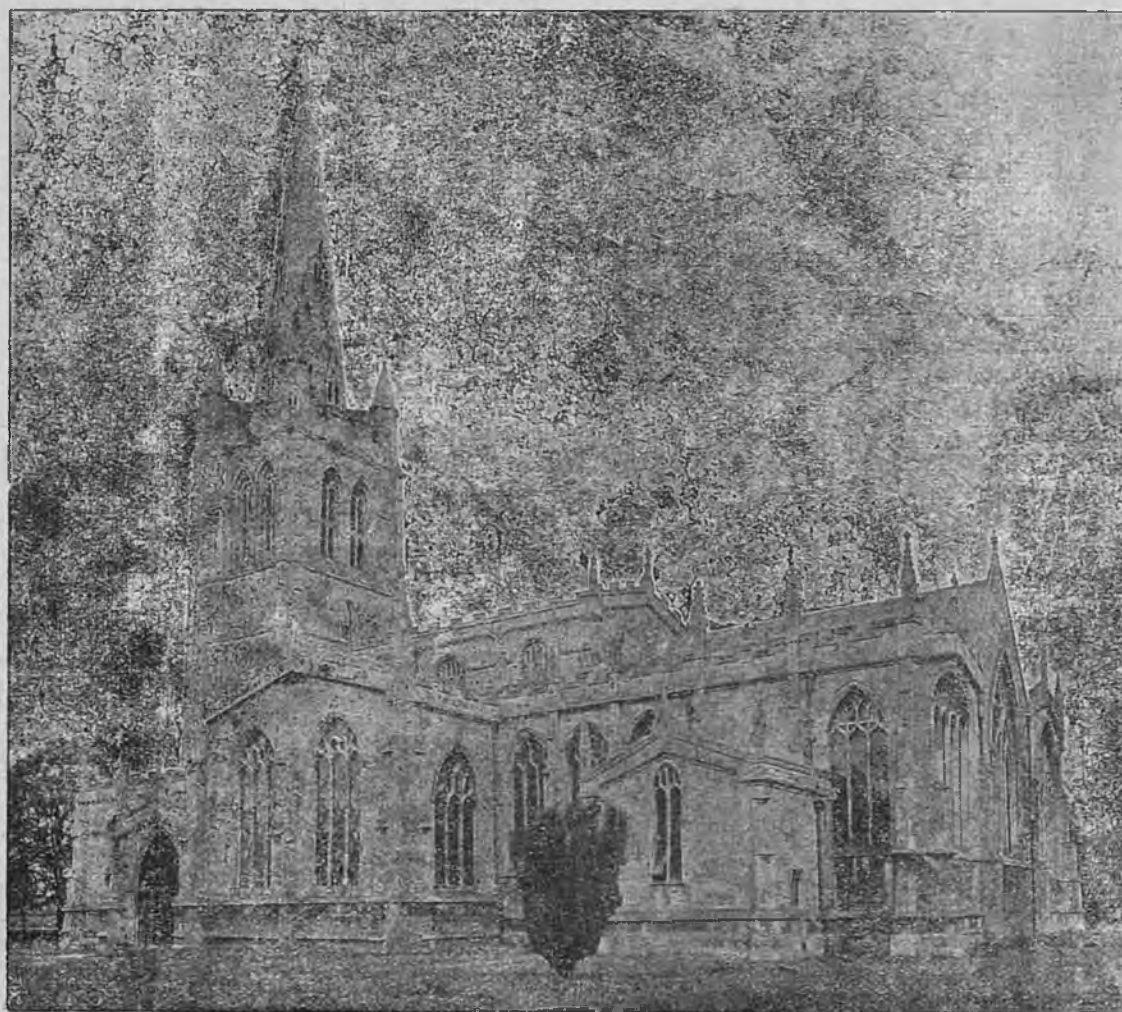
The ringers' art our grateful notes prolong,
Apollo listens and approves the song.
(Bromley 7th bell.)

The first peal on the bells of Bromley was rung on Monday, June 14th, 1773, in 3 hrs. 7 mins., conducted by James Barham, of Leeds, who was very jealous of any strange company coming into the county of Kent for bell openings. He never joined either of the two old London societies, as he considered the Lenham and Leeds company second to none in England at that time. His band had rung four peals in that year before visiting Bromley, including a 13,000 of Bob Major, at Leeds.

The College Youths opened Bromley bells, and the Royal Cumberlands followed in unsuccessful efforts to score the 'first.' However, both bands consoled themselves the following year by ringing a peal of Treble Bob Major, May 8th, 1774, conducted by Edward Rumball for the College Youths; and a peal of Union Bob Major, composed and conducted by George Gross, on September 25th, 1774, for the Cumberlands. It is interesting to note the length of these performances—5,088, 5,056 and 5,184 changes—all Major.

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465372 2	Three times re- peated with S at end.
724536 2	523647
437265 3	475362 2
524637 1	234675 1
375462 2	472356 3
473256 5	634572 1
734256 4	Three times re- peated with S at end pro- duces
627534 1	253647
346752 2	
523674 2	
375246 3	
463527 2	
754263 1	
547263 4	
635724 2	
736452 5	
247536 1	
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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church on August 25th for evening service, 720 Double Court Bob in 23 mins.: C. M. Heathcote 1, W. A. Allen, sen., 2, E. A. Wilson 3, C. J. Partridge 4, C. M. Beckley 5, J. Bettison (conductor) 6. All are Sunday service ringers.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael for evensong on August 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: A. Arnold 1, F. Coxon (Spondon, Derbyshire) 2, L. Mason 3, F. Date 4, Rev. E. G. Benson (Tewkesbury) 5, J. Pugsley 6, G. Atkins (conductor) 7, W. Male 8.

PORTSMOUE.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evensong at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 1,264 Bob Major in 52 mins.: C. Shepherd 1, E. C. Martin 2, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 3, C. Smart 4, J. W. Wilkins 5, J. F. Ballinger 6, F. W. Burnett 7, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th, who hail from Pulborough, High Wycombe and Cheltenham respectively.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, H. L. Cook 3, H. S. Parsons 4, H. Lewis 5, H. C. Bond 6, Wilfred H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8. First quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt.

MALDON.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, August 25th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. J. Mansfield 1, S. R. Lintott 2, W. H. Chalk 3, E. G. Ellenger 4, A. South 5, F. Chalk 6, G. Green, Great Baddow (conductor), 7, J. Amos 8.

LLANBRADACH.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled in memory of the late Vicar (the Rev. Edwin Edwards), who passed away on August 24th, 1928: W. Gwilym 1, F. Stevens 2, G. Gwilym 3, H. Skinner 4, H. Cassel (conductor) 5, Mr. Gwilym 6, W. Burgess 7, J. Williams 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of the 1st and 3rd inside; first quarter-peal for 6th ringer; first quarter as conductor. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Hospital Sunday, August 25th, for afternoon service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: J. Ransom (first 720) 1, W. Young 2, E. Wakeling 3, J. Grainger 4, A. Abrams (conductor) 5, W. Ransom (first 720) 6.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original) in 49 mins.: F. Taylor 1, A. Legge 2, A. Drake 3, H. A. Phillips 4, H. Barton (conductor) 5, G. Smart (Brighton) 6, C. Taylor 7, B. Sibbick 8.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church for evensong on August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. Arnold 1, C. Strawbridge 2, F. Coxon 3, L. Mason 4, F. Date 5, F. Woolley 6, G. Atkin (conductor) 7, W. Male 8. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Spondon, Derby.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church on August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. for morning service: A. Stevens 1, G. Walmsley 2, H. Worsfold 3, W. Shorter 4, W. Phipps 5, W. E. Butler 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. W. Smith 8. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HYPHE, KENT.—At St. Leonard's Church on Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: W. J. Prebble 1, W. Bidnell 2, H. Hoskins, of Greenwich, 3, R. J. Birch 4, W. Binfield, of Folkestone (conductor), 5, W. Kitchin, of Folkestone, 6, S. A. Gower 7, A. Sivan 8.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 18th, at St. Mary's Church after evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,260 changes) in 53 mins.: B. North 1, G. Bacon 2, W. Dudley 3, P. Lufkin 4, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 5, S. Bayhut 6, S. W. Corden 7, L. Page 8. First quarter of Cambridge by ringers of the 1st and 4th.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church for evening service on Sunday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. N. Williams 1, F. Hinton 2, G. Hughes 3, J. Round 4, A. Rowley (conductor) 5, T. W. Cattell 6, J. Goodman 7, F. Williams 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 8th. Specially arranged for F. Hinton, a visiting ringer from Selby, Yorkshire.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Basingstoke District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch). — A joint meeting will be held at Hawley, Hants, on Saturday, August 31st. Divine service at 5 p.m. Preacher: Rev. B. Long, Rural Dean of Sonning. Tea in Memorial Hall immediately after service. Hawley (8), Yateley (8) and Sandhurst (6) bells available afternoon and evening. — C. W. Denyer, Rev. D. L. Board, W. J. Paice, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Sedgley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Swindell). Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Nuthall (6 bells) on Saturday, August 31st. Tower open 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 1 to 6 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members will be entertained to tea by the Vicar.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, August 31st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Broughton Astley, on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Geo. Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, August 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., which will be in Blaise Castle, by kind permission. All visitors welcome.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for September: St Clement Danes, Sunday, 1st, at 10 a.m., Mondays, 9th and 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 3rd, 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 September 3rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 5th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th, St Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Sept. 7th. Bells open early. Tea can be had by applying to Mrs. Godber, Refreshment Rooms, Eyam. Visitors will be welcome and it is hoped that we shall have a good attendance.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Kenn on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4. Tea (1s. each) 4.45. Bells available: Kenn (6), Alphington (8), Exminster (6), Kenton (6). All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Whimble, Devon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested; business very important.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 3rd quarterly meeting will be held at Billesdon on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Old School at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. G. Geary, Sunny Side, Billesdon, not later than Thursday, 5th?—Alban Disney, Local Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Navenby (new peal of 6 by Taylor) Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tower open 2 p.m. Silver Queen bus leaves Lincoln at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; returns from Grantham at 6.15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Notification to tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1/-. All ringers welcome. Interested visitors please notify Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, nr. Newbury, not later than Wednesday, September 4th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m.; ringers attending who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, September 5th. All ringers welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Broadway Old Church on Saturday, September 7th. Service, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. V. H. Patrick, at 4.30 p.m. prompt, who also is arranging tea for those who send me their names not later than Tuesday, September 3rd. Midland red buses leave Evesham for Broadway at 1 and 2 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Crewkerne (8 bells) on Saturday, September 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec. North Street, Martock.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at usual terms at 5.30. Please advise me by 11th, without fail. Members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations; Cuffley and Potters Bar. Buses from Barnet.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 1/-. Business meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Childs, Hethsett, Queen Street, Godalming, by September 10th please.—G. L. Grover, District Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at High Easter on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock; usual arrangements. All those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 11th, last post.—H. W. Kirton, Longmeads Cottage, Writtle, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members make their own arrangements for tea.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. York Minster (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Rank, New Lane, Malton Road, York, not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—By the invitation of the Huntington Guild the quarterly meeting will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, September 14th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.: business—Election of Branch President. Tea will be provided at the Bay Horse Inn at a charge of 1/6 per head for those who send in their names to Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than Wednesday, September 11th.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea at Battle Axes Hotel 5. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Llandudno on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 20, Ffordd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. Dinner tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) may be had from Messrs. G. Lewis, R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson, or direct from the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Kindly enclose remittance with application.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, September 21st, by kind permission of Rev. Chestel de Boinville. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers for the coming year. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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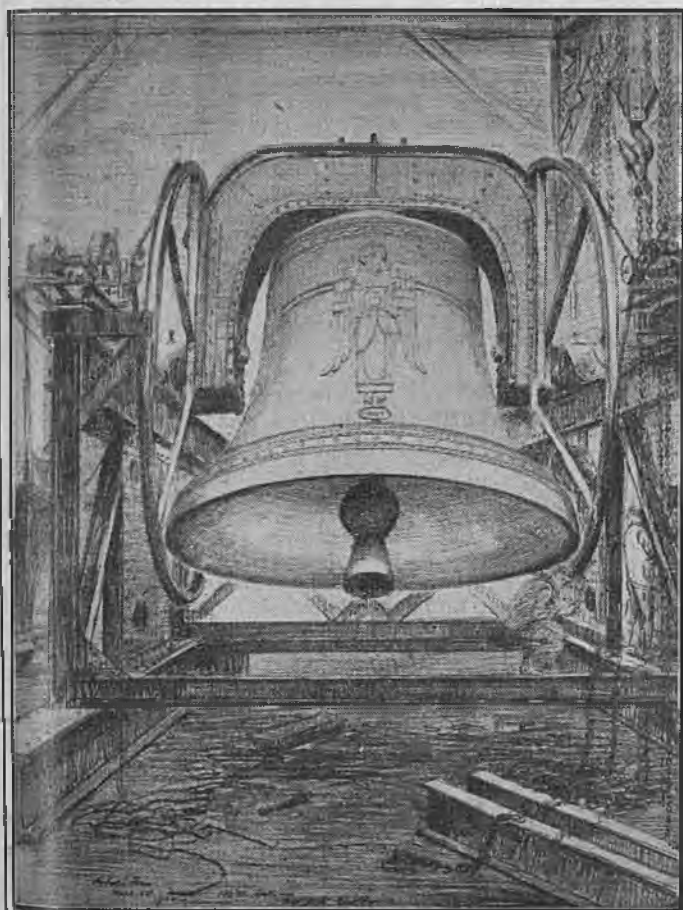
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There can be little question, we think, that the Exercise, taken as a whole, is desirous of seeing the Central Council made an effective as well as a nominal head of the Ringing Exercise. Without some such organisation every association would set up its own standards and the art, which is now a national one, might easily lose cohesion both in the expansion of its principles and in its practice. But at present, despite nearly forty years' existence, the Council is not taken seriously by many of the rank and file and its decisions are merely treated as the opinions of a body of people, who may or may not be competent to express them. That, of course, is not the view of those who study what the Council has done and is trying to do. The sum of the Council's labours has been a very large contribution to the progress of the art in the last three or four decades; yet there are still those who imagine that the Exercise could get on very well without it. While the Council's prestige is to-day higher than ever it was, it needs an even wider recognition than it at present receives. How is that recognition to be obtained? We would commend to our readers the article which was contributed to our last issue by a member of the Council. This article put forward a number of steps which it was suggested might be taken to bring the Council into closer relationship with the affiliated bodies, and every one of the points raised is worth the serious consideration of the associations. Not the least important of the changes suggested is, in our opinion, the annual election of the representative members, not merely on the ground that it would enable the associations to ensure that on any issue previously raised its views would be adequately represented, but because we think it would give a closer touch than is now possible, under the triennial elections, between the associations and the Council. At present the election of members of the Council comes before the associations only once in three years, and, except in the few cases where the representatives are asked for a report, nothing tangible to awaken interest in the Council or in any action of the members of the Council, happens again for another three years. An annual election would, at any rate, keep the Council under the attention of the members of the associations, whose interest might be further stimulated if all matters outside the absolutely domestic affairs of the Council were officially communicated by the Council to the affiliated bodies. They could then be commented upon or elaborated by the association's own representatives, and in this way a more direct interest might be established. But with an interval of three years between the happen-

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ings within an association's own proceedings of anything relating to the Council, can it be wondered at that members of the associations not only lose touch but also interest in the Central body? An annual election, therefore, is, in our opinion, a most necessary change in the constitution of the Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 27, 1929, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

PERCY O. LARLIN Treble	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	*FRED PRICE 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ERNEST MORRIS 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	*SAMUEL GROVE 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Both have now rung peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the recast bells.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	*WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 2	*WILLIAM G. SEDGLEY 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	*ERNEST F. POPPY 9
*HARRY R. ROPER 4	*LEONARD E. LAST 10
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
GEORGE A. FLEMING 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Poppy's 300th peal. By a coincidence his 100th and 200th peals were rung on the same bell.

CHELTENHAM.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5035 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	THOMAS BEVAN 7
JOHN SPARROW 2	*GEORGE W. STEERE 8
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
ARTHUR N. HARDY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUTT 11
CECIL J. MATTHEWS 6	FRANK SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS

* First peal of Cinques. G. H. Cross' 400th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 9
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 5	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS 3	FRANK E. DARBY 8
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 9
JOHN T. KENTISH 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal as conductor, to whom the peal was rung as a birthday compliment.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
RICHARD D. DIVAL 3	KEITH HART 7
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 4	WILFRED BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 26, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL Treble	HARRY WILDE 5
ARTHUR SKELTON 2	SAM LONGBOTTOM 6
CLIFFORD ELLISON 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
EDGAR WHITELEY 4	HAROLD PEARCE Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Whiteley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER Treble	ERNEST G. GARRARD 5
EDWARD A. MORRIS 2	REGINALD G. ILSLEY 6
WILFRED G. WILSON 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES BILBY Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	*WILLIAM R. BAXTER 6
RONALD G. BECK 3	*CHARLES DOEL 7
*WILLIAM LOOD 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by WM. A. CAVE.

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Raison, the local steeplekeeper.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Brett 1, Mrs. W. Spooner 2, W. Spooner 3, Miss H. Darville 4, C. Mitchell 5, R. Brett (conductor) 6. Also rung as a farewell to G. Brett.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINOS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	WILLIAM R. BOND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

The quickest peal on the bells.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 30, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
*ROBERT S. STRATFORD ... 2	ADAM DEAS 6
*JOHN ANDERSON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the ringer of the second, who is just thirteen years of age.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM ASHDOWN 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	*ALEXANDRA WADDINGTON ... 7
*JAMES W. KNIGHT 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (319). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob.

BUCKLAND, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

*EDMUND A. PASSAM ... Treble	*WILLIAM COLLETT 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
JACK HONEY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
*JOHN NOBES 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
GEORGE JORDON 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* 150th peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	*JOHN W. ENGLAND 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
THOMAS BETTISON 3	EDWARD ROBBINS 7
*WILLIAM SWAIN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

MORETONHAMPESTEAD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*EVERARD DAVENPORT Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALKER 5
MRS. E. S. POWELL 2	†VICTOR BENNETT 6
†MISS J. DAVENPORT 3	REV. E. S. POWELL 7
JOHN ARBURY 4	FRANK DAVEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by Mrs. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells. First peal to be conducted by a lady for the Devonshire Guild.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
GEORGE F. GARRISON 2	FRED PRICE 6
WILLIAM J. MEARS 3	WILLIAM DAVIS 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild. Rung at the first attempt.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN THORPE 5
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	*ALBERT SMITHSON 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*ROBERT MOLTON Treble	ALFRED PRIOR 5
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 2	GEORGE DAWSON 6
ERNEST E. HOLMAN 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 7
*HAROLD A. EDWARDS 4	†JOHN BULLEN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON.

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

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS 5
JOHN POTTER 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
JOSEPH POTTER 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
*CHRIS GUDGEON 4	WALTER W. WOLSTENBROFT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. This was the first time this method had been rung on the bells since 1914.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: E. G. Swift 1, P. E. Jones 2, R. Warnett 3, C. Nicholls 4, T. J. Setter (first quarter in the method) 5, R. Carter 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, J. H. Lucas 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS BEENEY Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
JAMES BULLOCK 4	EDWARD J. SAMPSON Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung on the 78th anniversary of the birthday of Mr. T. Benney, who took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at the same church on April 26th, 1875, for the above society.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN S. MORLEY Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	BERNARD WELLS 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Cecil Nice (a popular member of the local band), and Miss Dorothy Emery, which took place on the above date.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent, two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	JAMES WARDLEY 5
WILLIAM A. WOODS 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Monday, August 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hull, Ringers', Berwick, Chester, Sandiacre, Carlisle and Canterbury. 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.

This is the first Surprise peal by all the band, also the first Surprise peal on these bells.

LAPLEY, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt (approx.).

ALBERT D. COLLINS Treble	*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 3
HERBERT R. PICKERING 2	HERBERT E. BOOTH 4
*HARRY BOSWELL 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles and first attempt. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells. First peal on five bells by all the band. The conductor has now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. The band extend their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON... 3-4 | †HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal 'in hand' away from the tenors. † First peal of Bob Major 'in hand.'

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

FRANK A. TURNER ... 1-2 | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4

ARTHUR SYMONDS... 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Longest length on handbells in West Suffolk.

THE VICISSITUDES OF AN ANCIENT BELL.

BROKEN AND UNWANTED—NOW TO AUGMENT ABBEY RING.

Few ancient bells can have experienced the vicissitudes of that which is shortly to find a new home in Minster Abbey Church at Sheppey. Recently the five bells here were restored by the generosity of Mr. S. T. Hipwell, the old bell above referred to (broken and useless) is now to be recast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and is to be added to Minster Abbey ring to make a peal of six.

The story of this ancient bell is told by the 'Sheerness Guardian,' and will be of interest to ringers:—

'It was cast round about the year 1602 by Messrs. Hatch, the same family which, some 60 years later, cast the bells of Minster Abbey Church. The long, slender shape of the bell indicates its antiquity. That bell was hung in the tower of Warden Church, a mud and plaster building, with a stone tower, which alone withstood the onslaught of time. In due course, however, the church had to be demolished. (Contrary to the usual story, it did not fall down the cliffs, although its remains are at present under the sea.) The bell, apparently unwanted, lay for a considerable time among the ruins, forgotten by most people, and neglected by the rest.

'So time passed, until, during the time when the late Mr. W. Bramston was Vicar of Minster, it was decided to build a mission church at Halfway. The church was built, and there was but one thing that was missing—a bell. Then Mr. Crawley, who had long been interested in the project, remembered the bell at Warden. He approached the Vicar on the matter, permission was sought and obtained, and the bell was carted from its bed among the ruins and installed into the tower of St. Peter's Church, where again it entered upon its ecclesiastical duties. Its career, however, was not to remain undisturbed, for before very long a fire broke out at the church, which was destroyed. Again the bell was found among the ruins, but the intense heat and the fall had done their work—it was in pieces.

'That seemed likely to be the end of its career, but Mr. Crawley again intervened, and the pieces were collected. Being useless for their original purpose, however, they were deposited in a forge kept by Mr. Foreman, then at Halfway, now at Minster. There they remained, lying in an obscure corner, until the removal of Mr. Foreman to Minster. There being then no place to store the remains of the bell, they were taken to Minster Abbey Church, where they remained beneath the clock in the bell tower until the death of the Vicar of Minster, and the coming of the Rev. E. A. Miller, some four years ago. At that time the parish of Warden was taken away from Minster, to which it had formerly belonged, and was transferred to Eastchurch. The goods of the parish had accordingly to be transferred also, and among them the broken bell, still unwanted, travelled.

'During the last few years the pieces have lain at Eastchurch. Nobody seemed to want them, and nobody seemed to know what to do with them. Then Mr. Hipwell, having restored the bells at Minster, wished for another bell, in order that the church might be brought into line with Eastchurch and Queenborough, which possess six bells each, there being only five at Minster. Hearing by chance of the broken Warden bell, Mr. Hipwell approached the Vicar of Minster with a view to getting the pieces transferred. This was done, and the pieces were sent to London, where they are now in process of being recast.'

THREE GUILDS MEET.

Three neighbouring Guilds, Guildford, Oxford and Winchester and Portsmouth, held a joint meeting at Hawley, Hants, on Saturday. Hawley is one of the few Hampshire towers which came into the Guildford Diocese when the old Winchester Diocese was divided, and it stands very close to the boundaries of all three of the dioceses mentioned. Yateley, an eight-bell tower, only a mile or so away, is in the Winchester Diocese, and Sandhurst, with six bells, a little further off, is in the diocese of Oxford. All these towers were open for ringing in the afternoon, but the visitors, who numbered nearly 60, seemed to concentrate on Hawley.

The Guildford Guild's form of service was used, and was conducted (in the absence of the Rector of Hawley) by the Rev. D. L. Board, of Wolverton, hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. The lesson was read and the address given by the Rev. B. Long, Rector of Wokingham, who succeeded Canon G. F. Coleridge as Rural Dean of Sonning. He preached from Romans xi. 13, 'I magnify mine office,' and spoke of the necessity of recognising, first of all, the importance of any work which was undertaken, and of recognising, next, their weakness in being able to carry it through. A grasp of these two principles, he said, would do much towards making their work better and more effective. They as bellringers were officers with a great work to do for God and His Church, and they could magnify their office if they had in mind the two principles to which he had referred. The rank and file in the Church looked to them to see that their work was well done, and that their lives were lived as became their high calling.

Tea was served in the Memorial Hall, after which there were votes of thanks to the incumbents of the churches, the preacher, the organist, and those, including Mr. Boyles, who had made the local arrangements, proposed by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, who welcomed the visiting Guilds, and said how greatly the Guildford Guild valued the opportunity of meeting their neighbours in this friendly way.

Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) replied, remarking that he hoped the joint gathering of the three Guilds would become an annual event.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of Oxford Diocesan Guild) also referred to the good results that must accrue from such meetings, and he apologised for the absence of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), who was away on holiday.

Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. secretary of Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild) said that Canon Coleridge had sent his regrets that he was unable to be present, as he also was away on holiday. Mr. Paice went on to say that the proposal to have a peal of twelve bells at St. Lawrence's Church, Reading, had now been definitely decided upon. It would be the first peal of 12 in Berkshire, and the scheme had gone through largely as the result of the efforts of Mr. Hibbert. About £170 had got to be raised for these two bells, and the help of any ringers would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, hon. secretary of the Guildford Guild, also spoke, and Mr. Hibbert explained the position of the scheme for augmenting St. Lawrence's bells.

A number of contributions were afterwards handed to Mr. G. Gilbert, who had brought with him an official receipt book.

Among those who attended the gathering, in addition to those whose names have already been mentioned, were Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), who had to leave early, Mr. C. Denyer (hon. secretary of the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (Winchester Cathedral), and ringers from Aldershot, Bagshot, Bramley (Hants), Binsfield, Finchampstead, Harrow Weald, Hawley, Maidenhead, Seale, Sandhurst, Slough, Woking, Wokingham, etc. In the evening there was further ringing, and Yorktown bells, another ring of eight, were also open.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Kildwick on Saturday, August 24th. The attendance was small, the following towers being represented: Bradford, Halifax, Keighley, Sheffield, Guiseley, Far Headingley, Queensbury, Skipton and the local company. In the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung, and at 5 o'clock an adjournment was made for tea. Afterwards, the business meeting was held in the Parish Room, Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) being in the chair.

There were no invitations for the December meeting forthcoming, and it was decided to endeavour to arrange one at St. Michael's, Reading.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to Mr. J. J. Brigg for kindly placing his grounds at the disposal of the visitors, and to the local company for the arrangements made. These were carried unanimously. The tower was again visited, and touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, and Grandsire were rung.

SOME INTERESTING CHURCHES.

ESSEX RINGERS' HAPPY EXCURSION.

The Loughton and Woodford ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, August 24th. Invitations to join the party were extended to the Wanstead ringers and friends of the local bands, and forty-one lined up for the two charabancs engaged for the trip. By eight o'clock the 'Right away' was sounded, and signs of a sunny day quickly put all in a happy vein.

Witham was chosen as the first halting place, via Epping, High Ongar, and Chelmsford. The landscape varied, beginning with hawthorns gaily bedecked with crimson berries, followed by stretches of fascinating forest scenery. Dainty birches, leafy beeches, and pollarded hornbeams with their fantastic arms and grotesque trunks, here and there interspersed with open stretches of bracken and tall grasses crossed by verdurers' footpaths, gave a beautiful setting to a road that has become a highway for motorists and cyclists. Signs of the changing times were seen at North Weald, where aviation and wireless have been developed. Further on, harvest operations were in full swing, and in some places the golden ears had been called upon to give up their yield. Chelmsford was soon reached, but no time could be spared to look round the Cathedral. The main road traffic was then experienced. What a contrast to the old coaching days!

Witham was reached in good time. Timbered houses and gabled inns were noticed whilst passing through the thousand-years-old town, famous in history for its resistance, to the Danish invaders in the year 913. The Church of St. Nicolas, situated in that part of Witham known as Chipping Hill, rises prominently above the quaint and attractive cottages that surround a triangular Green, and is regarded as one of the best edifices in Essex, with good examples of early 14th century workmanship. The outstanding features are the battlemented tower built chiefly of large pebbles and flints with a fair number of Roman tiles, the pseudo-Norman south porch, the well-proportioned chancel containing handsomely carved choir stalls and bordered with fine oaken screens, the lady chapel, a recent memorial to the late Canon Ingles, and beautiful stained glass windows, also memorials to old worshippers. Near the organ are two recumbent full-length figures, carved in alabaster and coloured, placed over the tomb of Sir John Southcote, a judge, and his wife, who lived in the 16th century.

The party was met by Mr. Wm. Butler, one of the progressive local band. Touches of Kent, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles were rung, and the tone of the bells, particularly that of the tenor, 18 cwt., was greatly admired. With the addition of two trebles, St. Nicolas would possess a very musical octave, and would become a 'Mecca' of ringers, near and far.

Colchester was reached by mid-day, after having passed through a famous seed-growing district with Dobbies' name well to the fore. Dinner was promptly served at the Red Lion Hotel.

A hasty visit was paid to the ancient castle close by, where the museum contains some wonderful specimens of Roman pottery, coins, etc.

East Bergholt was visited next in order to see the 400-years-old hall cage that stands in the churchyard. Mr. Scarfe kindly arranged for his band to be present to ring the five bells, tenor reputed to be 28 cwt. The unique setting of the bells in the frame with only the headstock to control the swing requires very careful manipulation and correct timing. Congratulations to the local band for carrying on under difficulties!

The next halt was made at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh, where touches were rung of Grand-sire Triples, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob Major on a light musical eight. The well-proportioned church is in a very good state of preservation. The chancel roof and walls are beautifully decorated. The tower, with a decorated top, is built of brick and flint, the ringing being done from the ground floor. A very old oak door is within the stately south porch.

A quick run was then made to Braintree, via Marks Tey and Coggeshall, places that played an interesting part in the early days of the woollen trade. A hearty welcome was given by Mr. Wiffen. Time would only allow for one good touch of Grand-sire Triples. The tower, of Early English style, has a conspicuous spire, 120 feet high. The south chapel is noteworthy for its fine wood carving in the roof, consisting of deeply moulded ribs and very interesting bosses. A framed document gives the names of all who perished in the Plague of 1665—about one-third of the residents.

Tea was taken at the White Hart, Harlow Common, after an interesting run through Dunmow and Hatfield Broad Oak.

At the conclusion of the meal a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead), and carried with acclamation, to Mr. J. Rann (Loughton) and Mr. C. Morris (Woodford), the organisers of a very successful outing. Both expressed their delight in the work that they had undertaken, and their willingness to arrange for future outings.

The Church of St. Mary Magdalene was only a short distance away, and in the absence of Mr. G. Dent, Mr. H. Smale and members of the local band extended a hearty welcome to all comers. The church is of modern construction, with the main entrance through the tower door. The gargoyles attached to the tower depict local celebrities.

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NO 'TRICKS' AT 'THE FOUNDRY.'

Accompanied by a few ringers from Croft, Earl Shilton ringers visited Loughborough for their annual outing on Saturday, August 24th. The principal attraction was the Bell Foundry, where they were met by Mr. H. Stubbs, who kindly conducted the party round the works, where new peals and chimes of bells were objects of great interest. Mr. J. P. Fidler kindly entertained the party with tunes on a carillon which had been erected before being despatched to America. The ringers then adjourned to the foundry campanile, where some well-struck touches of Grand-sire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round on the little peal. After a good repast at a local cafe, the party visited Woodhouse Eaves and tried the very nice ring of six there, the 'bag' being six-score of Grand-sire and Stedman, touches of Bob Minor and courses of Kent Treble Bob. Tunes and courses of Grand-sire Triples on the handbells brought a very pleasant outing to a close. Thanks are due to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. for kind permission to visit the foundry, and Messrs. Stubbs and Fidler for their kindness. The Foundry bells on this occasion did not 'play tricks,' as is sometimes recorded in 'The Ringing World' as being the case when strangers handle them. One resident remarked that he thought the local men were ringing them. If ringers cannot ring at the Foundry it is entirely their own fault. The party take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Ringing Master at Woodhouse Eaves for putting the bells at that church at their disposal.

HARWICH RINGERS' TOUR.

The annual outing of the St. Nicholas' Guild, Harwich, took place on Saturday, August 24th, in glorious weather. Leaving Harwich at 8.45 a.m. by charabanc, a party of twelve, with their friends, set forth for a visit to Braintree and Maldon. After journeying through Colchester and Marks Tey, a call was made at Great Tey, and a visit was paid to the tower of this old church, where the bells were set going to Kent Treble Bob Major and Grand-sire Triples. At Braintree, the party were met by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Mr. Wiffen, who had everything in readiness for ringing at the Parish Church. Touches of Grand-sire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round on this nice peal of eight, the 'go' of them being splendid. Lunch was served at the Nag's Head, under the supervision of Host E. Scarle, and was much appreciated. Lunch over, the journey was resumed to Maldon. Here they were met at All Saints' by Mr. F. Chalk, and touches of Grand-sire and Kent Treble Bob Major were duly brought round. The last time the company rang here the bells were a peal of six. After tea, tracks were made for St. Mary's, where there is a peal of six. This is a very old tower, with enough room for 12 bells. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were brought round, also two courses of Grand-sire Triples on handbells. The party left for home via Tip Tree and Colchester, Harwich being reached at 11 p.m. The company wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells, also Mr. J. Dyer (Great Tey), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), and Mr. Wiffen (Braintree), and Mr. F. Chalk (Maldon) for their kindness which made the day so enjoyable and the outing a success.

LEEDS SOCIETY BREAKS NEW GROUND.

The Leeds and District Society held another successful and well-attended gathering on Saturday. New ground was broken in the society's history by holding the meeting at Batley. The Vicar welcomed the ringers at 3 p.m., and apologised for the weather, although, he said, he knew rain did not interfere with ringing, as it had done with a garden party which was to have been held in the Vicarage grounds that afternoon.

Ringers were present from Calverley, Rothwell, Headingley (St. Chad's), Leeds Parish Church, Lindley, Mirfield, Liversedge, Armley, and the local company. After various methods had been rung, some of the ringers adjourned to the church schools and joined in the tea which had been arranged for the garden party.

The next meeting will be held at Hunslet Parish Church on September 28th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for the necessary arrangements, brought the business meeting to a close, when ringing was resumed.

(Continued from previous column.)

The tone and easy running of the bells, cast by J. Taylor and Co. in 1905, won the admiration of all. Touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich and Bob Minor were rung, but time stopped the cry for more.

Daylight and ringing were both finished, and the run home was brightened by the 'gentle whispers' of the young bloods and the tuneful Norfolk melodies of Mr. Plummer. A happy day had been spent, the spirit of comradeship had been strengthened, and confidence gained by those who had recently become association members. All offer their sincere thanks to the incumbents of the various parishes for the use of the bells, and to the ringers who greeted the party.

PORTSMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday last the ringers of the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, with their friends, held their first annual outing, which included visits to six towers in three counties. The tour commenced punctually at the scheduled time, 7.30 a.m., which fact elicited remarks from the facetious ones, comparing this with the times of attendance on Sundays and practice nights. After a pleasant run of 30 miles, through the beautiful Meon Valley (during which certain members completed their rudely disturbed beauty sleep), Alton was reached at 9.15 a.m., where the splendid octave at St. Lawrence's Church (tenor 18 cwt.) were soon in motion, touches being rung in the standard methods. Leaving at 10 a.m., a quick run took the party into Farnham by 10.30 a.m. Here an old friend in the person of Mr. R. Hasted was present, and by the time half the party had tracked the elder ringers, who had found a very congenial retreat in which to renew old acquaintanceship, and a couple of touches had been rung, it was found that the driver was playing a solo on his horn, being already 20 minutes late for leaving. The next stop was Dorking, where a splendid lunch was done ample justice to at the White Horse Hotel, an ancient and historic coaching house, in which half the ladies of the party lost their way in the labyrinth of passages. Unfortunately time did not permit of any ringing here in this town owing to the time lost by the conviviality at the last stop. A pleasant run of 14 miles brought the party to Horsham, where a certain member was taught a lesson regarding ringing with a slack rope, when the rope slipped wheel. Touches of Stedman and Kent were brought round. Another six miles landed the party in Billingshurst, where a good ring (tenor 13 cwt.) were soon going to Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major, which were successfully brought round, before settling off for Petworth and tea at the Angel Hotel. After three of the party had been dragged from the intricacies of clock golf, a move was made to the tower, where hangs a beautiful octave, and great surprise was expressed that such a specimen of the bell founders' art should exist without a resident change-ringing band to ring them. Pulborough was reached at 7.15 p.m., where 45 minutes' ringing in the company of Mr. Doick was thoroughly enjoyed, the return journey being made via Slindon Woods and Chichester. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, the conducting being shared among Messrs. F. A. and F. W. Burnett and H. L. W. Aitken. All who participated wish to express, through the medium of this paper, their gratitude to all incumbents and steeple-keepers, who contributed so much by their courtesy and assistance to the success of the outing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT STAINES.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held in tropical heat at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, but the riverside tower drew a large company, nearly 60 being present from Acton, Chiswick, Ealing, Heston, Hillingdon, Harrow, Beaconsfield, Bown Hill, Maidenhead, Feltham, Farnham Royal, Putney, Croydon, Staines, etc. Ringing started at 3.20, and methods from Grandsire Triples up to and including Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise were practised during the meeting. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. W. H. Flecker), and the singing was led by the organ.

After service, the company was entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Flecker in the Parish Hall. The Vicar presided, supported by the vice-president (Mr. C. S. Bird), Mrs. Flecker and Mrs. Bird. The usual business was transacted. Dr. W. H. Flecker was elected an honorary member, and Master George Hawksworth a ringing member for Acton.

At the request of the Vicar, several touches of Caters, Major and Triples were rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Goodfellow (Ringing Master), W. Wilson, R. A. Fardon, E. S. Turner, G. Martin, J. Herbert, J. R. Mackman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mayne.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. and Mrs. Flecker for their kind hospitality, which was greatly appreciated by the whole company, to the Vicar for conducting the service and the welcome he gave to the Guild, to the organist, to Miss Helen E. Riggs, who so ably served the tea with the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. G. Walmsley, and the attention they paid to the needs of the company will not be forgotten.

An appeal was made by the hon. secretary on behalf of Mr. Tom Beadle, who is in his 79th year, and has been in and out of hospital for the past three years. He has been a member of the Isleworth band for forty-four years, and was a pioneer of change ringing in West Middlesex.

The sum of two guineas was collected at the meeting. Further contributions will be gratefully received by the hon. secretary of the district (Mr. W. H. Helliier, 29, Duke Road, W.4), and will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World.'

Best thanks to Mr. W. E. Parker and Mr. Walmsley of the local band brought a most pleasant afternoon to a close. Afterwards the bells of St. Peter's and St. Mary's Churches were rung.

The next meeting will be held at Twickenham, and the usual notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first lady to conduct a peal for the Devon Guild is Mrs. E. S. Powell, wife of the president of the Guild. This she did on Saturday, when she called a peal of Bob Major at Moretonhampstead.

An appeal is being made on behalf of Mr. Tom Beadle, an old Isleworth ringer, who, nearly 80 years of age, is in failing health. He was a pioneer of the old West Middlesex Association. Some further particulars about the appeal will be found in the report of the Middlesex County Association meeting.

The West Middlesex Association, the nucleus from which the present flourishing Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild grew, was established 45 years ago.

Robert S. Stratford, of Whitley Bay, is one of the youngest ringers in the North of England, and at the age of thirteen he has now rung a peal of Double Norwich Major.

What was the 'Catch-joint company of change ringers' which met at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, Lancs, on August 29th, 1874, and rang in excellent style Mr. John Holt's ten-course peal of Grandsire Triples?

Did James Barham, the famous old Leeds (Kent) ringer ring a church bell for a longer period without a stop than any other man before or since? A correspondent raises this question, and remarks that he has seen it recorded that in the 40,320 Barham rang for 14 hrs. 50 mins. on end.

A peal of 6,140 of 'Bob Major Royal' was rung at Coventry on September 6th, 1807. Coventry, to the regret of all ringers, has long been without a ringing peal in its famous spire. The authorities are still waiting for a generous donor to build a campanile.

Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield, one of the finest composers of the last generation, was born on September 12th, 1844. He died at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Thomas Benney, one of the oldest members of the College Youths, has just celebrated his 78th birthday by ringing in a peal of Stedman Triples, at Edmonton, where he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples over 54 years ago with the Ancient Society. This is a rare link for a man to forge.

THE QUICKEST PEAL ON EIGHT BELLS?

What is the quickest peal of Triples rung on tower bells?

Last Friday a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Crayford in 2 hrs. 14 mins. It was rung in a deliberate attempt to see how quickly a peal could be completed on these fast-going bells, the tenor of which is 12½ cwt., and the band really surprised themselves.

Naturally, as the outcome, there is an inquiry as to the fastest tower bell peal of Triples. The band that rang the peal at Crayford make no claim to a record, but they would like to know if any peal of Triples has been rung on church bells in quicker time.

The rate of striking was over 37 changes per minute, which is, when one comes to think about it, a remarkable speed.

'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive brief particulars of any eight-bell peals on tower bells rung in 2 hrs. 20 mins. or less.

THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT GREASLEY.

A meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths had been arranged at Nuthall for Saturday last, but owing to the sudden death of the church organist, the Vicar (Canon Boden) asked that the meeting should be postponed. The request was, naturally, immediately acceded to. Communication with the Rev. J. S. Galloway, of Greasley, asking for the use of his bells resulted in permission being at once readily given, by telephone message as follows: 'Come; shall be delighted to have you.' A notice was, therefore, left on the church door at Nuthall informing those who cared to travel on to Greasley.

The party's arrival was welcomed by some of the local men and also the Vicar, and a very delightful two hours' ringing was enjoyed by all, only one touch failing to come round. Members and friends were present from the following towers: Bottesford, Cotgrave, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Arksey, Loughborough, and the locals. Touches in the following methods were brought round: 360 Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Minor. As the party were just thinking of getting ready for home, a well-known representative of the local bell foundry walked in. He was either 'prospecting' or 'joy-riding'; it is not known which, so there was another 'set to,' and the evening finished with a nice touch of Stedman Triples with the above-mentioned gentleman ringing the 6th. The bells at Greasley are a very nice, handy ring of eight by Taylor.

A very enjoyable meeting ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local men for meeting the members, and further meetings of the same kind are hoped for.

It is proposed to have the next meeting at Southwell Minster, on September 28th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.*To the Editor.*

Sir, — No one, I feel sure, could do otherwise than applaud the spirit and general tenour of the article on the Central Council contributed to your last issue. With the bulk of its suggestions I cordially agree, and if I seem to criticise some of them, it is solely with a view, in complete harmony with your contributor, to forward the Council's utility and influence.

As far as regards the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in its relation with the Council the 'ground of disagreement' is what I have never been able to discover, the ground hitherto alleged in your columns being wholly, and I may say ridiculously inadequate, and suggesting some hidden discontent which has not yet come out.

The Council can, of course, alter its constitution, and I am among the number of those who say: By all means let it do so, or at least let it try. I much doubt if an annual election of its members would effect any considerable difference, but there could be no harm in giving it a trial. As concerns the Council's policy, it can work only on the materials supplied to it. In other words, it can never make its own policy. Its policy is that which the associations and the Exercise make for it. It can, of course, decline to deal with any subject that it thinks questionable or dangerous, but of these the only ones treated thus, so far as I remember, have been proposals that the Council should deal with or have control of funds other than its own, those, that is to say, which defray its own expenses of meeting, committees, printing, etc. It has purposely held aloof from anything in the shape of benefits in illness or in want of work, or anything of that sort, and my own strong opinion, I may say, certainly, is that the moment it transgresses this rule it is digging its own grave.

Of your contributor's meaning in saying that it would be well 'to make it a *sine qua non* of membership that the Council's rulings should be recognised' I am not sure. 'Membership'—of what? Of the Council or of the association? If of the Council, surely it is the case already. If of the association I do not see how it can be ensured. The rest of the paragraph is quite plain, and I heartily agree with it.

I heartily agree, also, with the contributor's two concluding suggestions, viz., that it might be well for each association to pay an annual lump subscription to the Council according to the number of its resident members, and to elect the maximum (or a smaller) number of representatives to which that subscription entitles them; and, secondly, that notices of motion should be forwarded a certain number of weeks beforehand by the honorary secretary of the association to the honorary secretary of the Council, and be published by the latter in 'The Ringing World' not less than six weeks before the annual meeting. This would allow time, in the event of any of them being out of proper form, to correct what is amiss. Want of proper form has, I believe, once or twice created difficulty with the association.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

A PEAL OF TWELVE FOR BERKSHIRE. ST. LAWRENCE'S, READING, TO HAVE TWO MORE BELLS.

A decision has been taken to add two trebles to the ring of ten at St. Lawrence's Church, Reading, to provide the first peal of twelve in Berkshire, but it means that the ringers have got to do their part in helping to raise the funds.

A scheme of restoration had previously been undertaken, by which a new frame and fittings for the old ten was to be provided, the treble recast and the other bells tuned. The contract was secured by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and it was felt that the opportunity should be taken to complete the twelve at the same time. Mr. 'Tom' Hibbert, who is the Foreman of this tower, as well as being Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, worked assiduously to this end, and eventually persuaded the church authorities that such an extension was a desirable one. The authorities, already committed to an expenditure of £600 or £700, would not, however, shoulder any further financial responsibility, but in order that the opportunity should not be lost the necessary guarantee was given by the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who is confident that the necessary additional money, something near £200, can be raised.

The order was, therefore, placed for the new trebles and St. Lawrence's will now add one more to the rings of twelve in this country. The tenor is about 24 cwt., and when the bells have been tuned an excellent ring for their weight is promised. This addition will give the Diocese of Oxford a peal of twelve in each of the three Archdeaconries, viz., at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford; High Wycombe, Bucks; and Reading, Berks.

BOCKING BELLS FUND

On Saturday a very successful garden fete and sale of work and rummage sale was held in the Deanery Grounds, Bocking, in aid of the fund for the rehanging of the bells of St. Mary's Church. There were numerous competitions and sideshows, and between 2,000 and 3,000 people attended. Mrs. S. A. Courtauld opened the grounds at 2 p.m. The Braintree town band attended, and there was dancing in the evening. The takings amounted to about £150, and it is expected that, after expenses have been paid, £120 will go to the fund.

DEATH OF CROYDON RINGER.

We regret to record the death of a well-known and respected Croydon ringer, Mr. William Groves, who passed away after about two months' illness, at the age of 62 years. Mr. Groves was formerly connected with Croydon Parish Church, where he rung peals as far back as the 'nineties, but about four years ago, on leaving that parish, he joined the St. Peter's Society.

Some splendid examples of the deceased's handiwork can be seen in some of the wood carvings in the Parish Church, of which he was carolaker for a number of years.

The funeral service at St. Peter's and the interment at Mitcham Road Cemetery were conducted by the Rev. P. Thornton (senior curate), while as a last token of respect to their colleague and friend, the following rang at St. Peter's Church a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 55 mins., with the bells half-muffled: D. Wright 1, R. H. Dove 2, C. H. Kippen 3, J. W. Trappitt 4, F. W. Larbey 5, B. N. Newson 6, E. Denham 7, A. W. Clarke 8, F. E. Collins 9, W. J. Adcock 10.

A RINGER FROM BOYHOOD.

At Broughton Astley, Leicestershire, on Monday, August 26th, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles in ten different callings: J. Brunt 1, F. S. Bodycote 2, C. E. Carr (conductor) 3, A. Bodycote 4, H. Bird 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to George Fretter, who died at the age of 66 years, and who had been a chorister and a ringer at the church from boyhood. He was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day. First quarter-peal as conductor.

GLIMPSSES OF THE PAST.

CLIPPINGS FROM A SCRAP BOOK.

Ancient practices with regard to bells are always interesting, although they are not always concerned with change ringing. Time was, apparently, when in a town no bells could be rung before the bells of the Cathedral, or mother church, were rung, and, according to an old 'History of Bath,' a case in which this right was disputed arose in that city in 1421: 'The Prior of Bath had claimed the right of ringing the bells belonging to the abbey the first and last in the city; none of the parish churches tolling their bells (except in particular days) before the bells of the convent had struck out in the morning, nor after the Prior's curfew had tolled in the evening. This privilege the Mayor and citizens considered as an interference with their municipal rights, for even in the fifteenth century bells began to serve certain civil as well as ecclesiastical purposes. They, therefore, determined to interrupt the claims of the monastery by ringing the bells of the parish churches at hours hitherto unprecedented, both before and after the prior's bell had been sounded; and accordingly gained over to their cause John Barret, the Vicar of Stalles; John Lane, the Rector of Southgate; William Savage, Rector of St. Michael-without-the-Gate; John Hobbes and William Aishley, chaplains of St. John's and Magdalen Hospitals. This breach of privilege was highly resented by the monastery, and a contest arose in consequence of it that subsisted many years, occasionally turning out into bitter invective and personal insult between the contending parties. At length, an inquisition, held at Frome in the ninth year of the reign of Henry V., put a period to the dispute by acknowledging and establishing the right of the prior that no one should ring within the precincts of Bath at day time before the prior had rung his bells, nor in the night time after his curfew had been tolled.'

WHAT THE CHURCHWARDENS PAID.

In the old days when bell founders set out to do a 'job' the churchwardens often had to pay out something more than the mere cost of the contract. There was often sundry refreshment to be provided, not infrequently plainly described as 'beere' or 'drink.' When the tenor at Lambeth Parish Church was taken down in 1602, one shilling was 'payde to laborers that did help to make them drinke.' Probably they did not want anything to help make the men themselves drink, but this is an ambiguous way of saying that money was paid to help make the drink for the men. The Woking churchwardens paid five shillings 'for beere for the ringers,' when the bells were rung after being recast in 1684. In addition to refreshment, churchwardens had also to find board and lodging for the bell-hangers. One, Udall, rehung these bells at Woking, and they paid 'Goody Davy 11s. 6d. for Udall's diet.' In 1619 the churchwardens at Pulham Market paid 'to mary haylles for Dymont's Dyet when the bells were taken down 11s.,' and 'to mary haylles for John Brend's Dyet when the bells were hanged, and for here and cakes 11js. vijd.' John Brend, presumably, travelled to Pulham on horseback—as most of the travelling in those days was done, if one did not walk—and the wardens 'payd unto Egremvnt for John Brend's horsemet when ye bells were hanged 1js.'

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK.

Nearly sixty years ago a writer in 'Church Bells' thus described a visit to St. Saviour's, Southwark, then the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths: 'A walk of a few hundred yards from the London Bridge Station takes us to the iron gate of the churchyard, where, at 8 p.m. on alternate Mondays, will be found collected ten or twelve men who, as a body, are the finest ringers in the world. From them we meet with a cordial reception, and presently, after passing through a transept of the church, we follow our guide up one of those small winding stairs which all know so well. We grope our way across the first floor of the tower, hoping sincerely that no careless workman has left a trap-door open; another winding stair brings us to a vast chamber, now dim, but soon brilliantly lighted by a corona of gas. We are at once struck with the spaciousness of the place, and the absence of all crowding among the twelve ropes: the position of the tenor is indicated by an enormous box worthy of the deepest-toned bell of any ring in London. One or two of the larger bells are set at backstroke, and we are invited to "try the 11th." The small bells are rapidly raised one by one, and then three men begin to swing the tenor; she does not speak for a while, but presently her deep note B is heard vibrating through the tower, and gradually increases in power until she comes to a balance. After that she and others are rung in peal by one man. A tenor is often capricious in the matter of "going," and when she weighs upwards of 52 cwt. and "goes hard" it is as well to stick to odd-bell methods. We are therefore first treated to a touch of Stedman Caters and then with about 500 of Stedman's Cinques. Notwithstanding the intricacy of the method and the vast difference between the size of the larger and smaller bells, the striking is quite perfect. We are most astonished at the consummate ease and precision with which the heavy back bells are handled. A short touch of Grand sire Cinques, in which some of the younger members of the society show their skill, brings the practice to a close.'

In the sixty years which have elapsed since the above was written, St. Saviour's Church, Southwark, has become a cathedral, it is no longer the headquarters of the College Youths, and the tenor has

had to cede pride of place as the deepest-toned bell of any rung in London. But the Ancient Society still meets at Southwark; its regular practising members are still among the finest ringers in the world, and Stedman Cinques is still a feature of these gatherings. There are old ringers on the active list who will probably remember some of the men who collected on those Monday evenings at the iron gate of the churchyard near London Bridge.

A MANLY EMPLOYMENT.

Two hundred years ago there lived at Totnes, Devon, a youth who, son of the parish clerk, later became Dr. Kennicott, a Canon of Christ Church and Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford. He placed on record the following 'articles' to which the Totnes ringers subscribed, and they set a standard both of fidelity to the art and of social promise which, if quaintly expressed, might nevertheless be an object lesson to many companies to-day:—

'Among the many recreations approved of by the sons of pleasure, ringing is a diversion that may be emphatically said to bear away the bell; and so much does it engage the natives of Great Britain, beyond all other nations, that it has borne the distinguishing appellation of "the ringing isle." The art, then, for which this kingdom is renowned shows a judicious taste in those of its inhabitants who have by their performances contributed thereto, since this art wants no foreign encomiast, but the harmonious bells are the heralds of their own praise. The ingenuity required for the diversion administered in, and the health subsequent upon this exercise, give it a particular sanction among mankind and recommend it as an employment at vacant hours worthy the regard of all denominations.

'We, therefore, whose names are subscribed, taking into consideration the great pleasure that results from this manly employment, the innocence with which it is performed, and the advantage enjoyed from so healthy an exercise of our bodies, and also having the peculiar satisfaction of ringing with ease a set of eight bells of established fame and applauded excellence, do hereby agree to meet together in the usual place of ringing every Monday evening at six o'clock for our improving this science; and for the greater certainty of attendance, we do hereby severally promise to forfeit the sum of threepence if not attending at the hour aforesaid, and sixpence if not present at seven o'clock, to be deposited in the hands of the treasurer for the time being, and spent as the major part of the society shall seem fit. And for the better regulation of this our fraternity, we do also hereby agree that we remain in the belfry during pleasure, and then for the further pleasure and benefit of conversation adjourn to any house the company shall choose, and then tarry till the hour of ten, and no longer.

'And whereas the stays supporting the bells are liable to damage from unskilful hands, we agree that whoever hurts shall repair the same at his own proper charge. We make no rules for conversation, nor penalties for any misbehaviour in it, resolving to render it innocently agreeable to each other, and whenever a breach of this rule is committed, that a reprimand be admitted from the society. In all cases and disputes not hereinbefore decided the majority of the company shall determine, that so this society amicably begun may be amicably carried on, and not meet the fate of others that have gone before it.'

RINGING FOR A DERBY WINNER.

Bells have been rung in the past for some strange reasons—it has been said, not without truth sometimes, that any excuse is good enough for the ringers to resort to their art. In the early '70s what was looked upon by some people as a judgment of the gods befel the ringers of All Saints' Church, Newmarket. 'Accidental as it may have been,' said one writer, 'let it be looked upon as a rebuke to the Parson and Churchwardens for allowing such a shameful desecration of the goods of the Church.' A newspaper reported the occurrences thus: 'Very singular accidents occurred in the steeple of All Saints' Church in this town (Newmarket) while the ringers were engaged in ringing peals on Thursday last. It appears that the set had just entered a peal in celebration of the Cottage Flower and Horticultural Exhibition, when the second bell jumped from its hangings and fell heavily upon the beams and floor supporting the frame. Having recovered from their fright, the ringers obtained assistance and replaced the bell and proceeded with their task, which they succeeded in accomplishing, and retired for refreshment. They reassembled in the evening on the occasion of the Cremorne Derby Entertainment ("Cremorne" had just won the Derby), and, while ringing merrily, a second mishap occurred, by the treble suddenly bouncing from its place, and, like its neighbour, the second, fell with a crash upon the already damaged floor; but, fortunately, the massive beams prevented her going down, consequently the ringers below escaped injury, and the bell was uninjured. The damage to the bell fittings and the frame could not be repaired in time to allow of further ringing on that day, and the merry peals which enlivened the town thus abruptly terminated.'

PRIZE RINGING ARRANGED BY PUBLICAN.

A prize-ringing contest at Floore, Northamptonshire, on September 13th, 1874, drew the following scathing comment from the editor of 'Church Bells' a week or two after the event: 'What could have induced the Vicar and Churchwardens of Floore to allow the bells of their Parish Church to disturb their quiet little village by ad— (Continued in next column.)

BIRMINGHAM RINGERS' DAY IN LIVERPOOL.

On Saturday, August 24th, a party of ringers from St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, accompanied by their ladies, paid a visit to Liverpool. Starting from Birmingham in fair weather, it commenced to rain during the journey, and on arrival at the destination they were greeted with a grey sky and a steady downpour, but to compensate for this they received a very cheerful welcome from Messrs. G. R. Newton and C. I. Davies, of the St. Nicholas' company. The Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker, had arranged a full programme for the day, and the party immediately proceeded with the first item—to inspect the 20,000 ton Cunard liner, 'Carinthia.' Under the guidance of a steward all the public parts of the vessel were thoroughly inspected. To see the first-class state rooms, containing full-sized beds and with bathrooms attached, also the dining, drawing and smoke rooms, set one wondering if the last stage in comfort and ocean travel accommodation had been reached. The visitors also inspected the swimming bath and gymnasium, the latter being fitted with all the latest equipment for physical exercises. Here the Ringing Master and secretary were permitted to have a cycle race, which, after a keen struggle, was won by the secretary by a 'short wheel.'

The next item on the programme was a visit to the new Cathedral. On approaching this, one is struck by the severely plain exterior, which is accentuated by the local red sandstone used. But when the building is completed and it has its huge central tower, no doubt its grandeur will be better appreciated. On entering the building, one faces the choir, which is dominated by the great east window, below which is a richly gilded stone reredos containing sculptured panels of scenes from our Lord's life. Another noticeable feature is the way the organ case, choir stalls and Bishop's throne all blend with the colour of the stone. Nor can one realise that the Lady Chapel has been used for services for almost 20 years.

An excellent lunch was next partaken of at the Oriol Restaurant, and this was followed by a trip across the river to Wallasey. On returning to the landing stage, the party were in time to see the White Star liner 'Adriatic' leave for New York. Meanwhile the weather had improved, and the sun was shining gloriously. It was now time to visit St. Nicholas' tower, and here the Birmingham ringers were met by a goodly company of local men. With their assistance, touches of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal were successfully accomplished. Tea was served at the White Cafe, and the visitors greatly appreciated the company of the Liverpool ringers, who, Mr. Newton later announced, would have pleasure in defraying the cost of the meal. Mr. Walker, on behalf of the visitors, thanked them for their hospitality and cordial welcome to Liverpool and for their assistance in the tower, and Messrs. Newton and Davies especially for having given up the whole day in order to make their visit a success. This was not the first time a company of ringers from Birmingham had visited Liverpool, for many years ago, when St. Nicholas' bells were put in, Birmingham ringers were awarded a silver cup for being the best company at the opening. But where that cup was now, no one knew. Mr. Walker gave them a cordial invitation to visit Birmingham and ring on St. Martin's new peal.—This was seconded by Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), and Mr. Newton, on behalf of the local company, said the pleasure had been theirs, and that anything they had been able to do to make the visit enjoyable had been done willingly. They would like them to come again soon and ring a peal of Stedman Cinques.—Mr. Walker thanked Mr. Newton for the invitation, which he hoped to accept at no very distant date.

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mitting to the belfry six sets of strange ringers to pull about the church bells under an arrangement made by the landlord of the village public-house, who appears to have managed this ungodly competition? As usual, the publican seems to have come in for the lion's share arising out of the day's proceedings. We hope there will be no repetition of such useless fooleries. One of the first steps in belfry reform is to sever the link between the belfry and the village taproom. Surely it is the duty of all parsons and churchwardens, by their influence and authority, to effect this, and then they will easily succeed in raising the tone and respectability of their ringers.

AN 'ACCIDENT' THAT NEVER HAPPENED.

'Lead-swingers' have been always with us. The 'Annual Register of October 13th, 1804,' recorded the following: 'A singular accident happened at the new church, Dagenham, Essex. The Society of Cumberland Youths were invited to open the new peal of bells, on which they performed in the morning by ringing 7,008 changes of Oxford Treble Bob in 4 hrs 49 mins., but in the evening Mr. Channon, Master of the Society, wished to oblige the inhabitants of the village with another peal, when unfortunately his leg got entangled in the rope, which drew him up to the next loft, and, falling thence on his head, was killed on the spot, the part of his skull being beat in so that the brains oozed out through the cavities.' A vivid description of the gruesome end of a celebrated ringer of those days—or it would have been had it been accurate. Happily for Mr. Channon, there was not a word of truth in it; and, in fact, the whole paragraph was a fabrication. At that time Dagenham had only six bells, and Mr. Channon read the description of the 'fatal accident' to himself many years after.

AFTERNOON TRIP IN SOMERSET.

On Saturday, August 24th, six ringers from East Brent, South Brent, Axbridge, and one from Port Talbot, Glam., had a tour of about 60 miles, in the course of which they rang at four towers. Crocombe was the first on the list, when five 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Pilton was visited next, where a similar touch was scored. At West Pennard the Vicar and one of the local band gave the visitors a helping hand to 'rise' the bells, and then two 240's were rung. Time would not allow further ringing here, although ringing on this lovely peal was much enjoyed. Shapwick was the last call, and 240 was all that could be rung here. A 15-mile ride brought the party safely home about 10.30 p.m., after a pleasant afternoon in the country. The best thanks of the band are given for the use of the bells and to the ringers who kindly met the visitors.

A TWELVE-BELL OUTING.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Taunton, held their annual outing on Saturday, August 24th, journeying by charabanc via Bath (where Mr. W. A. Cave, Bristol, Miss Williams, Bath, and Mr. W. Crocker, a former member of the band, met the party) to Stroud, where Mr. A. Wright welcomed them. Here the fine peal of ten was set going in Stedman Caters. The next move was to Painswick, where the famous ring of 12 was rung in Stedman Cinques. Lunch followed at the Golden Heart Hotel, after which the party proceeded to Cheltenham, where Mr. W. T. Pates gave a welcome to the party, and the ring of 12 was set going in Stedman Cinques. After tea, the party went on to St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, where Mr. H. Pring awaited the visitors, and further Stedman Cinques were rung. The party wish to thank the incumbent of each parish for the use of the bells, also Messrs. A. Wright, W. T. Pates and H. Pring for making arrangements.

FAIRFORD RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The Fairford (Glos) ringers and friends had their annual outing on Saturday, August 24th. Setting off at 7.45 a.m., East Isley, Berks, was reached at 9.15. On this nice light peal of eight, ringing was enjoyed for about an hour. Peasmore was the next stop, where the party were met by Mr. Rosier (head ringer), also by one of the churchwardens, who gave the visitors a warm welcome on behalf of the Vicar, who was away. The bells at Peasmore are a lovely peal of six, and ringing on them was very much enjoyed.

Chieveley was the next call, and before the visitors had been ringing long they were joined by several of the local ringers, who requested them to come again.

Newbury was reached at 1.10, and here they were met by Mr. Curtis, who had kindly arranged a hot luncheon. Afterwards, the fine peal of eight was set going. Some were in the belfry watching the bells swing, while others went to the top of the tower sight-seeing. Hungerford was next on the programme. Here was found a nice peal of eight, but rather noisy. Tea had been kindly arranged here by Mr. Wiggins. Last, but not least, the party visited St. Mark's, Swindon, and, after ringing here on the nice ring of eight, supper, kindly arranged by Mr. W. Smith, was enjoyed by all. Fairford was reached at 11.15, after a very enjoyable day.

CROYDON RINGERS' TRIP.

St. John-the-Baptist company, Croydon, held their annual outing on Saturday, recently, when they journeyed by motor-coach to Seaford. A company of 20 ringers and friends started at 7.30, and a pleasant ride via Turners Hill brought them to Lindfield, the first stop. Here touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung at the Parish Church. The journey was then continued to Brighton, where they found St. Peter's bells ready for them. After photographs of the group had been taken, this lovely peal of bells were soon ringing out to the tune of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major. Then a much-needed course of refreshments of various kinds, and a lovely ride along the cliffs, brought the party to Seaford and dinner time. An excellent meal was enjoyed at the Dorothy Cafe, and then a move was made to Seaford tower. On the handy ring of eight bells Grandsire Stedman and Cambridge were rung. After this, the afternoon was free for the ringers to spend as they liked. Some found the pebbles on the beach quite comfortable for an afternoon nap, others preferred deck chairs, and the rest viewed the sights of the town till tea time, when they reassembled and were welcomed to Seaford by Mr. Fisher, the churchwarden, who was a member of the fire brigade at Croydon, when the Parish Church was burnt down some 62 years ago, and who had some interesting tales to tell. The return journey was made via Lewes to Mayfield, where a short ring was indulged in. The visitors met the Horley band, also on their annual outing. The Croydon band went on to Tunbridge Wells, where they rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major, then home to Croydon with community singing, and a little refreshment to help them on their way. Croydon was reached at 11.30, and so ended a very enjoyable day. The band take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the steepkeeper for having everything in readiness.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) from Holt's Original: R. A. Fosdike 1, W. A. Martin 2, F. W. Thornton 3, P. S. R. Steers 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, P. C. C. Elliott 6, P. C. C. Davies 7, A. F. Petrie 8.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 1st, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Wornham 1, G. Webley 2, F. Wheeler 3, G. Bettes 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, E. C. Hughes 6, T. Clark 7, J. Beasley 8.

READING.—On Sunday, September 1st, for Patronal Festival evensong, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: W. Osborne (first quarter-peal) 1, A. W. Osborne 2, L. T. Osborne 3, H. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, A. Jeffery 6, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 7, R. Sawyer 8.

GREAT BARDFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, for memorial service, on Sunday, August 25th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Richardson 1, G. Hills 2, A. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, W. Piper 5, G. Piper 6, B. Townsend 7, J. Jennings (conductor) 8. Also rung in honour of the birthday of C.S.M. A. Piper.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church of St. Thomas, for matins, on Sunday, August 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott, jun., 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8. Also as a birthday compliment to W. Chambers and W. H. G. Scott, and rung on the 20th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 25th, for evensong, 720 changes Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Warner 1, O. A. Moody 2, M. White 3, L. Moon 4, L. Warner 5, R. Sharpe (conductor) 6. Rung as a farewell to M. White, who is leaving the band to join the Royal Air Force.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service at St. Nicolas', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): A. Collier 1, C. Hazelden 2, F. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. C. Hazelden 5, T. Theobald 6, G. Tomsett 7, E. Raddon 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10. First quarter by ringers of 1st and 6th, and first attempt.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

At Croft, Leicestershire, on Saturday, August 31st, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 20 mins.: J. H. Baileys 1, Wm. Lomas 2, Frank Baileys 3, M. E. Watson (conductor) 4, Wm. A. Wood 5, A. E. Warwick 6. Rung in honour of the visit of Rev. A. T. G. Blackmore, M.A., former Rector of the parish. Also to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Webb, who were married exactly 25 years ago at this church, where Mr. Webb is one of the ringers.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**THREE TOWERS TIE IN SHIELD CONTEST.**

The annual shield contest of the Barnsley and District Association took place on Saturday at Crofton, by kind permission of Rev. H. Brownrigg (Rector) and the churchwardens. Wath, Sandal, and Shelley rang as drawn, and, strange to relate, each made the same number of faults, viz., 121. The last tower to compete made many more faults, but the three named have to go through the contest again at an early date. Tea was served during an interval in the ringing. In the Parochial Room an entertainment was given by one of the local company, Mr. Cooke, who as a 'strong man' gave many displays of strength, including weight-lifting, bending and breaking bars of iron by hand, balancing a piano on his chest, while two men with a strong rope could not throttle him, etc.

A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Mrs. Brownrigg, who should have presented the prizes and had attended the proceedings. Rev. H. Brownrigg, Rector, was unremitting in his kindness. He, with the churchwardens and local men, were warmly thanked.

'ODDS & ENDS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES'

Being mainly an explanation of the nature and working of the Q sets in ordinary ringing phraseology, with one or two other matters.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eyam on Sept. 7th. Bells open early. Tea can be had by applying to Mrs. Godber, Refreshment Rooms, Eyam. Visitors will be welcome and it is hoped that we shall have a good attendance.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Kenn on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Service 4. Tea (1s. each) 4.45. Bells available: Kenn (6), Alphington (8), Exminster (6), Kanton (6). All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Whimple, Devon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested; business very important.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 3rd quarterly meeting will be held at Billesdon on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Old School at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Alban Disney, Local Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Navenby (new peal of 6 by Taylor) Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tower open 2 p.m. Silver Queen bus leaves Lincoln at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; returns from Grantham at 6.15 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Notification to tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Peasemore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.; at 1/-. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The Summer meeting will be held at Broadway Old Church on Saturday, September 7th. Service, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. V. H. Patrick, at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Midland red buses leave Evesham for Broadway at 1 and 2 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Crewkerne (8 bells) on Saturday, September 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec. North Street, Martock.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea after service. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at usual terms at 5.30. Please advise me by 11th, without fail. Members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations; Cuffley and Potters Bar. Buses from Barnet. Practice meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Thursday, September 19th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 1/-. Business meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Childs, Hethsett, Queen Street, Godalming, by September 10th please.—G. L. Grover, District Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at High Easter on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock; usual arrangements. All those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 11th, last post.—H. W. Kirton, Longmeads Cottage, Writtle, Chelmsford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30, free to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 11th. Business meeting after tea.—J. C. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. York Minster (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Rank, New Lane, Malton Road, York, not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members make their own arrangements for tea.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—By the invitation of the Huntington Guild the quarterly meeting will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, September 14th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.: business—Election of Branch President. Tea will be provided at the Bay Horse Inn at a charge of 1/6 per head for those who send in their names to Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than Wednesday, September 11th.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea at Battle Axes Hotel 5. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Llandudno on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. Tea will be provided. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 10th.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 20, Ffodd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. White, Post Office, Cotgrave, by the 12th inst.?—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Kindly notify me all requiring tea. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Beds and Herts Associations will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy; Mr. D. Mears, School House, Offley, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A by-meeting will be held at Catherington on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly inform me by Wednesday, the 11th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) 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 Sept. 9th. All visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, September 14th. Will those requiring tea please send a card to Mr. F. Wallington, Long Stanton, Cambridge.—Katherine Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Winslow, Saturday, September 14th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1/- each. Please send number for tea to the Hon. Sec., Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury, by Tuesday, September 10th.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Sat., Sept., 14th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. All ringer welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Tideswell on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Church of St. John the Baptist. Eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea (free). Meeting in the Institute at 5 p.m. Tea will only be guaranteed to those who notify Mr. Giles Chapman, Belmont House, Tideswell, by Sept. 12th. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Tideswell in connection with the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association. Arrangements for tea, please see M.C.A. notice.—N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, September 21st, by kind permission of Rev. Chestel de Boinville. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers for the coming year. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea in Municipal Restaurant 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise

Mr. G. W. Faulkner, 84, Abbey Road, Barking, by Thursday, the 19th, latest? This meeting has been specially arranged in conjunction with the Week's Hallowing Services held in connection with the restoration of the ancient Abbey Church of St. Margaret's. All ringing friends cordially invited.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m. Tea following. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 18th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. Dinner tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) may be had from Messrs. G. Lewis, R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson, or direct from the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Kindly enclose remittance with application.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—For the quarterly meeting to be held on Sept. 21st the following three towers will be visited: Rampisham, Evershot and South Perrott. A charabanc will call for ringers at Bridport 2 p.m., Bradpole 2.10 p.m., Netherbury 2.20 and Beaminster and Stoke Abbott 2.30 p.m. Teas will be provided only for those sending names by the 17th inst.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 18th?—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Stone, near Kidderminster, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

DEVON GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Will those requiring tea send their names without fail to Mr. Bishop, Church Cottage, Stoodleigh, by Tuesday, Sept. 17th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, Sept. 21st (St. Matthew's Day). Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Meeting at 4.30, followed by tea and service at 6 p.m.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The Crawford Silver Cup Competition will be held at East Markham, near Tuxford, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. First company drawn to take ropes at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to be held after contest. Those desiring tea must inform the honorary secretary before Sept. 18th. Bells available to all ringers immediately after contest. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale, 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford, and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

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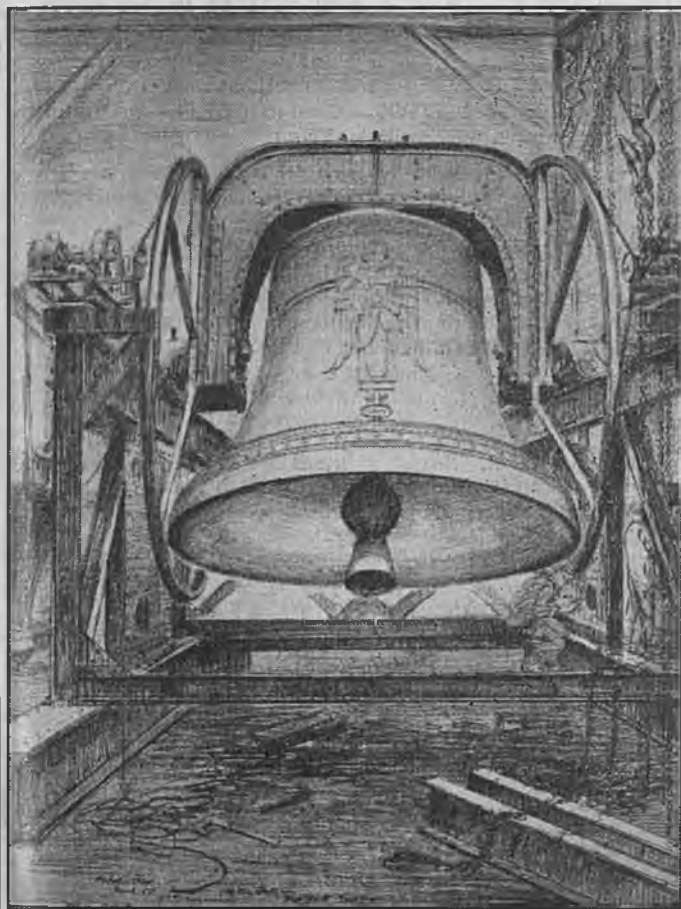
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TEN BELL PEALS.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM JONES 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	JAMES MORGAN 8
HENRY W. WILDE 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
JAMES MARTIN 5	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.'

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*ERNEST G. HIGGIN Treble	FRED WILFORD 6
ALBERT H. WARD 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FREDERICK N. SMEATON 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 8
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 4	ROBERT J. DAWE 9
C. ERNEST SMITH 5	GEORGE H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

* First peal with a working bell. This peal was rung as a compliment to Mrs. E. Goldsmith on attaining her 83rd birthday. Mr. Wilford was elected a member of the association in the tower.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*HORACE BELCHER Treble	*EDWIN F. PIKE 6
*MISS FREDA ORR 2	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
*GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 8
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5	*REUBEN SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal, also first in the method by the association. First peal of Double Norwich Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

S. YATES Treble	J. C. POLLARD 5
*RALPH JACKSON 2	W. ELLERINGTON 6
MISS L. LANCASTER 3	T. METCALFE 7
JOHN G. HALL 4	T. LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

* First peal in method. This peal was rung to commemorate (1) the birthday of His Majesty the King, June 3rd, (2) anniversary of wedding of ringer of 5th, June 5th, (3) birthdays of ringers of 6th and 7th, June 5th, (4) birthday of ringer of tenor, June 8th, (5) 21st birthday of ringer of treble, June 13th.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. REID Treble	ROBERT JACKSON 5
*RALPH JACKSON 2	†T. JACKSON 6
JOHN G. HALL 3	T. METCALFE 7
J. C. POLLARD 4	A. SPURDLE Tenor

Conducted by RALPH JACKSON.

* First peal on inside bell in method; also first peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt. † First peal. This peal was rung as a welcome to the newly inducted Vicar of Ormesby (Rev. E. F. Wood).

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

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

*JOHN GORST Treble	JOHN COOKE 5
JOHN BREESE 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	THOMAS ROGERS 7
LESTER L. GRAY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. John Breeze.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR Treble	ARTHUR LORD 5
THOMAS WATSON 2	JAMES INGHAM 6
JOHN CAVANNAGH 3	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Arranged for Mr. T. Watson, of Dalton-in-Furness.

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

G. RONALD EDWARDS Treble	JOHN BAGLEY 5
JOHN BREESE 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
THOMAS ROGERS 3	JAMES F. SMITH 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

This peal was rung on the front eight of the twelve to replace an attempt for Bob Royal, which was frustrated by the breaking of a clapper. Mr. Brotherton is from Wolverhampton, and this was his first attempt for a peal of Treble Bob.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
LESLIE C. WHITEMAN 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the tenor, also to the daughter of the conductor. First peal in a Surprise method by the treble man, who rang the bell in an excellent manner.

GEORGEHAM, DEVON.—On August 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: J. Richards 1, C. Rook 2, H. G. Ridge 3, J. Sprague 4, C. Filer 5, A. H. Hayward 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Turner 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 5
GEORGE BARRACLOUGH 2	HARRY MARSDEN 6
EDWARD CROWTHER 3	HENRY H. SMITH 7
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY

ECOLLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
ROBERT DAVIS 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
JAMES T. POTTER 3	JOHN POTTER 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER

First peal on the bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRED HINDLE Treble	THOMAS WATSON 5
JOHN SANDERSON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JAMES HARRISON 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
*FRED BENTLEY 4	*RICHARD BOLDERSTONE Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Mr. T. Watson is from Dalton-in-Furness.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*FRANK HUNT Treble	ABRAHAM E. WINTERTON 5
†JOHN YERROLD 2	HARRY BOSWELL 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 3	JOHN PERRY 7
HERBERT T. PIPER 4	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal and first attempt, also proposed a member of the society previous to starting the peal. † First peal. Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	HARRY BAKER 7
WILLIAM SPICE 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE. Rung as a birthday peal for Mrs. C. H. Sone.

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SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS... ..Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... ..5
GEORGE MAYERS... ..2	JOHN A. GODFREY... ..6
†FRANK V. GANT... ..3	CHARLES LOVETT... ..7
GEORGE A. COOKE... ..4	NOLAN GOLDEN... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Oxford 'inside.'

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS... ..Treble	JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR... ..5
JAMES WM. GROUNDS... ..2	WILLIAM HORAN... ..6
H. STANLEY ROBINSON... ..3	JOHN BOOTH... ..7
WILLIAM TAYLOR... ..4	WILLIAM SHARPLES... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (100). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY LONG... ..Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD... ..5
HENRY HODGETTS... ..2	GEORGE H. CROSS... ..6
*ERNEST G. GARRARD... ..3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK... ..7
STEPHEN H. HOARE... ..4	RONALD H. BULLEN... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th Surprise peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE... ..Treble	JOHN F. FOX... ..4
CHARLES JAINE... ..2	WILLIAM H. JAINE... ..5
THOMAS G. COOKE... ..3	REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

Rung with all the bells plain hunting in turn, two 720's with the 2nd and 4th, and one each with the treble, 3rd and 5th. This is the first peal of Grandsire rung on this principle for the Guild.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Friday, August 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk Surprise, Primrose Surprise, London Victory, Duke of Clarence, Hoylandswaine, Queen Bess and York Delight.

A. KELSALL... ..Treble	H. CHANT... ..4
A. COLE... ..2	D. SMITH... ..5
M. PERRY... ..3	J. T. WHITE... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. T. WHITE.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Dunstan's, Morning Star, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

WILFRED E. BROOKES... ..Treble	*JAMES P. HYETT... ..4
*THOMAS C. GWILLIAM... ..2	FREDERICK A. JAINE... ..5
*THOMAS G. COOKE... ..3	*HEDLEY B. VALE... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung on the front six of the peal of ten, and in honour of the wedding of W. H. JAINE and Miss C. Preece, who were married earlier in the day.

DENTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Plain Bob and 34 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt.

E. LEWIN... ..Treble	A. E. KITCHEN... ..4
J. NORTON... ..2	A. N. GEARY... ..5
J. G. GEARY... ..3	C. JONES... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Treble	GEORGE POPNELL... ..4
DONALD CLIFT... ..2	ALAN A. RACKHAM... ..5
WILLIAM H. SANDERS... ..3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell to W. Williams, an old boy of the above tower, who is leaving to take up a position in Deptford. It was also a birthday compliment to S. T. Rackham.

COBHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*WILLIAM JAMES... ..Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON... ..4
ARTHUR H. SMITH... ..2	*ALAN R. PINK... ..5
ALFRED H. WINCH... ..3	ALBERT HARMAN... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

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

CRANFORD, NORTANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*FRED ARNOLD... ..Treble	CYRIL WILSON... ..4
†WILLIAM WHITMORE... ..2	GEORGE W. JEFFE... ..5
FRANK KIRK... ..3	LESLIE GROOM... ..Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in five methods.

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BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge and Beverley. Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 4½ cwt.

* H. HALL Treble	H. BAILEY 4
E. MALLANDER 2	B. BAILEY 5
A. SMITHSON 3	F. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by F. KNOWLES.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers of treble and fourth were proposed members previous to starting.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) Treble	REV. H. S. RICHARDSON (Tr.) 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 2	REV. B. H. TYRWITT-DRAKE
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 3	(Pemb.) 6
R. O. STREET (St. John's) 4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 7
	REV. C. W. JENKYN (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

BOURN, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Treble	REV. H. S. RICHARDSON (Tr.) 5
CANON G. H. RIDOUT (Sel.) 2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.) ... 4	J. R. DOFFIELD (Selwyn) ... Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

SOHAM, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 6, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES (Caius) Treble	R. O. STREET (St. John's) 6
J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 7
REV. R. H. WHITFORD (Pemb.) 3	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 8
CANON G. H. RIDOUT (Sel.) 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) 9
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 5	REV. B. H. TYRWITT-DRAKE

(Pemb.) Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

MEETING AT SEDGLEY.

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, August 31st, at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, Staffs, but was sparsely attended owing to the inclemency of the weather, which greatly marred the proceedings. The beautiful peal of eight bells were kept merrily going from 3 p.m. until the service, at which the Guild form was used. The Vicar of Sedgley (Rev. Dr. Swindell) conducted the service, and gave an eloquent address. The assistant priest, the Rev. Alcock, also took part in the service. The Vicar extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Guild.

A bountiful tea was served in the schoolroom, and 'full justice' was done to the good things provided, but it is regretted that so few turned up to enjoy them. After tea, the business meeting took place, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, who was supported by his warden, Mr. E. A. Dews. Apologies were received from Mr. E. A. Babb, people's warden, and from Mr. A. Greenfield. Business of a routine character having been disposed of, Mr. S. J. Hughes gave his report upon the business transacted at the Central Council meeting at Chelmsford. He lucidly explained matters dealt with, and asked Mr. E. W. Perrins, who also attended the meeting at Chelmsford, to say a few words. Mr. Perrins very ably dealt with the question of six-bell peals, and at the close of their remarks a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to both these gentlemen.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Netherton, subject to the usual permission being obtained. It was also proposed to attempt the quarterly peal at Sedgley, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

On the proposition of Mr. John Price, it was decided to send a letter of sympathy to the family of the late Mr. G. N. Cockin, of Halesowen.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. S. J. Hughes, seconded by Mr. John Price, and supported by the Vicar's warden, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Sedgley for his kindness in granting permission to the Guild to hold the meeting at Sedgley, for conducting the service, and for his eloquent address, also for the use of the tower and bells. Thanks were also given to Mr. Benjamin Fullwood for his untiring efforts in helping to make the meeting a success; to the Rev. Alcock for his share in the service; and to the organist for the musical part of the service.

A special vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Fullwood, who kindly undertook to provide the tea, and to those young ladies who assisted her in preparing and serving the meal. Thanks were also tendered to Mr. Dews, the Vicar's warden, for his presence and support, and to all who assisted in any way to make the meeting a happy and successful one.

The members afterwards returned to the belfry and kept the bells merrily going until nearly nine o'clock.

GORING RINGER'S RECORD.

Goring-on-Thames is to have a peal of eight bells, and the last touch on the old 'six prior to dismantling was rung on Sunday week, when a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was brought round by J. Bower 1, L. Haines 2, W. Aldridge 3, H. Perry 4, G. Wilson 5, E. Barkins 6. An interesting feature about this six-score was that it was called by J. Bower, who conducted the first 120 rung on these bells, over 40 years ago.

It was early in the year 1888, when there were only five bells in the tower, that the Rev. C. Littlewood promised a sixth bell to the ringers as soon as they could accomplish the feat of ringing 120 changes: this they did in March of that year. The ringers on that occasion were J. Holder 1, J. Tarrant 2, W. Aldridge 3, W. Moss 4, J. Bower (conductor) 5. By conducting the last 120 on the ring of six, Mr. Bower can claim a wonderful local record.

The new bells are the gift of the late Mr. H. A. Lacey Smith, and are expected to be ready early in December.

FIRST PEAL ON ECCLES' NEW BELLS.

The bells, which were formerly at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, have been recast (with the exception of the tenor) and re-erected at St. Mary's Church, Eccles, Lancs. The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The first peal on the bells was rung on Saturday by members of the Lancashire Association representing eight towers, viz., Redditch, West Didsbury, Eccles, Stretford, Ashton-under-Lyne, Worsley, Walkden and Smithills, Bolton. The peal was rung on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. Myles, to whom the ringers wish to convey their thanks for the hospitality shown to them after the peal.

PEAL CORRECTION.

The time for the 7,200 changes of Bob Minor rung at Lavenham, Suffolk, on handbells, Saturday, August 31st, was two hours and thirty-seven minutes, not three hours and thirty-seven minutes.

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST.

MORE CLIPPINGS FROM A SCRAP BOOK.

'This is to acquaint the public that on Easter Tuesday next, at New Shoreham, two half-guinea hats will be rung for, a round peal on six bells, to raise and fall. To meet at John Jarman's, at the sign of the Red Lion, at New Shoreham aforesaid.' This quaint announcement of a ringing contest at New Shoreham, Sussex, appeared in the 'Sussex Weekly Advertiser' of March 4th, 1771. It was probably promoted by John Jarman, but what will no doubt strike readers as curious are the prizes—two half-guinea hats. What would have been the use of two hats among six ringers? Perhaps they would pass them round and use them in turn.

Fifty or sixty years ago ringing contests were of frequent occurrence in some parts of the country, and one such took place at Holy Trinity Church, Low Moor, Yorks, and extended over two days. Eight bands of ringers took part, and each had to ring 'half the peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples, or 2,520 changes, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob.' The prizes amounted to £28. One wonders what the umpires got! The Editor of 'Church Bells' entered a strong protest against the competition, in his efforts to further 'belfry reform,' and at the same time he took an almost equally strong line against Sunday peal ringing. He said 'the practice of ringing bells before service is peculiar to the North of England; but it is not the legitimate way for calling people to church; the bells should be chimed, pouring forth their sweetest and most subdued music.'

A ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM, RESTORATION.

The recent recasting of the bells of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, recalls the fact that about sixty years ago there was no ringing upon them for two years. On Christmas Day, 1863, a gudgeon of the eleventh broke, and a week after this accident it was found that the fifth was cracked. The fourth of that time was always considered a poor bell, so that while repairs were being undertaken it was decided to recast the fourth and fifth, and to hang the whole peal in a new frame. Blows and Co. recast the bells, and upwards of 700 cubic feet of oak was put into the two frames, which carried the bells in two tiers. Incidentally, this frame now holds the new peal of twelve. It was two years before the work was completed, and the cost was about £500, raised by public subscription. The Church Council of St. Martin's have been saved the task of raising the cost of the last big undertaking—the new peal of twelve—for, as may be known to many, a 'rope craft' fund has supplied the necessary money. Two or three centuries ago a generous supporter of the bells left a piece of land, the income from which was to go to the provision of bell ropes. With the progress of time, the ancient leases lapsed, and the land, now well within the boundaries of the city and covered with buildings, is bringing in a substantial annual rental which is devoted to church maintenance and restoration purposes—as well as the provision of bell ropes. New bells were required, and the 'rope craft' provided them.

THE COST OF FUNERAL BELLS.

The custom of ringing 'the passing bell' is considered as old as the use of bells themselves in Christian churches. Old records prove that from four hundred to five hundred years ago the relatives, if they could afford it, could choose the number of bells that were to be rung for the occasion. That a death knell was not limited to the tolling of one bell seems to be proved by an order of 'leet' at Coventry in 1498, by which it was ordained that 'all man p'sones thatt hereafter will have the bells to ryng after ye decease of any their friends, they shall pay for a bell rynging w't all ye belles ijs (2s.); xxd. (1s. 8d.) yt of to ye churchward, and iiij (4d.) to ye clerks. And yf he well have but iiij belles xvjd (1s. 6d.); xiid. (1s.) to ye Church and iiij to ye clerks. And as for iij belles, eny p'son y't well have theym to paye but iiij to the clerks.'

In the parish of Wolchurch in 1526, the churchwardens set out the scale of fees thus:—

Fyrste, for the leste belle to ryng the space of one ower, for man or woman, or chyld, 4d.

Item, the seconde bell to ryng one ower, 6d.

Item, thyrd bell to ryng on ower, 8d.

Item, whate persone wyl have the thyrd to ring 6 owres before none, or after none, with the three smallyste belles to ryng at dyryge and masse, to pay 3s. 4d.

Item, whate persone wyl have the fourthe bell to ryng 6 owres before none, or after none, with the four smallest belles at dyryge and masse, to pay 5s. 0d.

Item, whate persone wyl have the 5th belle, whyche is the greatest belle, to ryng 6 owres before none, or after none, with alle the belles to ryng at dyryge and masse, shall pay 6s. 8d., and the sextone to have for the same greate belle, fyndyng all the ringers, 6s. 8d.

Item, the sextone to fynde the roope for the same, and also the bawdrycks for the same belle at hys owne coste and charge.

Also hys is agreed the same tyme the clerke have all the vantage of the 4 bells and he to fynde both bawdrycks and ropes for the 4 seyde belles.

Item, the clerke to have all the vantage to hymselfe of ryngyng of the belles for yerely obytes, and yerely myndes.

Item, the clerke to have for tollynge of the passyng belle for manne, womanne, or childe, if it be in the day, 4d.
Item, if it be in the night, for the same, 8d.

'GENTLEMEN OF EDUCATION.'

'On Tuesday, March 14th, 1871, six members of the University of Oxford paid a visit to the neighbouring village of Islip, and succeeded in ringing on the pretty peal of six several peals of Six-score Grandsire Doubles: Rev. E. P. Barrow (Oriell), treble; J. S. Leadam, Esq. (Univ.), 2nd; R. Troyte, Esq. (Trinity), 3rd; H. C. Sturges, Esq. (Univ.), 4th; J. E. Troyte, Esq. (Christ Church), 5th; W. B. Ingham, Esq. (Univ.), tenor. Conducted by John E. Troyte, Esq., College Youth.'

In these days such a performance would hardly be noticed. But in 1871 it was a significant sign of the times, and 'Church Bells,' in giving prominence to it, added the comment, 'Probably these are the first peals on record rung entirely by gentlemen of education. The bells were fairly struck, without any break down; three of the ringers had only been learning since last November. What an encouragement to others to follow their example! Besides being able to sing, we think every young clergyman should be able to ring, and then he will be able to take his proper place in the belfry.'

'ALL "SNAPPERS."'

In the year 1793 there was a very capable six-bell company at Bingley, Yorks, and on the occasion of a local bigwig, William Busfield, Esq., attaining his majority, they 'rang seven whole peals of 720 changes each, in all 5,040 changes, on the most difficult of known methods, all "Snappers," namely, Chester, London, Carlisle, Chelsea, Lincoln, Lichfield, Wells. This will be acknowledged to be a most remarkable and uncommon feat, all the performers being members of the Bingley Company.' This company continued to maintain a high standard, and two of them, Isaac Rhodes and Ezekiah Briggs, took part 33 years later in thirty-six twelve scores, in all 8,640 changes, in 36 methods. Rhodes and Briggs shared the conducting in this peal. The methods were all Treble Bob or Surprise methods. 'The above is the greatest number of peals on record rung by one company, all living in the same town, and was acknowledged to be a masterpiece by the best authorities of the time. The performance, as far as is known, is without a parallel in the history of change ringing.'

FIRST COMBINED UNIVERSITY PEAL.

'On Saturday, March 10th, 1877, seven members of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, assisted by Mr. C. A. W. Troyte, of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and Huntsham Court, Devon, rang at the Parish Church at Appleton, Berks, Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5,040 changes. It was brought round in 2 hrs. 58 mins. by the following: J. R. Keble (Keble) treble, F. A. Milne (Keble) 2, C. D. P. Davies (Pembroke) 3, H. W. Ellicott (Brasenose) 4, G. H. Phillott (Christ Church) 5, Rev. F. E. Robinson (Exeter) 6, C. A. W. Troyte (Trin. Hall, Camb.) 7, W. C. H. Burne (Keble) tenor. Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. This is the first peal ever rung by members of the two Universities without the assistance of any other persons.'

PROGRESS OF IPSWICH COMPANY.

'On January 17th, 1878, ten members of the Ipswich Society, also of the Norwich Association, rang 1,061 changes of Grandsire Caters in 50 mins., by the following persons: D. Prentice 1, T. Saddler 2, T. Alexander 3, W. Meadows 4, R. Hawes 5, H. Bowel 6, H. Taylor 7, W. Kemp 8, E. Reve 9, J. Miller 10. Conducted by D. Prentice. It will be seen by ringers that the above is no great skilful performance,' said a report, 'but it is recorded merely to show the progress made since the formation of the company about twelve months ago, at which time they were scarcely able to ring a course of Grandsire Triples, but through the kindness and perseverance of the old members several young hands have been raised that are now able to quit themselves creditably in various methods, so that, at last, it seems probable that this fine ring of twelve bells will have attached to them a good band of ringers, which they so richly deserve. The 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 8th were young hands, who had never rung a thousand in the above method before, and besides these the company has several more young hands who are rapidly advancing.'

LONGEVITY AMONG RINGERS.

Writing fifty years ago in support of the contention that bell-ringing was a healthy exercise and conducive to longevity, Dr. George Gregory, of Great Lever, Bolton, recalled the Painswick peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters, rung in 1817. 'Records of long peals rung at Painswick' (he wrote, quoting from 'Leisure Hour') 'date back to 1755, when change ringing was in its infancy. The Painswick men who rang these later peals may therefore be said to have been born ringers. Their fathers before them were mostly ringers, and they themselves devoted much of their leisure to practising this art. It has been shown that Barham's comrades could muster in such an advanced stage of life that eight of them who were able to ring averaged 72 years, and, in the same manner, the ages of the Painswick men who rang in the peal just described may be cited in favour of the beneficial effects of ringing. The only survivor of this band (1878) is Giles Mansfield, who now, at the age

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SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

A meeting was held at Aberavon, Glam., on Saturday, when members attended from Cadoston, Baglan, Morriston, Gorseinon, and the local band, and, in addition, welcome visitors were present from Pentre and Llanbradach. The eight bells were raised in peal about 3.30 p.m., and kept going until 4.30, when a short service was held, conducted by the curate-in-charge (Rev. A. T. Lewis), who gave the members of the Guild a welcome to the church. Tea followed in the schoolroom, kindly provided by the church members, and, needless to say, was enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting, with the Rev. A. T. Lewis in the chair, mention was made of the death of the Vicar of Aberavon, who was an hon. member of the Guild, and the members stood a few moments in silence as a mark of respect.

Gorseinon was chosen for the place of next meeting, and the Chairman said he was sure all present would join him in wishing the local captain and his wife, who were married on the previous Sunday, health and happiness in the future.—The local captain thanked them all for their kind wishes.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman for all he had done to make the meeting a success, to the donors of the meat tea, and to the ladies for looking after the wants of the company.—The Chairman replied, and said it was a pleasure to have the Guild there. He hoped they would come again.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major.

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of 85, is alive and hearty; the other nine men died at the respective ages of 89, 87, 78, 80, 84, 50, 71, 70 and 85 years. These numbers, with the age of Mansfield, make an average of nearly 78 years for each man; and if the age of the ringer who died at 50 be excepted, the average age of the remaining nine will be 82 years. As a warning to bachelors, it may be mentioned that the ringer who died at 50 was the only unmarried man amongst the band! These examples will show that ringing may be classed as one of the most beneficial of exercises, and may fitly be concluded by adding that the oldest ringer in England is Jonathan Pavier, who was born at South Hincsey, near Oxford, on May 30th, 1778. He rang his first 5,000 in 1807, and in 1815 rang in a peal of 10,080 of Grandsire Caters at New College, Oxford. Although he has now been blind for many years, he is otherwise in full possession of his faculties. The Cumberland Youths, of which Pavier was a member for nearly 70 years, rang a peal to celebrate his one hundredth birthday in the year 1878.

MR. GEORGE H. CROSS' 400 PEALS.

Method.	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Minor (1 method)	1	1	—	—
Minor (3 methods)	1	1	—	—
Grandsire Triples	4	—	—	—
Stedman Cinques	7	2	2	—
Stedman Caters	10	4	2	—
Stedman Triples	24	14	—	—
Bob Royal	2	2	4	4
Bob Major	15	8	24	23
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2	1	—	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	36 (a)	25	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	6	3	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	10	7	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	28	19	4	4
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	1	1	—	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	112 (b)	87	1	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	3	3	—	—
St. Clement's Bob Major	1	—	—	—
Superlative Surprise Maximus	2	—	—	—
Superlative Surprise Major	24	12	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	1	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	6	1	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	37	30	—	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	7	4	—	—
London Surprise Major	5 (c)	—	—	—
Bristol Surprise Major	2	—	—	—
Norfolk Surprise Major	2	1	—	—
Yorkshire Surprise Royal	1	—	—	—
Yorkshire Surprise Major	6	3	—	—
Pudsey Surprise Major	4	1	—	—
Totals	362	231	38	33

(a) Includes a peal by the youngest band to ring a peal of Major; (b) includes 7,136 and 1 peal non-conducted; (c) includes 'name' peal.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: F. A. Poulson 1, A. Symonds 2, W. Faiers 3, W. Jarvis 4, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6, F. A. Turner 7, W. A. Jarvis (Wisbech) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

All the arrangements are now satisfactorily completed for the Yorkshire Association's commemoration dinner at Sheffield on September 21st, and it is hoped that a large number of ringers will give this gathering their loyal support. Those who have not already applied for tickets should do so at once.

A ringing tour in Dorset has been in progress this week. A quarterly meeting of the Leicester District, M.C.A., was held at Billesdon on Saturday. After tea, several members went to ring on the eight bells at King's Norton (Leicestershire, not Worcestershire). A novel way of travelling was devised, viz., placing three forms in a lorry, and one of the party took his bicycle for a ride.

The first 720 of London Surprise Minor on the bells of Horsmonden Church was rung on the first of this month. Mr. F. J. Lambert, sen., who rang the 2nd, conducted the first 720 of Minor on these bells 41 years ago.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Stansted, Essex, on August 7th, should be credited to the Essex Association.

The claim to the first peal of Bob Major on the bells at Moreton-hampstead, Devon, made in a footnote to a peal rung there on August 31st, is withdrawn, as a peal in this method was rung on the bells on August 6th, 1924, under the auspices of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

William Shipway composed and conducted the first peal of Imperial Place Major ever rung. This was at St. Mary's, Islington, on September 13th, 1902. On the peal board recording this peal—we do not know if it is still in existence—Shipway was described as 'Author of the System of Ringing.'

The first peal of Superlative Surprise in Wales was rung at Llan-gollen on September 13th, 1907, conducted by Bertram Prewett, whose great ringing career was cut short by his death in action in France only ten weeks before the Armistice.

Charles Middleton, of Norwich, the composer of the one and only peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with tenors together, died on September 14th, 1886.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, of which St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham is the lineal descendant, was rung at St. Philip's (now the Cathedral), Birmingham, on September 18th, 1755. It was a peal of Bob Major.

A London Surprise Major record was set up at Drayton, Berks, on September 17th, 1896, when members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 11,328 in 6 hrs. 6 mins. The Rev. F. E. Robinson was at that time Vicar of Drayton and Master of the Guild, and was one of the ringers. 'Jim' Washbrook was the conductor.

With two men on the 9th and three on the tenor, the first peal on the then new ring of bells at Grantham was rung on September 19th, 1775, conducted by W. D. Crofts. They had not heard about ball bearings for bells in those days.

FAST PEALS.

Our inquiry as to eight-bell peals rung in 2 hrs. 20 mins. or less—raised as the result of the Crayford peal of Stedman Triples rung in 2 hrs. 14 mins.—has brought us a list of four, all rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where the tenor is 6½ cwt. The quickest eight-bell peal rung there was on February 16th this year, and occupied 2 hrs. 16 mins., which, like the Crayford peal, was over 37 changes per minute.

5,040 Stedman Triples, February 16th, 1929, conducted by R. F. Elkington, 2 hrs. 16 mins.

5,040 Stedman Triples, February 14th, 1927, conducted by W. P. Whitehead, 2 hrs. 19 mins.

5,040 Grandsire Triples, April 19th, 1924, conducted by Ernest Morris, 2 hrs. 19 mins.

5,152 Superlative Surprise Major, December 2nd, 1922, conducted by H. J. Poole, 2 hrs. 20 mins.

In addition to the above, a peal of Minor on the front six was rung in 1 hr. 54 mins. To this peal, Mr. James George rang the tenor (2 cwt. 33 lb.). This, we believe, is the quickest peal ever rung on tower bells.

Another fast performance was the 13,440 Bob Major on the same bells on April 8th, 1922, called by Ernest Morris. This was rung in 6 hrs. 48 mins. The same length, rung on handbells at Pudsey, took 7 hrs. 7 mins.

RINGERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

On September 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Broughton, Astley, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 49 mins. by: John Brunt 1, Cecil E. Carr 2, Frank S. Bodycote 3, Charles H. Webb (Croft) 4, Henry Bird (conductor) 5. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble and to Mr. Tom Brunt, his brother, on their golden wedding day; also to Mr. C. H. Webb on his silver wedding. Mr. John Brunt has been parish clerk at the church for 30 years. He is captain of the local band, and has actually been a ringer at the church for 57 years. Mr. Tom Brunt was for many years a member of the local band, and regardless of his 78 years came into the belfry after the quarter-peal and rang a few rounds.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

The support which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies gave in his letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' to the suggestions put forward by the writer for bringing the Exercise and the Central Council into closer touch, is very gratifying. As Honorary Secretary of the Council for something like 20 years, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies has, perhaps, a more intimate knowledge than anyone else of its working and, if one may say so, of its shortcomings. His comments—they can hardly be called criticisms—are welcomed, as would be any other reasoned opinions upon the suggestions put forward, advanced as they were solely in the hope of promoting the welfare of the art of ringing by strengthening the ties between the Council and the affiliated associations.

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Mr. Davies says that he has never yet been able to discover the 'ground of disagreement' between the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Council, the ground alleged hitherto being, in his opinion, 'ridiculously inadequate.' That is probably the view of many other people, but the fact remains that upon some ground or other the Gloucester and Bristol Association has withdrawn its membership, and the Council ought not merely to leave the matter as it stands. The opinion of the writer, for what it is worth, is that the Council is entitled, under the circumstances, to ask for and receive the definite reasons for the association's withdrawal—at present, it would appear, the Council has no official cognizance of the secession except the non-payment of the affiliation fees. A good deal has been said about it, it is true, in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' but the real issue between the association and the Council is by no means clear to anyone outside the association. For that reason the Council ought to go further into the question, so that it may learn exactly the grounds of complaint and, if they are reasonable, do its best to remove them.

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One remark made in the first article was apparently a little ambiguous. It was suggested that 'another step in making the Council the real head of the Exercise, in practice as well as in name, would be to make it a *sine qua non* of membership that the Council's rulings should be recognised.' Mr. Davies asks: 'Membership, of what? Of the Council or of the association?' Membership of the Council by an association was intended. Membership of an association by an individual already implies acceptance of the rules of the association. Membership of the Council by an association ought similarly to imply acceptance of the Council's rules. But it does not always do so. No good purpose would be served by drawing attention to specific instances which have occurred in the past of the ignoring of the rulings and decisions of the Council—but they have not always been accepted, everywhere. It is true that it is only logical that membership of the Council should be accepted as commanding loyalty to its decisions, but ringers are not always noted for their logic. The position of the Council would ultimately, therefore, be strengthened if every affiliated Association and Guild were called upon to incorporate in its rules one which provided that the decisions of the Council should be accepted and recognised. Some associations have already got such a rule,

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

PRESENTATION TO REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

This year Cambridge University Guild has reached its jubilee and last week, on the occasion of their annual reunion, the event was celebrated by many of the members.

Known originally as 'The Clare Society of Ringers,' the Guild was founded on February 4th, 1879, by the Rev. W. C. Pearson and others of Clare College. Men from other Colleges joined, and in May of the same year the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey became President. This office he has held ever since, and for many years past his rooms in Great Court, Trinity, have been the headquarters of the Guild.



REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY, President for fifty years.

Mr. Boughey's enthusiasm has resulted in a large number of Cambridge men leaving the University with a knowledge of the art of ringing which has been turned to good purpose, and many well-known members of the Exercise owe their interest in ringing to the inspiration of the President of the University Guild.

The 19th annual reunion of members, held this year in Cambridge, brought together an especially good attendance to celebrate the jubilee of the foundation of the Guild on February 4th, 1879. The following were present for the whole or some part of the week: The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, president, Canon W. W. C. Baker, the Revs. R. Copeman, M. C. Potter, H. L. James, E. B. James, Canon G. H. Ridout, Canon H. J. Elsee, the Revs. G. W. O. Jenkyn, H. S. T. Richardson, R. H. Whitford, B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, C. A. Clements, B. F. Sheppard, H. G. Benson, E. G. Benson, Messrs. J. T. Rickman, E. M. Atkins, R. O. Street, J. H. R. Freeborn, J. Butler, W. H. J. Hooton, M. C. G. Hooton, J. R. Duffield, F. E. Haynes.

During the week about twenty towers were visited within a radius of thirty miles from Cambridge. Four peals were attempted, of which three were successfully brought round. Members were pleased to have the opportunity of ringing on the reconstituted twelve at Saffron Walden, the fine ring of eight at St. Neots, and the well-known ten at St. James', Bury St. Edmunds. The 'go' of the Soham ten was much appreciated; they have recently been restored by a Soham firm.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation, the president entertained the Guild at dinner on Wednesday, September 4th, in Trinity. The dinner had been planned for February 4th, the actual day of the foundation, but all celebrations were postponed owing to the sudden and greatly lamented death of the Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton. The postponement, however, gave the Guild an opportunity of congratulating Mr. Boughey on the completion of fifty years as president.

After the dinner, at which 26 members were present, Mr. Boughey in a few words proposed the health of 'The King.'

Canon Baker proposed 'The Guild,' coupled with the name of Mr. Boughey, who had done such wonderful work for the Guild during his long presidency.

Later, Canon Elsee also spoke of the work of the Guild and the value of the annual 'Ringing Week.' He went on to speak of the president and Mrs. Boughey, expressing a desire that the best wishes of the Guild should be conveyed to her.

Mr. Haynes, the Master, spoke in appreciation of the social side of the Guild's life in Cambridge. He read a letter from the Rt. Rev. B. C. Roberts, Bishop of Singapore, who lamented his inability to be present, and sent his best wishes for the continued success of the Guild.

On behalf of the Guild, the Master then presented Mr. Boughey with a large silver rose bowl, inscribed, 'A. H. F. Boughey, President, C.U.G.C.R., 1879-1929.'

In reply, the President thanked the Guild for its unexpected gift, and expressed his pleasure at entertaining so many of the Guild's members.



St. Andrew's Church, Soham, Cambs, where the Cambridge University Guild rang one of their peals during their 'Jubilee' week.

Prior to 1788 this tower had six bells, but in the year mentioned these were replaced by a ring of eight, cast by Thomas Osborn, of Downham. In 1808, John Briant, of Hertford, recast the two smallest bells and added two trebles.

The Soham Youths thrived as a ringing society for many years. Among them were several members of the Tebbitt family, who took part in a number of peals, and in 1809 rang a 'family' peal in which three fathers and five sons took part, viz., Thomas Tebbitt and his sons John, Thomas and William, Robert Tebbitt and his son Robert, Edward Tebbitt, and Benjamin Tebbitt, who at that time was only 15 years of age. Whose son he was, the record does not say. At the time the new trebles were put in, Robert Tebbitt was one of the churchwardens, and his name appears on the bells. William Tebbitt, John Tebbitt, Robert Tebbitt and Thomas Tebbitt, jun., were still peal ringing in the year 1830, when with other Soham Youths they took part in a peal of Grand-sire Tittum Caters.

A SUNDAY RINGING TOUR.

The bellringers from St. Mary's Parish Church, Market Drayton, accompanied by friends from Wellington, Stanton, and Kenstone, had a very enjoyable outing, organised by Mr. W. Weatherby, on Sunday, August 25th. Leaving Drayton about 8 a.m., they travelled by charabanc, via Stafford, Lichfield, and Rugeley to Burton, where the beautiful church of St. Paul was inspected, the interior being greatly admired. They rang for morning service on the very fine peal of 10 bells with tenor of 28½ cwt. The bells were greatly admired by the whole party. Leaving Burton at 11.15, the party proceeded, via Ashby-de-la-Zouch to Loughborough, where an excellent lunch was partaken of. Afterwards the famous bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. was visited. The party were welcomed by Messrs. C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler, who took charge of and conducted them round the extensive works and explained the many intricacies and processes entailed in the casting and hanging of a modern peal of bells. Among the numerous peals of bells to be seen in the course of completion, special interest was taken in a carillon of 21 bells, which are destined for America, and which were fitted with an automatic keyboard, which the pianist of the visiting party was very loth to leave. A ring, tried on the light peal of ten erected in the foundry, caused a few anxious moments to some of the members owing to the lightness of the bells. The party proceeded to the little church at Stanford-on-Soar, where they rang on a nice peal of eight, after which Shepshed was visited and further ringing done. From here they went back to Loughborough and rang for evening service on the magnificent peal of ten at the Parish Church. After tea, all proceeded to Queen's Park to hear a carillon recital given by Mr. W. E. Jordan (borough carillonneur) on the magnificent carillon erected in the War Memorial tower. At 9.30 p.m. the party left for home, via Derby and Uttoxeter, and reached Drayton about 12.30 a.m., after having spent a highly-enjoyable and instructive time. The thanks of the party are due to members of the firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co. for kindly giving their services in conducting the visitors.

A STAFFORDSHIRE OUTING.

On Saturday, August 31st, the Kingsley and Cheadle (Staffs) ringers visited Rugeley and Mavesyn Ridware. At each of these two places there is a very good going ring of six bells. Arriving at Rugeley, the party met with a very hearty welcome from the local men, who were delighted to see the visitors. During the latter part of the ringing here the pilot (Mr. H. Carnwell) was busy 'fishing out' a suitable place wherein they might refresh the inner man. His quest resulted in a capital tea being partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe, after which the ringers went on to Mavesyn Ridware. The tower at this church holds a beautiful ring of six, recently rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise was rung. A tour of this 11th century church was then made under the conductorship of one of the local ringers, and was very much enjoyed. About 7.30 p.m. a start was made for home by way of Abbots Bromley, where a halt was made to 'cool the engine,' but when loading-up time came several of the 'young bloods' were missing (and, it is said, they were also missing). The delay created some anxiety, as one of the party had to make a connection at the other end of the ride. However, the delinquents turned up eventually, so 'all's well that ends well.' The thanks of the party are due to Mr. H. Carnwell and Mr. A. W. Hall for so ably attending to all the necessary arrangements.

FRESH SPLICING ?

On Sunday, July 14th, St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, company rang 720 Cuneacastle and Carlisle Surprise Minor spliced: G. L. Joyce (conductor) 1, P. H. Avey 2, W. Theobald 3, A. Prior 4, W. Miller 5, E. D. Smith 6. The same was again rung on July 29th, with E. J. Butler and G. Dawson standing in. On Sunday, August 25th, 720 Bourne and Netherseale spliced: G. L. Joyce, W. Theobald, A. Prior, G. Dawson, W. Miller, E. D. Smith (conductor). This is believed to be the first time these methods have been rung spliced.

NEW BELLS AT PENN, STAFFS.

The dedication of new bells at St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, near Wolverhampton, took place on Sunday, August 25th, by the Lord Bishop of Stafford.

In the early part of this year it was found necessary to call in the bell hanger, and upon the report of his inspection being received the church authorities decided to make a clean sweep of the existing bells and frame, and were confronted with a task of raising a sum of about £500. This was tackled in grim earnest, with the object of getting the scheme completed by St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24th, and the bells dedicated free from debt. This happy result was achieved, to the great credit of all concerned. Everybody worked hard, and if special mention may be made it is of Mr. Churchwarden Alan H. Twentyman and Mrs. Twentyman, with Miss Twentyman as a strong supporter; also of the Rev. W. I. Crump, assistant curate, who produced each week some novel posters which were exhibited in the village. The bellringers also did their part. Besides distributing upwards of 300 collecting boxes (which, by the way, realised over £80), themselves promised the sum of £20. The total sum obtained exceeds £600, the surplus cash going towards 'extras,' i.e., encasing the steel girders in concrete, copper-plating small parts of the fittings, etc.

The dedication ceremony took place at the morning service before a full congregation. A special form of service was used, during which the bells were chimed for a short period. After the service they were raised in peal, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by the local band, and the bells were also 'fired' several times.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were responsible for the work, are to be congratulated, both on the tone of the bells they have produced and the speedy way in which the scheme was completed, especially as difficult obstacles were encountered.

The basis of the old peal was four bells cast by William Bagley in 1696. In 1858, a treble and tenor were put in by Warner and Sons, and as a diamond jubilee memorial, Barwell's added two trebles in 1897. The new tenor is 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A, with a diameter of 37½ inches, and the total weight of the bells is 45 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. The old inscriptions have been reproduced, with certain additions, as follow:—

Treble.—Victoria Regina Vocor. Jacobus Barwell de Birmingham Exceudit Me. Dedicatus Sum in Honorem Dei in Sexagesimo Anno Regni Victoriae Reginae et Imperatrix, A.D. MDCCCXCVII. Recast 1929.

2.—Victoria Regina Vocor. Jacobus Barwell de Birmingham Exceudit Me. Dedicatus Sum in Honorem Dei in Sexagesimo Anno Regni Victoriae Reginae et Imperatrix, A.D. MDCCCXCVII. Recast 1929.

3.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1858. Recast 1929. Edgar Hartill, Vicar.

4.—William Bagley Made Mee 1696. Recast 1929.

5.—William Bagley Made Mee 1696. Recast 1929. Alan Henry Twentyman and Cecil Robert James Pugh, Churchwardens.

6.—William Bagley Made Mee 1696. Recast 1929.

7.—Richard Raban and Thomas Nock, Church Wardens, 1696. Recast 1929.

Tenor.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1858. Recast 1929.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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but the majority have not, although, of course, the fact that they have not does not necessarily make them, as an organisation, any the less loyal in intention to the Council. But the fact that the rule appears in the constitution of an association would bring it home to the members of that association that they are expected to honour the rulings of the Council as loyally as they respect the rules of their own society. The least significant village cricket club would not for a moment think of setting up its own standard of recognition of the laws of the game. Why then should individual ringers or companies not be animated with the same spirit, and wholeheartedly accept the 'laws' which the Council lays down? The ringers have the right to send whom they choose to represent them, and, being thus represented, the policy of the Council on any question—the laws of the game' or anything else—is what the ringers like to make it. It is possible that this spirit is not yet fully developed in the Exercise, and that among certain classes of ringers it needs encouraging. If so, this is one of the first matters to which the Council should turn its attention.

DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARDS AT TROWBRIDGE.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. James' Church, Trowbridge, on Monday, August 26th, when the new Rector (the Rev. S. J. Nisbett-Wallace) attended to dedicate three peal boards. One of these boards contained the records of two peals—one of Grandsire Caters, rung on July 7th, National Thanksgiving Day, to celebrate the safe recovery of H.M. the King, and the other, rung on March 9th, in honour of the 81st birthday of Mrs. James Lansdown, of Trowbridge.

There was quite a gathering in the tower for the unveiling, several members of the Lansdown family being present (as a mark of appreciation of the kindness of the ringers to Mrs. Lansdown), together with the church officials, the local ringers and ringers from Devizes and Melksham, who took part in the national thanksgiving peal.

Mr. Sam Hector was at the belfry door with the Rector, and introduced the visitors as they arrived. Mr. Hector apologised for the absence of the tower captain, Mr. C. F. Andrews.

After opening prayers had been said by the Rector, Mr. Hector explained the objects of their presence that evening. Mrs. Lansdown's family had always done much for the bells and the ringers in Trowbridge, he said, and he asked Mr. P. M. Snailum to unveil the board recording the peal rung in honour of Mrs. Lansdown's birthday.

Mr. Philip M. Snailum said it was a great honour to him, as the eldest of Mrs. Lansdown's grandchildren, to have been invited to unveil the peal board. He spoke of the great pleasure it gave Mrs. Lansdown to hear the sweet music of St. James' bells on her birthday, and he wished to convey to them all her gratitude for the exceptional and high honour that had been done her.

Mr. Hector then asked the Rector to unveil the portion of the board recording the thanksgiving peal for the King's recovery. The Rector said he would like to congratulate the ringers upon the peal which they had rung, and he was very glad to see that the Lord Lieutenant of the county had sent them a letter of thanks and congratulations. They all rejoiced at the recovery of His Majesty the King.

At the Rector's request, the General Thanksgiving was said, and he then dedicated the tablets.

Two more tablets were afterwards dedicated, one recording the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung for the Salisbury Guild in the county in 1925, and a peal rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1923.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a course of Grandsire Caters was rung, much to the interest of those who had never before visited the tower.

A HALF-PEAL AND A BROKEN ROPE.

At All Saints' Church, Gresford, Denbighshire, on Wednesday, August 14th, a half-peal of Stedman Triples (Heywood's) (2,604 changes) in 1 hr. 32 mins.: T. Butler, sen., 1, R. Sperring 2, G. R. Jones 3, P. Swindley 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, J. C. E. Simpson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, A. Tilston 8. A peal was being attempted, but the bells were allowed to 'run home' after the half-way single owing to the fraying of the 5th rope, which broke immediately after rounds was reached.

On the previous Saturday, the same band was stopped at Chester after ringing a quarter of the peal on account of illness near the church.

MR. ERNEST F. POPPY'S 300 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted
Forward Maximus	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	7	—
Bob Maximus	1	—
Stedman Cinques	4	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	7	—
Bob Royal	1	—
Stedman Caters	4	—
Grandsire Caters	1	—
London Surprise Major	2	—
Bristol Surprise Major	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	16	1
Superlative Surprise Major	56	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	55	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	37	7
Oxford Treble Bob Major	38	11
Bob Major	16	8
Stedman Triples	25	—
Grandsire Triples	4	—
Bob Triples	1	—
Surprise Minor	11	—
Other methods Minor	11	—
Totals	300	30

By a coincidence, Mr. Poppy rang the 9th at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, to his 100th, 200th, and 300th peals. Rung in 64 towers.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. Dinner tickets (price 5s. 6d. each) may be had from Messrs. G. Lewis, R. Harrison, jun., and M. E. Wilson, or direct from the undersigned not later than Tuesday, Sept. 17th. Kindly enclose remittance with application.—Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea after service. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, September 14th. Bells 5.30. Members and friends cordially invited. Nearest stations: Cuffley and Potters Bar. Buses from Barnet. Practice meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Thursday, September 19th. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. York Minster (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. — P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members make their own arrangements for tea.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea.—J. C. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—District meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 1/- Business meeting. — G. L. Grover, Dis. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at High Easter on Saturday, September 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock; usual arrangements.—H. W. Kirton, Longmeads Cottage, Writtle, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—By the invitation of the Huntington Guild the quarterly meeting will be held at Huntington, near York, on Saturday, September 14th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. A meeting will be at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.: Business—Election of Branch President. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrexall on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea at Battle Axes Hotel 5.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Llandudno on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. Tea will be provided.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 20, Ffodd Estyn, Garden Village, Wrexham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Kindly notify me all requiring tea. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Willoughby (6) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Beds and Herts Associations will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy; D. Mears' School House, Offley, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wilden on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Bedford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A by-meeting will be held at Catherington on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Chiseldon on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Those requiring tea kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, September 14th. Will those requiring tea please send a card to Mr. F. Wallington, Long Stanton, Cambridge.—Katherine Fields, Dis. Sec., High Street, St. Neots.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Meeting at Winslow, Saturday, September 14th. Ringing 2.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1/- each.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec., Edgcote Rectory, Aylesbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Tideswell on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Church of St. John the Baptist. Eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea (free). Meeting in the Institute at 5 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Tideswell in connection with the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association. Arrangements for tea, please see M.C.A. notice.—N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Durweston, Sept. 14th. Towers: Durweston (6), Bryanston (6), Blandford (8), Pimperne (5). — A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, September 21st, by kind permission of Rev. Chestel de Boinville. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers for the coming year. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The Crawford Silver Cup Competition will be held at East Markham, near Tuxford, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. First company drawn to take ropes at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to be held after contest. Those desiring tea must inform the honorary secretary before Sept. 18th. Bells available to all ringers immediately after contest. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested. Good bus services from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale, 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford, and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea in Municipal Restaurant 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea advise Mr. G. W. Faulkner, 84, Abbey Road, Barking, by Thursday, the 19th, latest? This meeting has been specially arranged in conjunction with the Week's Hallowing Services held in connection with the restoration of the ancient Abbey Church of St. Margaret's. All ringing friends cordially invited.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m. Tea following. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 18th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—For the quarterly meeting to be held on Sept. 21st the following three towers will be visited: Rampisham, Evershot and South Perrott. A charabanc will call for ringers at Bridport 2 p.m., Bradpole 2.10 p.m., Netherbury 2.20 and Beaminster and Stoke Abbott 2.30 p.m. Teas will be provided only for those sending names by the 17th inst.—T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 18th?—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Stone, near Kidderminster, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present must notify the secretary not later than Sept. 16th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

DEVON GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15. Will those requiring tea send their names without fail to Mr. Bishop, Church Cottage, Stoodleigh, by Tuesday, Sept. 17th?—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, Sept. 21st (St. Matthew's Day). Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Meeting at 4.30, followed by tea and service at 6 p.m.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. — D. E. Lewis, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, before Sept. 18th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The autumn quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Thursday, at 1s. per head.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service will be held at 4.30 p.m. Tea can only be guaranteed for those who notify Mr. R. Howard, High Street, Barley, Herts, before Thursday, Sept. 19th.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Quarterly meeting at Privett on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, at the Privett Bush Inn, Privett Station. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Thursday, Sept. 19th.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

'COME OUT 'tis now September' and have a See excursion to Abbots Langley, Saturday, September 21st. Ringing from 3.30 (6 bells). Tea, Village Room, 5.30. Cheap tickets from London to King's Langley (1½ miles to church). Buses from Watford to church at intervals.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Tel. City 4270. Charming scenery, fine old church. Hearty welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Arborfield, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Barkham bells also available. All welcome. Tea at 5 for those who inform me by Wednesday, Sept. 18th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing all the afternoon. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. Those intending to be at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Sept. 18th.—T. Metcalf, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, not later than Sept. 18th?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. All ringers welcome. Good train and bus service.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Full particulars next week.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., Chobham Road, Ottershaw.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6), also Honiton (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available: Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8), Bury St. Edmunds, Horringer (8), and Fornham St. Martin (6). All ringers welcome.—J. Chinery, Dis. Sec., 51, Garland Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Egbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Please notify me by Wednesday, 25th, without fail.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Derby and Burton districts will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at George and Dragon (1s. 3d. per head). It is essential that those requiring tea must notify me by 25th inst. at latest. Will members please make a special effort to attend and ensure a successful meeting? Bus leaves New Street Park at 2.40 p.m. and train leaves Burton 3 p.m.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton, Cambs, on Saturday, 28th inst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Great Chesterford, Essex. All ringers are welcomed, even experts.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than 24th inst. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GUILDS.—A joint district meeting will be held at Bungay on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me by the 25th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Goate, Queen's Road, Beccles.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, September 28th. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1/3 each. All intending to be present will they please notify me not later than Tuesday, September 24th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Rd., Colchester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, September 28th, at Friezland Greenfield, near Oldham. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea, 1/6 each, send word not later than September 23rd, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wingham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, by the kind permission of Rev. Taylor. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Oct. 3rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Lutterworth, Saturday, October 6th. Bells (8), also Bitteswell (6), available during afternoon. Other details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec. 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, September 8th, at the Church of St. Illtyd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: W. H. Evans 1, J. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, R. Davies (conductor) 4, C. H. Perry 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, E. M. Smith 8. First quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Chappel 1, W. Williams 2, W. J. Norton 3, A. J. Pitman 4, C. Mathers 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stith (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8. Also a wedding compliment to the conductor, who was married the same day.

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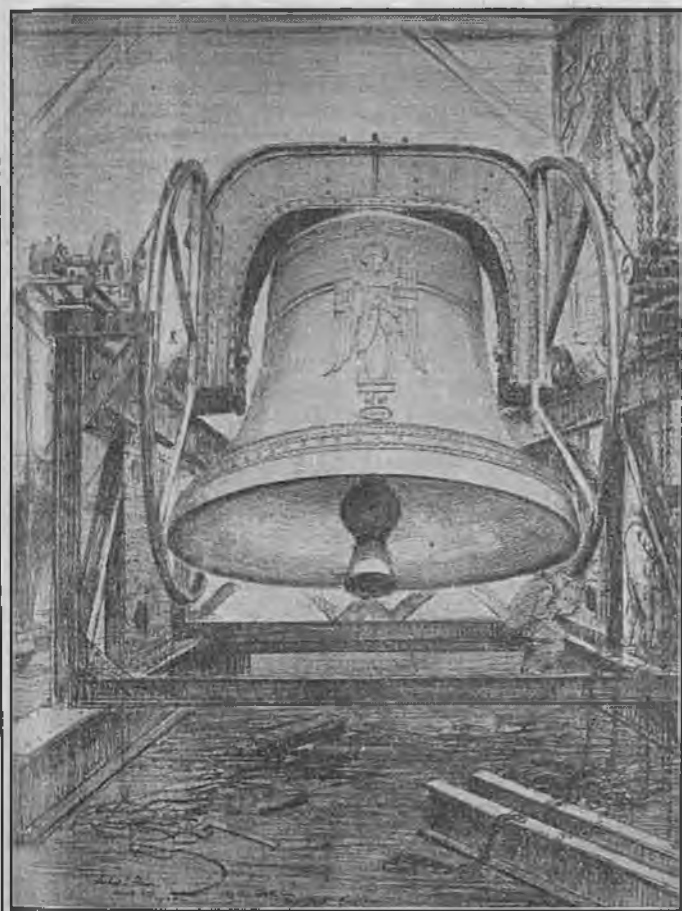
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The next meeting of the Central Council is some distance off, but it would be well if associations would, before electing or re-electing their representatives, as they have now to do—the last Council having completed its triennial period—give careful consideration to the proposals which have been made by a contributor to our columns on the subject of the reorganisation of the Council. There is no better time than the present for an overhaul of the position, and with the election of members of the Council is presented the best possible opportunity of putting forward any views for improving the relationship between the Council and the affiliated bodies. At present the ties between the two are of a loose description and, as far as the associations are officially concerned, all that they are entitled to do is to elect their quota of members and pay the corresponding fees. That condition of affairs, established when the Council was first formed and in no position to take upon itself any authority, may still satisfy some, but there are others, the Gloucester and Bristol Association among them, who consider that the associations should be given a definite status in the constitution of the Council. At present the rules lay down that the Council shall consist (1) of representative members from all recognised Societies, Associations, and Guilds of Church Bell Ringers numbering not less than seventy-five members, etc. In these things a good deal depends upon the words that are used, and it might be possible and desirable so to revise this rule of the constitution that the definite status that is asked for could be provided for.

This discussion is outside the Council, therefore it provides an opportunity for the representatives of the Gloucester and Bristol Association to draft when they think are proper amendments to the rules and put them forward—so that other organisations may consider them. The important necessity seems to us to be to make the affiliation of the societies the basis of the constitution, with, as a natural corollary, a provision that each affiliated association or guild shall, as far as lies in its power, recognise and observe the rulings and decisions of the Council; also that the societies shall have direct access to the Council and the right to submit motions for consideration, instead of as at present, having to get them placed on the agenda in the names of individual members. Naturally any association which put forward a proposal for the consideration of the Council would be responsible for providing a proposer and seconder, and, it seems to us, a motion thus submitted must carry more weight than one which merely stands in the name of a member. But whatever steps are necessary to test the feeling of the new

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Council as to a revision of the constitution, they should be taken early so that associations may have as long a time as possible in which to consider them. The Gloucester and Bristol Association would do a service to the Exercise if it would formulate its alternative proposals in definite terms and not leave to others the difficult task of finding a formula to which they would be prepared to agree as a preliminary to rejoining the Council.

TEN BELL PEAL.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6
REGINALD BROUGH 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	AMOS W. CLARK 8
*FREDERICK E. COLLINS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
WILLIAM BULFITT 5	ERNEST DENHAM Tenor

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT

* First peal of Stedman Gaters. The course-ends of this peal are alternately in the tittum and handstroke-home positions throughout. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Wright, Arthur Dean and F. E. Collins.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 6, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 5
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FRED HAWKES 6
JOHN ROWLAIT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
WILLIAM HALFORD 4	*HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells. The above peal was rung in connection with the jubilee festivities of the church.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS BUTLER Treble	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JOHN HAYES 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	JOHN E. RANGLES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYES.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

PERCY GLEDSTONE Treble	*HERBERT FOWLER 5
*OLIVER GREATHEAD 2	*FREDERICK G. LEWIS 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
*SAMUEL HARRISON 4	ARNOLD HILL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Urch, who were married at the above church on September 7th, the bridegroom being a member of the local band. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

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On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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Tenor 20 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... 5
GEORGE B. COLE ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
RICHARD F. DEAL ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First Surprise peal. This is the 50th peal which Messrs. J. T. Kentish and J. E. Davis have rung together.

BRISTOL.

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Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS ANNIE BROWN ... Treble	*FRANK SKIDMORE ... 5
*MISS BERTHA JORDAN ... 2	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ... 6
FRED W. WADE ... 3	ISAAC LONG ... 7
EDWIN J. BROWN ... 4	FRED E. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN

* First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Dr. Lionel Page, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., churchwarden of SS. Philip and Jacob, and city councillor, who died as a result of an accident on August 30th.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHERS ... 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
RICHARD HAYES ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

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GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

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Tenor 14¾ cwt.

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MAURICE SWINFELD ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
SAMUEL PINDER ... 4	*FREDERICK T. JUSTICE ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time. The band once again thank the Rev. J. S. Galloway for his kind hospitality after the peal.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ERICK PICKERING ... Treble	*GEORGE F. SWANN ... 5
*WILLIAM H. HALL ... 2	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... 6
*WILFRID H. FUNGE ... 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
JAMES W. REYNOLDS ... 4	*FREDERICK R. TRINDER ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. † 100th peal of Stedman Triples. First peal on the bells after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. Francis Atkins, curate of the above church, and Miss Marjory James, on the occasion of their marriage, which took place at Cheltenham earlier in the day.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON ... Treble	WALTER T. BENNETT ... 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... 2	*DONALD G. CLIFT ... 6
ALFRED T. POULTON ... 3	*JOHN CLARK ... 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major, and hails from Usk. † 200th peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 6
JOHN G. WILLIAMS ... 3	CHARLES H. PERRY ... 7
JOHN PHILLIPS ... 4	GEORGE POPNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

Rung as a wedding peal for the conductor, the band wishing him and his wife long life, the best of health, and every happiness in the future.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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At the Church of St. George,

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Tenor 14 cwt.

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ERNEST H. MEREDITH ... 3	FRANCIS EVANS ... 7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 4	ARTHUR C. NASON ... Tenor

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 5
JOHN C. ADAMS ... 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
JOHN PERRY ... 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
WILLIAM FISHER ... 4	SIDNEY ELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

The band desire to express their thanks to Mr. S. Grove, who met them at the tower and saw to everything being ready.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... Treble	CHARLES W. BRETT ... 5
*JOHN W. UNWIN ... 2	FREDERICK WELLS ... 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 4	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday peal to Messrs. C. W. Brett and F. Fairheard.

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THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	†ALFRED BALLARD 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 50th peal. Arranged for the ringers of treble and tenor, who hail from Croydon and Market Deeping, Lincs, respectively.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
PETER CHARMAN 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
MISS IRENE HASTIE 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BATCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

JACK A. LINTERN Treble	WALTER G. TILBY 4
THOMAS WHITE 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
JAMES F. HATCHLEY 3	WALTER CRABBE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Coombs (a member of the local band), and Miss Ruby Lena Day, which took place on the above date.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge, Wells, Ipswich, York, Beverley and Durham. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 4
JOHN MOULE 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
GEORGE DAWSON 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. Douglas Beard, M.A. (curate of this church) to Miss E. B. Mace, of Harlow, who were married at Harlow on this day.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALPHÆUS J. BERRY Treble	DAVID WHITING 4
BERT CHILVERS 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
GEORGE BROWN 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

The peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. H. Carem, of Highbury, London, and a birthday compliment to G. A. Blaxcell.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.—On September 13th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. Sperring 1, G. Jones 2, A. E. Richards 3, J. Swindley 4, J. Morgan 5, J. W. Clarke 6, H. W. Wilde (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ERIC BENNETT 4
RAYMOND GRANT 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

A WESSEX TOUR.

The following six peals were rung by visitors during a few days' holiday in Dorset, with the secretarial help of Mr. T. Hervey Beams and the kind permission of the clergy at the respective towers:—

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
First peal in the method on the bells.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S, Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
STAFFORD H. GREEN 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal on the bells, which were made an octave in the year 1911.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
MRS. EVERARD POWELL ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
REV. E. S. POWELL 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS
This is the first peal of Major in the town of Bridport.

MILTON ABBEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
REV. E. S. POWELL 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
MRS. EVERARD POWELL ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.—On Tuesday evening, August 27th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Richards 1, C. Rook 2, H. G. Ridge 3, J. Sprague 4, C. Filer 5, A. H. Hayward 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Turner 8. First quarter-peal for ringing of 3rd, although he has previously rung a peal.

WYKE REGIS, DOBSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5044 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F

NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

DORCHESTER.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	REV. E. S. POWELL 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
*MRS. EVERARD POWELL 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. This performance in the county town appropriately celebrated the birth of the first grandchild for the noble president of the Guild, which took place at Westminster the same day.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOLFRUM,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

SIDNEY J. PROCTOR Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN WALDEN 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*REGINALD SCOTT Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	WALTER PERKINS 7
FRED A. HOLDEN 3	JOHN W. WOOD 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER H. WOOD Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
FRED A. HOLDEN 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the association.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Banwell, Somerset, on Saturday, September 7th, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins., being 21 six-scores with ten different callings: E. Shallish 1, E. Avery 2, G. Gilling 3, R. Roberts 4, F. D. Rickards (conductor) 5, J. Shallish 6. The tenor is 24 cwt.

A RING OF TWELVE BELLS FOR BERKSHIRE.

£170 WANTED.

Two well-known Berkshire ringers are intent on raising the £170 necessary for providing two new bells for St. Laurence's Church, Reading, to increase them to a peal of twelve, and so great is their faith that, as already mentioned in these columns, the order has been placed, so that the work may be done while the restoration of the other ten is in hand. The following appeal for funds has been sent out:—

About two years ago the authorities of St. Laurence's Church in Reading were made aware that their historic ring of ten bells was in need of rehanging.

As soon as they could see their way to take the matter in hand a fund was opened and estimates were obtained for carrying out the necessary work.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank obtained the contract to take down and tune the ten bells—recasting the treble—and to rehang them with new fittings in a new cast-iron and steel frame.

Parishioners and others specially interested in the church responded promptly to the appeal for funds, so that in three months £325 out of the £600 required has been contributed.

When the scheme was well launched it was represented to the authorities by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, who besides being secretary for the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers is also foreman of St. Laurence's tower, that it was a unique opportunity for securing a ring of twelve bells for Reading and the archdeaconry and county of Berkshire—such being already possessed by Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire—and that it was possible to hang the ten with two additional trebles on one level, that he had it on the best authority that the result would rank among the best of the light rings of twelve in the country, and that if the authorities would entertain the idea he, in conjunction with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Guild, would undertake the raise the additional amount required.

This representation was received with much favour.

Will you, then, help us two Berkshire men to raise £170 in order that this archdeaconry and county may possess a ring of twelve bells?

Subscriptions may be sent to Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Grosvenor Road, Caversham, Reading; or to Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The rehanging, tuning and augmentation of the good old peal at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, has been mentioned in the columns of 'The Ringing World' several times recently, and my name has been mentioned as having something to do with the job, hence these few words of explanation and appeal. When it was decided to tune and rehang the old ten and add metal to the treble, all ringers who knew the bells realised that they would be, when finished, a very fine ring. A few of us older ringers also realised that here and now was the only chance to get a peal of twelve in Berkshire, and by so doing a peal of twelve in each of the archdeaconries of the diocese. Well, I will admit 'faults and follies' by owning up that I did agitate certain people in authority and drove home these facts on all possible occasions; that we should have a good peal of twelve; that there was room for twelve on one level, with a good circle, and that in time we would ring them. When the church authorities said they would be pleased to accept two new bells, but would not shoulder the further responsibility of £170, I went straight to the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (who is, like myself, a Berkshire man), and, after a short talk, he said: 'We will have a peal of twelve in our native county. I will guarantee the amount, and we must get what help we can through our own Guild, branches and towers, and also from personal friends.' So now, if any tower, band, or individual ringer would like to help. I will be pleased to send a receipt for amount received, and also, if the editor of 'The Ringing World' will oblige, print a list of subscribers and balance sheet. I may say that no cheque will be too large. This appeal has nothing whatever to do with raising the £600 required for the rehanging of the peal of ten.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

69, York Road, Reading, Berks.

A COMBINED PRACTICE AT LAVERSTOKE.

A very successful combined practice of the Andover Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Laverstoke on Saturday, members attending from Highclere, Overton, King's Somborne, Woolton Hill and Woolton St. Laurence, including two ladies from Highclere. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock and continued until five o'clock. Then, by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Wragge, the members were entertained to tea on the lawn, followed by a stroll round the beautiful garden, which extends to the banks of the River Test. This the members greatly appreciated, and cordially thanked the Rev. and Mrs. W. Wragge for their kind hospitality. A move was then made to the tower for further practice. A very useful afternoon and evening was spent in practising Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NAVENBY'S QUAIN TOWER.

The newly-installed peal of six at the village of Navenby was an attraction to the large company of ringers who assembled there on Saturday, September 7th, upon the occasion of a quarterly meeting of the Lincoln District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

In the annals of the district one has to go back a good number of years to find any mention of this tower figuring in any events of campanology. It must, however, have been desired by the prime movers of the bell restoration scheme that Navenby should no longer be in the dark as far as ringing is concerned, and that it should be brought into line with its neighbouring parish. There was a little difficulty of a technical nature at the outset of the restoration scheme, but fortunately it was quickly overcome, and now Navenby possesses a fine peal of bells, with a tenor of 13 cwt.

Viewing this church from the roadside, the smallness of the tower in comparison to the nave of the church presents a notable feature, from which one might well assume that the builders were suddenly faced with shortage of material. The entrance to the belfry, like many others in the country, ends in a peculiar manner. Having proceeded up a sufficient number of steps, one is suddenly confronted with an aperture in the wall leading to the ringing chamber, the floor of which is some 8-10 feet below. From this opening in the wall one can obtain an unobstructed bird's-eye view of the room. With the new installation of bells, consideration has been extended to those residing very close to the church, for the louvres have been boarded over. With this improvement, however, there is coupled the disadvantage that the striking of the church clock cannot be heard to its required measure, with the result that it is highly probable that some of the boarding of the louvres will yet have to be removed.

Those present at the meeting came from Lincoln, Blankney, Rasingham, Branstons, Bardney, Gainsborough, Folkingham, Worksop, Ordsall, Collingham and Navenby, many of whom arrived early in the afternoon. The Rector of Navenby kindly conducted a service in the church, and also gave an address. Tea was then served at the Lion and Royal Hotel, at which upwards of 40 were present.

Following this a meeting took place, at which Mr. Geo. Chester took, for the first time, the official position of president—the outcome of a very unanimous election at the Bardney meeting.

Mr. Chester first of all thanked the company for the honour bestowed upon him, and went on to say that he was following a very good man in the Rev. R. Bond, the late president. He would do his utmost for the benefit of the Guild. He emphasised the importance of keeping up the strength of the Guild by obtaining young ringers, and he hoped that the more skilled ringers would not grudge the time given by them in teaching the new recruits. The main thing for ringers to observe was 'to keep going forward.'

Four new members were added to the roll, viz., Miss Rollitt (Navenby) and Mr. B. Boyes (Bardney) as ordinary members, Mr. Gibson Jackson (Doncaster) and Mr. R. E. Stockdale (Ordsall) both as non-resident life members.

The next meeting is to be held at Caythorpe on November 16th, for which meeting the method of Oxford Bob Triples was selected for preferential study.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector of Navenby, to the organist, and to the tea makers.

The ringers returned to the tower for further ringing until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered, bringing to a close a most successful meeting.

BLIND RINGER'S ACHIEVEMENT.

RINGS STEDMAN DOUBLES AT FIRST ATTEMPT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Chisledon on Saturday. A lovely old-world village on the Wiltshire Downs, with its fine old church dedicated to the Holy Cross, and a good-going ring of five bells (tenor 14½ cwt.), provided much enjoyment for those present. Ringers were present from Aldbourne, Chisledon, Ogbourne, Sheffield, Swindon (Christ Church and St. Mark's), and Wootton Bassett.

An excellent tea was provided on his lawn by Mr. S. C. Archer, the luxury of deck chairs and the like being much appreciated.

Some very good ringing was accomplished both before and after tea, in Plain Bob, Original, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The most interesting event of the day was the truly remarkable performance of Mr. J. E. Whittaker, the well-known organist at Chisledon Church, who is totally blind. Taking the 3rd rope, he conducted 120 Bob Doubles without the slightest hitch, and later, remarking that he knew the method but had not tried it before, he rang the 2nd bell through two 120's of Stedman Doubles, striking his bell perfectly. One thinks that the two touches mentioned are worth recording, as they must be almost, if not quite, unique, and one would like to add a word of admiration and congratulation to Mr. Whittaker on his achievement. The 120 Plain Bob Doubles was rung by: L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) 1, D. Heginbotham (Aldbourne) 2, H. Whittaker (Chisledon) (conductor) 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore, Sheffield) 4, S. C. Archer (Chisledon) 5. 120 Stedman Doubles: C. Hussey (Aldbourne) 1, H. Whittaker (Chisledon) 2, L. Wilson (Wootton Bassett) 3, D. Heginbotham (Aldbourne) 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore, Sheffield) (conductor) 5.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

THE SAFETY OF BROADWAY TOWER.

A meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association took place at St. Eadburgha's Church, Broadway, on Saturday week, and proved very enjoyable to all concerned. The bells have recently been rebung in a new iron frame with ball bearings, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry, who have carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner.

Mr. R. H. Dove, a member of the staff, represented the firm at the meeting, and among those present were the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice (Hampton), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bird and Mrs. Bird (Old Hill), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), W. Short (Glent), G. Fern (Smethwick), H. and A. Martin (Bromsgrove), C. H. Jones (Worcester), S. T. Holt (Crowle), W. Ranford (Suckley), J. Kyle (Charlbury), and members of the branch were also present from Evesham, Hampton, Crophorne, Hinton, Childs-wickham, Dumbleton, Offenham, Bretforton, Badsey, Staintbury, Overbury, Bredon's Norton, etc.

Soon after 3 p.m. the bells were set going to various standard methods, and the order of the afternoon and evening was for short touches so that all present could have a pull. Service was held at 4.30 p.m., the association's form of service being used, many parishioners being present.

The Vicar, the Rev. V. H. Patrick, took the service, and the choir and organist were in attendance. The Vicar, in welcoming the association to Broadway, said he appreciated the good fellowship and brotherhood they were creating among their numbers. The old church, he said, had nestled between those hills since the Norman period, its bells had pealed forth joyful news, and its muffled peals had sent forth sorrowful news, and now again they would still brighten and cheer the countryside.

Tea was provided by the Vicar and churchworkers, and was taken at St. Patrick's Cafe, upwards of 60 sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and was also elected an hon. member to the association. Several performing members were also elected.

It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal on Broadway bells with Mr. J. Hemming as conductor, but this caused some discussion, as the Vicar pointed out that the architect was of the opinion that the tower was not safe for long peal ringing, but this was ridiculed by Mr. R. H. Dove and Mr. C. A. Binyon.

It was further resolved to hold the next meeting at Great Hampton.

The usual vote of thanks was moved by Mr. G. A. King and was carried with loud applause, and the Vicar briefly replied.

A collection was taken at the service for a belfry repairs fund which amounted to 18s., since which a further contribution of 5s. has been sent by the Misses Hingley, of Middle Hill Park, who also have kindly consented to become hon. members of the association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Peasmore on Saturday, September 7th, when the following towers were represented: Bucklebury, Bright-walton, Beedon, Chieveley, East Ilsley, Newbury, Shaw, Highclere and the Peasmore ringers. Visitors were also present from Maidenhead. A service was conducted by the Rector of Newbury (the Rev. L. R. Majendie), who gave a very helpful address from Psalm cxlii: 'I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.' Miss Jacobs presided at the organ. Tea was served by the Misses Brown in their orchard, which was much appreciated by the ringers on such a hot day.

The business meeting followed, over which the chairman of the branch (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) presided, supported by the hon. branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. J. Pummell, of Hampstead Norris (an old member of the Guild), all standing for a few moments as a token of respect.

The annual meeting was fixed for Newbury about the middle of November, the date being left to the secretary to arrange with the Master of the Guild.

Mr. N. J. Blunden, of Bucklebury, was elected an hon. member, and three new ringing members were also elected.

The Rev. L. R. Majendie proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Misses Brown and their helpers for providing such an excellent tea. This was seconded by the secretary, who also thanked the Rector for his address, and Miss Jacobs for presiding at the organ. The tower was again visited, and this noted peal of bells set going again in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor.

MR. TOM BEADLE'S FUND.

Previously acknowledged £22 2s., Major H. B. Hesse £1 1s., Mr. A. T. Vervells (Brighton) 5s., Mr. E. R. Gladman 2s. 6d., Mr. A. T. Coles 2s. 6d. Donations will be gratefully received on behalf of Mr. T. Beadle by Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

AN ESSEX EXPEDITION.

ASSOCIATION VISITS NEGLECTED TOWERS.

Forty members, representing twelve parishes of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association, assembled at High Easter on Saturday last for the purpose of creating interest in the bells, which have not been rung for many years. Among those present were Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), Mr. G. Green (District Master) and Mr. H. W. Kirton (district secretary), Dr. Spencer Phillips, Messrs. W. Keeble, H. E. Hammond, W. Lincoln and other prominent neighbouring ringers.

The bells, a ring of six, with a tenor 18 cwt., half a tone flat, restored, and a treble added to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria, need the attention of a competent bell hanger. The 4th, especially, goes very badly. Fortunately, there were among those present men who could handle and strike the worst going bells, and some very creditable ringing was done in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tea and meeting were held at the Cock and Bell, Mr. G. Green, District Master, presiding.

Rev. Canon Paynter was elected a life hon. member.

A short service was held in the church. The Rev. B. H. Vincent, Vicar, officiated, gave a warm welcome and a short well-chosen address. The lesson was read by the Master.

After the Vicar had been thanked for the use of the bells and for officiating at the service, his attention was called to the need of some belfry repairs. A wish was also expressed that an effort should be made to form a band of service ringers.

The Vicar promised that the request would receive his attention, at the same time pointing out the difficulties of securing church-workers in so scattered and rural a parish.

A call was made by some on their way home at Good Easter. Here is a very musical ring of five, hanging in a turret, tenor about 10 cwt. No ringing has been done on these bells for several years. The long draught of rope and the need of some oil on the bearings may have accounted for the indifferent 'go.' Several six-scores of Doubles were brought round, possibly the first change ringing on the bells. No band of service ringers is now in existence. The Vicar, Rev. W. F. Vaughan Jones, expressed his pleasure at the visit of the members.

Although no opportunity occurred of meeting any local ringers at either of the parishes, it is hoped that the expedition will result in an effort being made to induce some of the younger generation to take up this branch of church work.

HERTS AND BEDS JOINT MEETING.

On Saturday last a joint meeting of the Hertford County Association and Bedfordshire Association was held at Biggleswade. The meeting was well attended, and the different counties were well represented by members from Bedford, Biggleswade, Clifton, Everton, Roston, Southill, Sandy, Baldock, Barley, Hitchin, Letchworth, Offley, Stevenage, Melbourn (Cambs) and Cambridge.

The bells were raised about 2.30 p.m., and were kept going in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and a course of London Minor for the benefit of the 'Minor' ringers.

An excellent tea had been arranged by Mr. C. J. Ball, the Beds secretary, at the Cafe.

After tea, the bells were again soon on the swing, and not before 8.30 p.m. was the meeting brought to a close as the bells were rung down in peal in masterly fashion, a fitting close to an enjoyable day.

The secretaries wish to thank all who lent their support, thereby making the meeting the success that it undoubtedly was, and hope that another may be arranged at a future date.

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345261	x	x	x
423651	x	x	x
521643	x		
461253	x		x
623145	—		
215364	—		
635124	x		x
(562314)	x	—	x —
164352	x		
631542	x	x	x
356412	x	x	x
152436	x		
342516	x		x

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower this week-end—before he forgets it? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peals at Grantham, Ewerby, and Heckington were rung during a week-end visit to Surfleet by several well-known ringers, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson. The peals at Ewerby and Heckington were rung as a compliment to the host and hostess on the anniversary of their engagement.

The peal of Stedman Caters, rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on August 31st, in which Mr. H. J. Tucker, formerly of Bishop's Stortford, and now of Chichester, took part, was rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal, which was Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Mary's Church, Ealing, Middlesex, on August 31st, 1879, for the old St. James' Society.

On September 25th, 1845, a peal of Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by John Cox, was rung at St. James', Bermondsey. It was a 6,701, and was recorded as the 'greatest number attainable with treble in 2nd's place and bobs only.'

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894.

Matt. Wood, of Bethnal Green, one of the most famous of the old London school of ringers, and one of the band that opened St. Paul's Cathedral bells, was born in 1826. He rang over 300 peals, which was a great performance for a man in his days, and took part in several celebrated long lengths. He was a martinet in the belfry—but he was a good ringer.

WILL OF THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY.

Estate valued at £18,538 was left by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly, Devon, who died on June 15th, aged eighty-six. He was the head of one of the oldest families in the West Country, his ancestors having been settled continuously in Kelly since the middle of the twelfth century. He was formerly Vicar of Salcombe and of Ottery St. Mary.

For over sixty years he was identified with ringing in the West, and was secretary (1890-1896) and president (1896-1924) of the Devon Guild.

WINCHESTER CANON'S BIRTHDAY.

On Monday, Canon Braithwaite, of Winchester Cathedral, celebrated his 80th birthday, and the Cathedral ringers heralded the day by meeting at seven and 'firing' the bells for 80 times, and afterwards ringing a touch of 395 Grandsire Caters: R. Paine 1, W. C. Lampard 2, A. Goulding 3, H. Cook 4, C. Russell 5, E. G. Lampard 6, G. Noice 7, W. H. Loveland 8, W. Andrews (conductor) 9, P. Tibbie 10.

Canon Braithwaite has done a certain amount of ringing, and has for many years been chairman of the Winchester District of the Winchester Guild. He presented a set of handbells to the King Alfred (Training) College, Winchester, for the use of students, and always makes a point of including the Cathedral ringers among those invited to the party given by him and Miss Braithwaite early in the year. He has, indeed, proved a real friend to ringers. In spite of his 80 years he is still 'going strong,' and the good wishes of members of the Guild will go out to him.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S JUBILEE.



[Photo: Stearn and Sons, Cambridge.]

The Cambridge University Guild Jubilee celebration brought together a representative gathering of members, who, as already reported, presented to their president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, a silver rose bowl, as a token of their esteem and gratitude for his lifelong work on behalf of the Guild. The Guild was founded on February 4th, 1879, by the Rev. W. C. Pearson and others of Clare College, and was originally known as 'The Clare Society of Ringers.' Its scope, however, was quickly enlarged when men from other colleges joined, and in May of the same year it became the Cambridge University Guild, with the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey as its first president, which office he has held for an unbroken period of fifty years. During that time about 300 members have been enrolled, and many of them have, after their Cambridge days, occupied prominent positions in the Exercise.

The above interesting photograph was taken during the visit which the members paid to Cambridge.

Seated (left to right): (1) Rev. C. A. Clements (St. Cath's), Master of Chester Diocesan Guild. (2) Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Trin.), Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. (3) Mr. J. T. Rickman (Jesus), Master of the Sussex County Association. (4) Canon W. W. C. Baker (Clare), President of the Bedfordshire Association. (5) Rev. Professor M. C. Potter, Sc.D. (Peter's), Emeritus Professor of Botany in the University of Durham, and one of the original members of the Guild. (6) Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey (Trin.), President of Cambridge University Guild. (7) Rev. R. Copeman (Clare), Hon. Secretary, Ely Diocesan Association. (8) Canon H. J. Elsee (St. John's), President of the Lancashire Association. (9) Rev. H. Law James (Caius), Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. (10) Canon G. H. Ridout (Selwyn), of Johannesburg, South Africa. (11) Rev. E. Benkes James (Caius).

Standing: (1) Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Trin.), Vicar of St. Michael's, Neepsend, Sheffield. (2) Mr. J. Butler (Fitz. House). (3) Rev. F. G. Benson (St. Cath's), Tewkesbury. (4) Mr. R. O. Street (St. John's), Liverpool. (5) Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Trin.), Hon. Secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. (6) Mr. M. C. G. Hooton (Queens'), Cambridge. (7) Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (Pembroke). (8) Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (Queens'), Cambridge. (9) Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare), Rickmansworth. (10) Mr. E. M. Atkins (St. Cath's), London. (11) Mr. J. R. Duffield (Selwyn), Westminster Hospital, London. (12) Rev. H. G. Benson (King's), Likowa, Nyasaland.

In Front: Mr. F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's), Master of the Cambridge University Guild, with the presentation bowl.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GODALMING AND ITS BELLS.

The quaint old town of Godalming, Surrey, has many charms, although the speeding motorist, hampered by its narrow and congested streets as he rushes from London to the southern sea coast, may not think so. The town groups itself picturesquely between the hills and woods, on the banks of the River Wey, and one of its glories is its fine old church, with its noble leaded spire, and its churchyard, which runs down to the very verge of the sluggish river. Parts of the Early Norman church are still to be seen, including an arch between the choir and the chancel. Godalming has had a long succession of Rectors and Vicars. The former, whose interest presumably centred chiefly in receiving the rectorial tithes, for the holders of the office were obviously 'absentees,' being, many of them, Deans of Sarum, can be traced back to the days of Edward the Confessor, and a board in the church records their names down to 1846, when their income from this source was diverted to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The names of the Vicars, who, of course, were responsible for the spiritual charge of the parish, are also recorded, the first being William, 1185, and the next Richard of Chiddingfold. The list appears to be almost complete down to the present date.

A RING OF NO ARCHÆOLOGICAL INTEREST.

The central tower has a lofty spire, probably the tallest to be found in the diocese. The church has long had a ring of bells, for in the time of Edward VI. it is recorded that there were, in addition to a 'Saunete' bell, 'v bells in the steeple, the best by estimation XXc. and so under after the rate.' Thus in those distant days the tenor was about a ton. The present ring are a mixed lot and poor in quality. The oldest is the third, cast in 1740 by Thomas Lester, of London, who in 1746 recast other bells, probably the old five which figured in the Edwardian returns. The fifth of this ring was recast by Thomas Swaine in 1772, two more bells were added in 1792, the treble of which was recast in 1839. Ten years later the tenor was recast, and in 1874 the fifth passed through the melting pot. The bells have thus no archæological interest, and, though the tenor is about 25 cwt., are an indifferent ring. For some years they have seriously needed rehanging, while ringing at Godalming is carried on under another serious handicap, for there is scarcely any ventilation in the belfry. There are no windows in the ringing room (for fear, it is said, of rendering the tower unsafe on account of the weight of the spire), and only two small holes have been pierced through the 3ft. thick walls to let in the fresh air. Ringing has always to be carried on by artificial light, and on a hot day such as last Saturday it was hardly the best conceivable place for a ringing meeting. Nevertheless, members of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild were present for a district meeting, and enjoyed themselves as ringers are wont to do, even under the most adverse conditions. Heroes were never lacking for the back-end jobs, but the shortest touches were enough at a time. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the day.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. S. Richards), the singing being led by the choir boys. The Vicar's address was based on 2 Chron. v. 13: 'To make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord.' The bells of the parish churches of this country, he said, entered very closely into the life of the local community. In these days when mankind seemed to be mostly makers of noise, it was a great thing that the bells, with their message, given out Sunday by Sunday, should call attention to the higher things of life. The preacher referred to the duties and responsibilities of the ringers, and pointed out that their ministry was all the more effective when, in addition to calling others to worship, they set the example themselves and attended the services.

An excellent tea was afterwards served in the Church Institute, and the Vicar presided over the short business meeting which followed. Those present included the hon. treasurer of the Guild (Admiral T. P. Walker), the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. Hazelden), the district hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), the Farnham district secretary (Mr. C. Denyer), the Chertsey district secretary (Mr. H. Hancock), and ringers from Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Godalming, Dunsfold, Aldershot, West Clandon, Woking, Thursley, and Otter-shaw, the attendance numbering just over 30.

Those present stood for a moment in silence in memory of the late Mr. Alwyn Charman, of Cranleigh, a member of the Guild. Mr. Goldsmith tendered the apologies for absence of Major Hesse, of Haslemere, the Ringing Master, owing to the annual outing of the Haslemere ringers being fixed for Saturday.

It was announced that the next quarterly meeting of the Guildford District would be held at Shalford on November 16th, and a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Guildford on October 5th.

Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., of Woking, hon. treasurer of the Guild, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing them to use the bells and for his helpful address. He also thanked the organist, choir, those who had 'provided' tea, and Mr. C. Childs (captain of the Godalming ringers) for making arrangements for the meeting.

HINT TO CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

In seconding, Mr. Goldsmith said they realised that Godalming was a fine old town, and had a fine old church, but he could not say it

had a fine peal of bells. He had not come to grumble, but he would like seriously to suggest to the church authorities at Godalming that they consider doing something to their bells. At the moment, the bells really went very badly indeed, and he thought Mr. Childs and the other Godalming ringers would agree with him.

The bells themselves needed the attention of a bell hanger, continued Mr. Goldsmith, and he thought the church authorities would find it would be cheaper to have them attended to now than let them go a few more years, when the state of the bells would be far worse. He believed it was true that Godalming was quite a wealthy borough (laughter). So they would not have much difficulty in raising any money necessary to put the church bells into order. If that was the case, he suggested they should make a clean sweep. The Vicar had told them in his sermon something about makers of noise. All the while the Godalming bells went as they did now, the ringers in the tower would be makers of noise—noise, perhaps, that the inhabitants would not appreciate! If those responsible would put the bells in good order, and, if possible, have them tuned harmonically—which these were not—and have one or two of the cracked ones put right, they would have a peal worthy of the town and of the fine old church (hear, hear).

Mr. Goldsmith said he was sure members of the Guild would not think he was drawing 'the long bow,' because he believed that certainly not for 30 years had the Godalming bells had a serious amount of money spent on them. There was also not enough ventilation in the tower, and if anything could be done to improve it while rehanging the bells it would be appreciated not only by Godalming ringers but by all who visited the tower.

THE VICAR'S REPLY.

The Vicar, acknowledging the vote of thanks, said not only bells wore out but even Godalming pockets were liable to wear out (laughter). The Church Room in which they were gathered was rather inclined to wear out, and at the present moment there was a considerable debt in regard to the repairs. But he was glad to hear from someone outside the parish of a definite need like the bells, which would have to be fixed, because very often a prophet in his own country, such as the secretary or chairman of one's own ringers, was less likely to be listened to than someone from outside, of whom there could be no suspicion that he had any axe to grind. He knew that Godalming had a reputation of being able to raise money for anything and everything, and it might be to the credit of the parish that should be so, but he hoped no one would imagine it was necessarily too easy to do that in the present day. As a matter of fact, in recent years Godalming had been suffering the loss of some of its best church supporters, and those who came and replaced them were not quite so strong in their support. That applied, he supposed, practically to all parishes throughout the country. He would certainly bear in mind what Mr. Goldsmith said about the bells, and he was sorry to hear that some were cracked.

Mr. Childs, proposing the election of the Vicar of Godalming as an hon. member of the Guild, remarked that what Mr. Goldsmith had said about the bells was perfectly true. They did need attention, and had done so for a long time.

Admiral Walker seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation.

Responding, the Vicar said he knew of the good work the Guild did in the diocese. Bells were a real national characteristic in the countryside, and he believed the work of the ringers was an asset to the spiritual life of the country.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT CATHERINGTON.

A very enjoyable by-meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Catherington on Saturday last, when, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. M. Lake), the peal of six was available to the members during the afternoon and evening. The weather was ideal, and members were present from Catherington, East Moon, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Ryde and Titchfield, also visitors from Rogate and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon).

A short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar officiated and gave an excellent address, after which the members adjourned to tea. At the close of this, the Vicar welcomed the Guild to Catherington, and hoped that before long they would pay them another visit. On behalf of the Guild, the Secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) thanked the Vicar for his kind words, and also for allowing them the use of the bells that day.

At the conclusion the members paid a further visit to the tower until 7 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. The ringing during the day comprised Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

FRESH SPLICING.

A paragraph last week mentioned the ringing on spliced principles of methods which had not hitherto been joined up in this way. As a matter of fact, something new in splicing is being done at Leytonstone, of which the ringing referred to is only a part. We hope to be able to give something further about this new departure shortly.

DORSET DAYS.

BY W. H. F.

A brief holiday amidst Thomas Hardy's fascinating Wessex scenery in South Dorset was organised by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, assistant hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, on behalf of a party of change ringers not unknown to readers of 'The Ringing World.' Drawn by 'the ropes' from six counties, they formed a 'non-resident' team of eight men, with an Exeter 'pigeon pair' in valuable reserve. Members arrived at Bridport as you please, some of them at headquarters, the Greyhound, a noted house, especially to a noted London band, but owing to the summer crowds others had to be 'bounded' elsewhere.

After Sunday morning service on September 8th at Holy Trinity Church, Bradpole, everyone assembled under the hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs. Beams for lunch, at which the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. d'Ombrain, M.A., welcomed the visitors to Dorset, and offered grace before meat. When the afternoon peal came home, some half-dozen hefty local young men came to see the band, and were surprised to find no blisters. Over the tea cups time travelled 'Schneider speed,' and recollections of Leytonstone and Sussex, of the days before Mr. Beams came to Bradpole in 1906, were recalled.

A quarter of a century ago change ringing in the Bradpole district was unknown; there was none to be had nearer than Dorchester. The Diocesan Guild existed in name rather than as a body, with its four unwieldy divisions to the cardinal points of the compass. Areas unworkable were subdivided into the present districts, which are still too large. Perseverance has produced in West Dorset a good crop of 150 members in 17 affiliated towers, and the work of restoration has not been neglected. Seventeen peals of bells have been restored in some way or other according to the means and the interest of Dorsetshire men. Good as the results have been in the past, much still needs to be done, especially in teaching the art of change ringing, but it is growing gradually, thanks to the practical and personal interest shown by the president.

Referring to the last annual report of the Guild (1928), the list of peals was a record for the Guild, and no less than four prominent ringers paid a visit to the diocese, whose peal records total upwards of a thousand each—Messrs. W. and G. Pye, F. Bennett and George Williams. Financially, too, the Guild is in a flourishing state, and, maybe, the £90 balance in hand last year is £100 by now.

With a bright moon to prolong a joyous Sunday, the company proceeded by car and motor-cycle through Bridport to take a breath of the 'Atlantic air' at West Bay. They left behind the 'Norman' church, not yet a century old, erected on the north side of the older ruinous building, which tells one that the font bowl may have been 700 years in use; that a solid slab of stone, carved for the head of a three-light window in one piece, was found in a rubbish heap. In this parish was born a humble ringer, who rose to be the general manager of the G.W.R., well known to the writer as a resident of Slough for many years, and here he rests. Near the church door, too, where he wished to lie, rests also the late Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Langford, a lover of bells, whose last words were, 'Keep the bells going.' His encouragement of Mr. Beams in the efforts to restore and augment the old ruinous peal of six bells (cast by Warner of London, 1865), led to the 'order' for the work being given before a pound was in the hands of the treasurer. But the debt was cleared in one year, and the opening peal (5,000) roused the inhabitants to come to breakfast.

The county of Dorset from the days of Elizabeth has not been neglected by our Kings and Queens. Lyme, Melcombe, Wyke and Beer Regis all have associations with King Charles II. and George III., but we have yet to hear that there is a Regis St. Giles. Thanks to the Rev. C. Carew Cox, Vicar of Michael's Church, Lyme Regis, the party were allowed to ring in the morning, on Monday, September 9th, and an announcement in the parish magazine mentioned their coming to ring a peal (which they did), inviting young men of the parish to take up the art. In this belfry is an ornamental panel of wood, with a bold drawing in gold of a skull and crossbones, inscribed 'Memento Mori,' on a dark background—just the sort of encouragement to a young man who is tired of the dangers of motor-cycling to hang himself. Before 1911, Lyme possessed a ring of six cast by Thomas Bilbie in 1770, from funds raised by voluntary subscriptions and a church rate.

There is much to be said in favour of Mr. Cox's announcement. Beautiful bell music is poured from the church towers throughout the country without any preliminary notice to the townspeople. When the bells ring, many people would like to take their favourite walk abroad and listen to the 'loud cymbals,' whilst others who are distressed by bell music would prefer a visit to distant friends and neighbours, and notice of a peal gives them the opportunity of making their arrangements.

The visitors returned to Bridport via Whitechurch Canonorum. Here is a fine old ring of eight, tenor 21 cwt. in E flat, and Stedman Triples was lost approaching half-way, while the tenor clapper broke during the touch of Major, which was being rung so that all could have a 'pull.'

This church, which has an unusual dedication, viz., S.S. Wite Candida and Holy Cross, possesses a fine western tower, a well-kept

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT NORTHAW.

A visit to Northaw was paid by a few enthusiastic members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on Saturday, September 14th, on the occasion of a North and East District meeting in this charming but out-of-the-way village. The small company included Miss K. Willars, who cycled from Trumpington, Cambs, to attend the meeting. Divine service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Vicar (Rev. E. S. Allen) officiated. An excellent tea was provided, after which the usual short business meeting was held.

Two new members were elected, and a vote of congratulation passed to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy (a vice-president of the association) on attaining his jubilee as president of the Cambridge University Guild.

The note in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' referring to a peal rung at Appleton in 1877, was commented on. Mr. F. A. Milne, the president, was one of the ringers on that occasion, and fully recollected the peal.

Mr. Milne proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service, also to Mr. B. McKie and the local ringers for arranging the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary expressed his great pleasure at the recent successes of the Northaw band, who, being quite up to date, were practising Spliced Treble Bob methods with good results. He urged them to keep the progressive policy going.

The charming peal of six bells (tenor 13 cwt.) were rung to several methods during the afternoon and evening, including Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford and Kingston Treble Bob Minor, and the latter two methods spliced. Rounds were also rung for the beginners.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH AT BISHOP'S CANNINGS.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, September 7th, a large number of ringers being present. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and later the Guild service was held, the surpliced choir being in attendance. The service was intoned by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), the lesson being read by the Vicar, the Rev. L. R. Sharpe, M.A.

Tea followed, after which a short business meeting was held, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding, and extending a hearty welcome to the visitors. He drew attention to recent articles in 'The Ringing World' urging ringers to take an interest in the work of their associations. He also congratulated Mr. J. T. Dyke on his taking part in the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday.

The death of Mr. A. N. Smith, of Bratton, a member of the Guild, was reported, those present standing in silence as a token of respect.

Mr. Cyril Gilbert, of Roundaway, Devizes, was elected a member, and on the motion of the chairman a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the organist, the choir and those who prepared the tea.—The Vicar replied.

Visitors included Mr. L. A. Wilson, Wootton Bassett (secretary of the Calne Branch), Messrs. E. Bishop, S. Palmer, R. W. Hyner, C. J. Gardiner, J. S. Roberts and J. Berry (Swindon), Messrs. S. Wilshire, C. R. Davison and H. P. Marsh (Chippenham), and Mr. H. Burry (Calne). Members of the branch were present from Bishop's Cannings, Warminster, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Rowde, Bratton, Trowbridge, Holt and Melksham. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening, a very pleasant time being spent.

It was decided to hold an evening meeting at Bratton and Edington on September 21st, if the bells were available, and the next monthly meeting at Warminster.

Bishop's Cannings Church is a very beautiful building, and the bells (tenor 16 cwt.) make one of the finest peals of eight in the county. Great credit is due to Mr. T. Merritt, the captain and steeplekeeper, for the way in which the ringing chamber and bells are kept.

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belfry, and a most courteous foreman. Canon Raven, in his notes on 'Church Bells of Dorset,' gives the tenor of the old ring of five as 49 inches diameter and 37 inches height, inscribed:—

'Hark, when I call, come to church all;

Come to serve God, or come not at all.

W. L., H. G., G. W., J. P. Anno Domini 1669.'

In all probability the village inn, where tea was partaken of, was named after the church bells, the Five Bells, when this grand, deep-toned tenor was added to the four old ones.

Since the advent of railways, authors and writers have continually extolled the wonderful, simple beauty of the coast of Bridport Bay. Taking Charmouth as a centre, one word comes to mind—charming; and the Great Western Railway publications reveal much of its history to those interested in 'Dorsetshire.'

(To be continued.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING AT COTGRAVE.

A very pleasant and enjoyable meeting was held at Cotgrave on Saturday, the enthusiasm of ringers from afar, coupled with the glorious weather, no doubt contributing much to the success of the gathering. The six bells were available from 3 p.m., but even before that time a lady ringer had arrived from Surfleet, and a start was made with a 360 of Bob Minor. Soon there was a goodly company of ringers of both sexes from the following amongst other places: Beeston, Bulwell, Folkingham (Lincs), Hough-on-the-Hill, Mansfield, Nottingham, Sandiacre, Sutton-on-Trent, Treston (Yorks), Worksop and Wymondham (Oakham), several of the local ringers also being present.

The bells were kept going in various methods until an adjournment was made for tea, amply provided on Mr. Walter White's lawn, twenty sitting down, only three of whom had sent notice of their intention to be present. Luckily the caterer was able to overcome the difficulty, and gave a hearty welcome to all. Will the time ever come when ringers will give a thought for those who are arranging the meeting, and who are anxious to make it as comfortable as possible for the visitors? Some may make excuse, and say, 'A bit of bread and cheese will do for me,' but that is not quite the proper thing. A comfortable meal in company with the others who may be present does much to make an afternoon outing a success.

Tea being over, a return was made to the belfry, the company being augmented by several ringers unable to put in an earlier appearance, and ringing continued until after eight o'clock. During the day many methods were well rung, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and from the complimentary remarks heard on all sides as to the tone and 'go' of the bells, there is no doubt those present carried away very pleasant recollections of the meeting.

Owing to the absence of the district secretary, no arrangements were made for future meetings.

OVERSEAL RINGERS VISIT HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL.

On Saturday, September 7th, six ringers from St. Matthew's, Overseal, had a very enjoyable outing to Higham-on-the-Hill.

On arriving at the Church of St. Peter, Higham, the bells were raised in peal, and 720 of Bob Minor rung by: A. E. Clayfield 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Brooker 3, W. Clayfield 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, W. Curzon 6.

The treble ringer then provided an excellent tea, after which further touches were brought round. The return journey was made via Fenny Drayton, Twycross and Appleby.

DEVON GUILD.

The autumn meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers was held at the picturesque village of Kenn on Saturday, September 7th, about 50 members and visitors from other branches being present. A service was held in the church, which is one of the most beautiful country churches in the district, the Rev. F. W. Vining officiating. A tea and business meeting was afterwards held in a room kindly lent by the Rector in the charming grounds of the Rectory.

The Rev. E. V. Cox presided, and thanked the Rector, the local ringers, the organist and choir, and all others who had helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late president of the Guild, the Rev. Maitland Kelly.

Three new members were elected, and it was resolved that the annual meeting of the branch should be held in St. Sidwell's parish, Exeter, on December 7th.

Several neighbouring towers were visited during the afternoon, the use of the bells having been granted by the Vicars.

DEATH OF A BRATTON RINGER.

After a brief illness, Mr. Oliver N. Smith, of Bratton, Wilts, passed away recently at Westbury Cottage Hospital. He was at work on Friday, but was taken ill in the evening. An immediate operation was necessary, but this was without avail, and he passed away two days later. The respect in which Mr. Smith was held was shown by the large attendance at the funeral service, when the church was crowded. The Bratton Silver Band, of which he had been bandmaster for ten years, attended in uniform and acted as bearers. Mr. Smith's activities in the village brought him into touch with many friends, and great sympathy is felt for the widow and family in their sudden bereavement.

Mr. Smith, who was only 50 years of age, was steward of the Wilts Friendly Society; member of the church choir; chief fireman of the Bratton Fire Brigade; ex-churchwarden; and member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers; and out of respect a muffled peal was rung on the church bells after the service.

Beautiful wreaths and floral emblems to the number of about 40 were sent by sympathetic friends.

NOTICES.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The eighth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the chair will be taken by the Venerable John Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Good accommodation provided for visitors staying overnight if desired. — Sidney F. Palmer, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, September 21st, by kind permission of Rev. Chestel de Boinville. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers for the coming year. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The Crawford Silver Cup Competition will be held at East Markham, near Tuxford, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. First company drawn to take ropes at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to be held after contest. Bells available to all ringers immediately after contest. All ringers welcome. Good attendance requested. Good bus service: from all directions. — R. W. Stockdale, 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford, and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea in Municipal Restaurant 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. This meeting has been specially arranged in conjunction with the Week's Hallowing Services held in connection with the restoration of the ancient Abbey Church of St. Margaret's. All ringing friends cordially invited. — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — For the quarterly meeting to be held on Sept. 21st the following three towers will be visited: Rampisham, Evershot and South Perrott. A charabanc will call for ringers at Bridport 2 p.m., Bradpole 2.10 p.m., Netherbury 2.20 and Beaminster and Stoke Abbott 2.30 p.m. — T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. — D. E. Lewis, Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m. Tea following.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DEVON GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoodleigh on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Caldicot on Saturday, Sept. 21st (St. Matthew's Day). Bells (8) available all the afternoon. Meeting at 4.30, followed by tea and service at 6 p.m.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. A short service will be held at 4.30 p.m.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Arborfield, Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Barkham bells also available. All welcome. Tea at 5.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, Sept. 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing all the afternoon. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d.—T. Metcalf, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, Sept. 21st.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Deane on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ABBOTT'S LANGLEY.—Saturday, September 21st. Ringing from 3.30. Cheap tickets from London to King's Langley and buses from Watford at intervals.—C. H. Horton, Bushey.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, September 21st. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. All ringers welcome. Good train and bus service.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Jesmond, on Wednesday, September 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Denford (6) on Saturday, September 28th. Usual arrangements.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells ready early. Will all members please make a special effort to be present? Tea will be provided to those who notify M. Fowler, Clifton Terrace, Highfield Road, Conisborough, not later than the 26th.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Southwell Minster on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Autumn meeting at Milton on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The Autumn meeting of the above branch will be held at Henley on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringers service at 6. All ringers welcome. Please notify me by Wednesday, September 25th.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Rd., Reading.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names of those requiring tea to be sent to Mr. F. Brown, Cul-de-Sac Road, E. Molesey.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Methods for practice, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28th at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, London. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Meeting, tea etc., at 5. Every one welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E.18.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5. Tea by kind invitation 5.30. Send your name to T. J. Fowler, Ship Lane, Cookham, by 25th if you are coming.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Derby and Burton districts will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at George and Dragon (1s. 3d. per head). It is essential that those requiring tea must notify me by 25th inst. at latest. Will members please make a special effort to attend and ensure a successful meeting? Bus leaves New Street Park at 2.40 p.m. and train leaves Burton 3 p.m.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tushingham, Saturday, September 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 24th?—J. W. Clarke, Eccleston, Chester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6), also Honiton (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available: Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8), Bury St. Edmunds, Horringer (8), and Fornham St. Martin (6). All ringers welcome. — J. Chinery, Dis. Sec., 51, Garland Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Egbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Please notify me by Wednesday, 25th, without fail. — Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton, Cambs, on Saturday, 28th inst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Great Chesterford, Essex. All ringers are welcomed, even experts.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GUILDS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bungay on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me by the 25th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Goate, Queen's Road, Beccles.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, September 28th. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1/3 each. All intending to be present will they please notify me not later than Tuesday, September 24th? —R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Rd., Colchester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, September 28th, at Friezland Greenfield, near Oldham. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea, 1/6 each, send word not later than September 23rd, to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax?

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bristol and Wotton-under-Edge branches will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Alveston and Thornbury. Service and tea at Alveston. Ringing after tea at Thornbury. All ringers welcome. Bus leaves Centre, under the Clock, 2.15 p.m.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourn on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than 24th inst. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. Festival Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, with address by Rev. G. W. Froggatt, Vicar of Stockton. Committee meeting at 11.45 and dinner at 2 at the Three Tuns Hotel. The bells of the Cathedral (8), St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available. Will those intending to be present please advise me not later than the 24th?—George S. Taylor, Secretary, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

CLAVERLEY, STAFFS.—The peal of 8, tenor 17 cwt., restored and augmented by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated on Sunday, 29th inst., at 3 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wingham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, by the kind permission of Rev. Taylor. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Oct. 3rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, at the Club Hall, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Oct. 1st. A good attendance of members is desired.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbree Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Fred Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District; SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—Joint Meeting at Guildford, Saturday, October 5th. Bells of the Cathedral Church available 2.45 to 4.15 p.m.; S. Nicolas', afternoon and evening. Service at S. Nicolas' at 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford, by Monday, September 30th.—G. L. Grover; D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Lutterworth, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8), also Bitteswell (6), available during afternoon. Lutterworth is on L. & N.E. main line. Trains leave Leicester 12.55, 3.50. Committee meet 4.15 in Church Hall. Tea (1/3 per head) at Coach & Horses Inn 5.15, followed by meeting. Lutterworth is famous for John Wycliffe's relics, the great reformer and bible translator. It is essential that those requiring tea advise Mr. E. W. Tipler, 22, Baker Street, Lutterworth, not later than Thursday, October 4th.—Ernest Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

NOTICE.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, Sept. 28th.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec.

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CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, on September 8th, for evening service, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Lewis 1, J. Tomlinson 2, M. Harris 3, A. Watkin 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Hayes 6, P. Swindley (conductor) 7, S. Jones, jun., 8.—On Sunday, September 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: C. Hallows 1, G. F. Sperring 2, R. G. Jones 3, R. Sperring 4, O. Humphries 5, G. R. Jones (conductor) 6, F. Fox 7, H. Pye 8. Rung also for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dutton's silver wedding.

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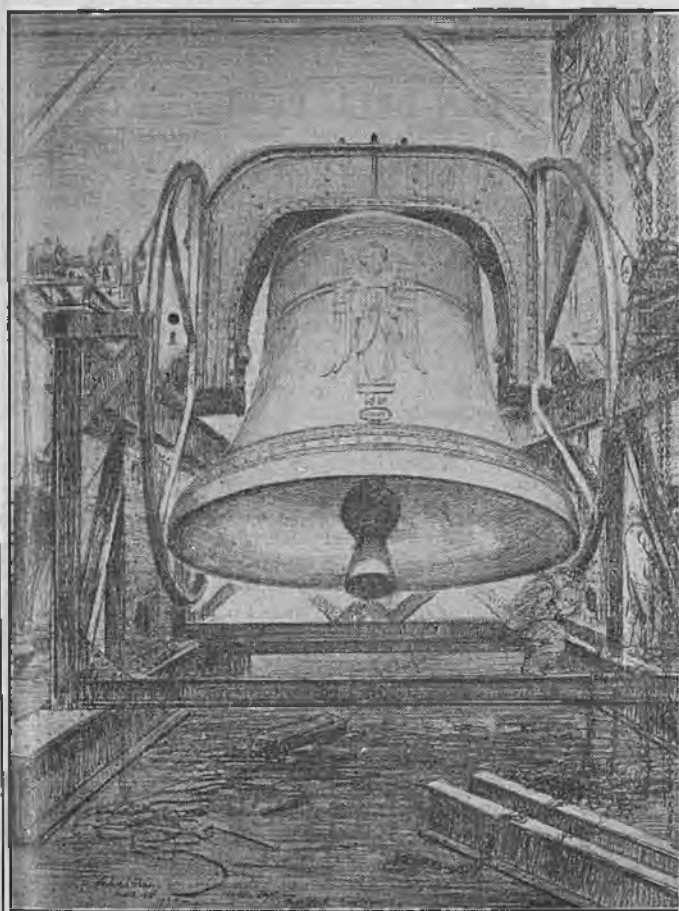
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A NATIONAL SOCIETY OF RINGERS?

As time goes on the various associations throughout the country get more and more inter-related through the now extensive practice of electing non-resident life members at an inclusive and reduced fee. In some cases the membership roll consists of as many as twenty per cent. non-residents, so that the overlapping is really of considerable proportions. This is all to the good in the interests of ringing, inasmuch as it is evidence of the growing intercourse which is taking place between one society and another. But this development of relationship opens up the question of a broader basis of organisation in the Exercise, and from time to time the suggestion of a national society for ringers is mooted. It was spoken of at a meeting reported elsewhere in this issue, and while the founding of one great central body is probably a very distant project, there is no reason why associations should not consider any ideas which may be put forward for drawing them closer together, in furtherance of their common objects.

To make one great and general amalgamation of all the ringing societies is open to many serious objections, not least of which would be the loss of individuality and local identity of the territorial Associations and Guilds. A national organisation is hardly likely to command the support of the individual ringer to the same extent as a diocesan or county association; its management and direction would be too remote to interest him—even now, in many cases, he shows only the faintest interest in the affairs of his local association, and if this frail link were broken his interest would doubtless evaporate entirely. And apart from the ringers, there would most probably be a loss of interest among those outside, that is among honorary members, who at present give their support to ringing societies. A national organisation would not be likely to appeal to their sympathy or their pockets in the same way that something intimately linked up with their diocese or county does to-day. Financially, therefore, there would most likely be considerable loss, and as few of our societies could carry on on present lines without the assistance of honorary members, it means that the ringer's contribution to a national society would of necessity have to be greater than he at present pays.

There is, however, a means already at hand, by which something could be done in the hope of drawing the associations closer together than they are to-day, and that is through the Central Council. There are various small ways in which closer relationship could be promoted between the societies, and if a reorganisation of the con-

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stitution of the Council is to be considered, associations might well explore any avenues by which their joint advancement might be furthered. One of the reasons which lead to the suggestion of a national organisation is the cost to a ringer who desires to visit some place outside his own area to ring a peal. He becomes mulcted in a 'compounding' member's subscription, which may be anything from half-a-crown to seven shillings and sixpence, and he may, perhaps, never visit that district again. There are some ringers who think that a scheme should be evolved to lighten this 'burden,' and this is one matter to which the associations and Council might give consideration.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 8
A. STANLEY BOAR 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
HARRY R. ROPER 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET 11
HARRY BARTON 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. H. Brundle on attaining his 78th birthday. Messrs. Barton and Boar were visitors from Ventnor and Teignmouth respectively.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* LESLIE R. WELCH Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	FRED C. MAYNARD 7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 3	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	ROBERT J. MAYNARD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert J. Maynard; also to Mrs. F. C. Maynard.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble	P. C. CHARLES DAVIES 5
THOMAS A. EASTERBY 2	* WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK J. RING, JUN. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
WILLIAM MARTIN 4	MARCELLUS DIGBY Tenor

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

* Proposed a member before starting.

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On Saturday, September 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN ... 5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... 6
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 3	GEORGE CONDICK ... 7
JESSE GILLET ... 4	HENRY DANIELS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to William Savage, aged 75, for many years one of the local band. Mr. T. Newman was on a visit from London.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F

*WILLIAM BAILEY ... Treble	JOHN BAGLEY ... 5
*WILLIAM JAGO ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY ... 6
JOSEPH LESLIE ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 4	JOHN BRESE ... Tenor

Composed by J. C. E. SIMPSON

Conducted by J. BRESE.

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

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. A. E. LOCK ... Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	WILLIAM STONE ... 6
JACK HONEY ... 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7
JOHN NOBES ... 4	FRANK WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*GEORGE H. COX ... Treble	*HARRY P. FLOYD ... 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	†FREDERICK APPLETON ... 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	WILLIAM STONE ... 7
WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 4	†GEORGE COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight on a bob bell.
† First of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Wickson and Mr. Frederick C. Leach, who were married at the above church earlier in the day. Miss Wickson is the churchwarden's daughter, and the band take this opportunity of thanking him for his hospitality after the peal.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*ALBERT RIBBANS ... Treble	*JOSEPH JENNINGS ... 5
†ARTHUR T. SMITH ... 2	†ALFRED PERRY ... 6
WILLIAM KEYBLE ... 3	†ERNEST TOWNSEND ... 7
P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER ... 4	WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEYBLE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a thankoffering for the recovery after a serious illness of Laurence Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, who kindly entertained the band at the close of the peal.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 10.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	CHARLES DRAPER ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 2	GYWN I. LEWIS ... 6
FREDERICK E. STONE ... 3	*WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
WALTER J. NURTON ... 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* Proposed a member before the peal. Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Bridgwater.

LONDON.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*HENRY C. ALFORD ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 5
RICHARD HAYES ... 2	HERBERT LANGDON ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor man and the conductor.

MILNROW, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

G. STAFF ... Treble	S. W. DUNN ... 5
JOHN FITTON ... 2	J. C. BENNETT ... 6
W. STAFF ... 3	A. BUCKLEY ... 7
J. B. SHAW ... 4	J. H. G. MASSEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD.

Conducted by G. STAFF.

All are service ringers at the above church. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in new frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Rung to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the opening of the church.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWARD J. BEER ... 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	STAFFORD H. GAFEN ... 7
GILBERT R. GODSHIP ... 4	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Birthday peal for the ringers of 4th and 5th. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral, which had to be abandoned owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor. The band wish to thank Mr. E. Buesden for his assistance, and the Rector of St. Stephen's for granting permission at a moment's notice.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS ESTHER MATHEWS ... Treble	MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 5
MISS VERA ROBINSON ... 2	MISS RUBY HAZEL ... 6
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3	MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 7
MISS DOROTHY FUTTER ... 4	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER
The conductor's 200th peal.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HUBERT JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM R. NASH ... 5
JOHN J. PRICE ... 2	*MAJOR W. T. BOUGHNEY ... 6
THOMAS H. Y. SMALLWOOD ... 3	FRANCIS EVANS ... 7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 4	ARTHUR C. NASON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

* First peal of Triples.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
*WALTER FERN ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
HARRY L. SMITH ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
*RONALD H. DOVE ... 4	JOHN W. RAWSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

MISS F. DAVEY ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5
THEODORE GANT ... 2	†DUNCAN MATHEWS ... 6
*STEPHEN J. WHITE ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
CHARLES W. BELL ... 4	FRANK PEARCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

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

RANMORE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

ALFRED H. WINCH ... Treble	†ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 5
*FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	†ALAN R. PINK ... 6
MISS IRENE HASTIE ... 3	JOHN H. WHITE ... 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method with a 'bob' bell. † First peal in the method. This is the first Surprise peal rung entirely by resident members of the Leatherhead District of the Guild.

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STONEHOUSE, GLOS.

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On Thursday, September 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, being 6 six-scores of Stedman, 4 each of New Doubles, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and St. Simon's, and 10 six-scores each of Grandsire and St. Dunstan.

*S. JOYNER ... Treble	E. PREEDY ... 4
A. HARNER ... 2	T. PRICE ... 5
J. JOYNER ... 3	L. BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. JOYNER.

* First peal and aged 14 years. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on attaining his 21st birthday. L. Barry's 50th peal for the association. First peal in seven methods by all the band.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. approx.

WILLIAM BAVIN ... Treble	FRANK W. LACK ... 4
JOSEPH CRISELL ... 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ... 5
GEORGE L. PERKINS ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

Ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th, for whom the peal was arranged, belong to Great Staughton, and this was their first of Surprise.

GOSBERTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS DORIS CLAY ... Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 4
GEORGE LADD ... 2	†JOHN G. AMES ... 5
*CHARLES H. FARR ... 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. FARR.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung recently in a new frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery of His Majesty the King from his serious illness.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN BROWN ... Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
*ARTHUR HATCH ... 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal in the method. H. Blackledge was re-elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. William Henry Saunders, who was inducted on the 17th September.

MEAVY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT Treble	ALFRED W. MYERS ... 4
*WILLIAM J. RUNDLE ... 2	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 5
BERTRAM WEBBER ... 3	ALFRED WONNACOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* 70th peal and first peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells. The band extend their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. Stephens for making the arrangements and his kind hospitality after the peal.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

B. T. JEANES Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 4
ARTHUR H. REED 2	PERCY MERSON 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT GLYNN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 15 in C.

MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 1-2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

A SUFFOLK TOUR.

The following peals were the result of a week's ringing by members of the Suffolk Guild, organised by Messrs. E. P. Duffield and W. Pye:—

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Treble	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
WILLIAM MILLER 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the methods on the bells.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALPHAUS J. BERRY Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

HOTHFIELD, KENT.—On Thursday, August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins.: A. Missing 1, C. L. Prior 2, W. Good 3, F. Good 4, A. Waddington (conductor) 5, A. Foreman 6. Longest touch on the present six bells, and believed to be the longest ever rung in the tower.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
WILLIAM MILLER 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY HALL Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 200th peal in the method.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS CHINNERY Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the methods on the bells.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	... 5
GEORGE WHITING	... 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 3	ALBERT W. COLES	... 7
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS CHINNERY	..... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	... 2	GEORGE R. PYE	... 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 7
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

First peal in the method on the bells.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS	... Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	... 5
GEORGE R. PYE	... 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	... 6
ALBERT W. COLES	... 3	WILLIAM PYE	... 7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The above is the 100th occasion on which the conductor has rung two peals in a day.

The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the various clergy for giving permission, and the steeplekeepers at all the towers who did so much to make the tour a success.

A KENTISH TOUR.

Ringers of Lyvinge Parish Church, Kent, and friends had their annual outing on Saturday, September 14th. Leaving at 8.30 a.m., they journeyed via Ashford to Harrietsham, where the first stop was made.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. de V. Watson) was soon on the spot, and the bells were set going for about an hour. It was at Harrietsham that James Barham rang his first peal. The company made their way to West Malling, where they were met by the Vicar and enjoyed further ringing. After lunching at Tunbridge Wells, they went on to Cranbrook. Here the only mishap of the day occurred, the hon. secretary of the party kindly breaking the rope of the tenor bell. This cut short the stop at Cranbrook, and the part set out for Headcorn, where they were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Gertie), and Mr. Philip Hodgkin, the latter having things ready. Grandsire Triples was rung on these beautiful toned bells, and the company were loth to leave. The party then went on to Appledore, stopping en route at Tenterden to partake of a well-earned tea. Reaching Appledore, the ringers made their way to the tower, under the leadership of Mr. Johnson, and to complete the ringing for the day, an excellent touch of Grandsire Triples was brought round. It was the unanimous opinion of friends and ringers that the best ringing of the tour was at Appledore. After an excellent ride, an ideal day, and some beautiful bells to ring on, home was reached about 10.15 p.m. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Harrietsham, West Malling, Cranbrook, Headcorn, and Appledore for granting permission for the use of the bells, their kindness being much appreciated by all.

DORSET DAYS.

(Continued from page 603.)

BELLS CAST IN A FIELD

On Tuesday, Beaminster was the destination. While waiting for the conclusion of morning prayers, the ringers visited Broadwinor for a brief touch of Minor on the ring of six bells, rehung in an iron frame in 1837, and with tenor of 14 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. St. Mary's, Beaminster, possesses a beautiful western tower, similar to Titchmarsh, Northants, and here the Vicar and Mr. Bugler, local hon. secretary, met the visitors and gave assistance in the belfry. A valiant attempt for Cambridge Major was made, but, there being no 'Varsity man' in the band, it failed to 'matriculate,' although owing to the heat of the day perspiration trickled freely for more than an hour. The bells are a complete ring of eight, tenor 45½ in. diameter, 20 cwt. in D, cast in 1765 by the Bilbies, of Culmpton, in the field adjoining the churchyard. The boundary wall shows to this day where it was cut through to allow the bells to be moved up to their long life in the steeple.

A hot lunch was welcomed at an inn named the New Hotel, which was probably standing when Tom Bilbie and his son came to cast their bells for both Broad and Beami parishes. This house possesses a skittle alley, tempting enough for an afternoon off by the 'Throw-bridge' man, but George Williams simply carried Sam away after three balls had been bowled.

After the successful peal at Bridport on Tuesday evening, some of the local band, with Mr. W. S. B. Northover, hon. secretary, came to offer congratulations, and explained that only two peals had been rung in the town previously—Stedman and Grandsire Triples. He saw that the names of the party were duly entered in the belfry book, and it is advisable not to state where they went afterwards, or how they fared at the Sun Inn when the sun went down. Seated beside the churchyard gate in his chair was one of the old Bridport ringers, who had placed himself in a favourable position to see the men and hear their performance. He is a young Lawrence, of Shifnal, in stature, weighing approximately 20 stone perhaps, and he stated that he had not been able to go up to the belfry for years, but had been to the bell loft, seen the new bells and frame, and had felt happier ever since. Wonder ceased when he explained that he had bribed the bellhanger to hoist him up to the bell loft before taking down the tackle.

How Mrs. Williams rolled her sleeves up to act as scullery maid and how Mr. Hector parked his five-seater in a rabbit hutch are side issues to be passed over, with the remark that bellringers do 'see life'—occasionally.

MILTON ABBEY.

'Make yourself at home and your friends will love you'—and this is exactly what the party of ten aimed at on Wednesday, when after a lost peal of Cambridge Major at Bradpole in the morning they again invaded the homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Beams. Devon cider and home-made Dorset sausage afforded ideal luncheon for a heat wave, but the company were denied the usual 'sit awhile' after it, and only time enough was allowed for Mrs. Williams to hand to Mrs. Beams a small parcel containing a 'keepsake' from the guests. On removing the paper coverings the recipient, already agreeably surprised, returned her thanks with a beaming smile, and thus farewells were spoken and taken and the journey of 22 miles resumed.

It was not a case of 'Hail! smiling morn,' to one of the band. Mr. Cave, half-mad with neuralgia, was driven to Bridport and had a painful tooth extracted as soon as the party left the belfry.

Milton Abbey, the next tower to be visited, adjoins one of the most ancient and stately homes of the county, and permission for a peal is seldom obtained. All the vehicles arrived safe and punctually, including the little West End 'Morgan.' Mr. Perkins' head gardener showed the grounds, gardens and greenhouses, where grapes and bananas were hanging temptingly. Of the ancient Abbey, only the chancel, transepts and the central towers are standing to-day, restored from the ancient ruins; there is yet the nave to reconstruct. Dedicated to St. Sampson, it is a beautiful building, separated from the mansion—formerly a Benedictine monastery—by a few yards. In 1861 there were five bells hung here by Warners. They have since been made into eight, tenor 38 in. diameter, 11 cwt. in G. These are quite separate from the three clock bells cast by Wells, of Aldbourn, in 1804. A whole book of history is attached to this famous place, stones and fronts of the building going back to 12th century. The main road of the village is an object lesson to all interested in garden cities, and it was laid out more than a century back.

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The performance here was slow, for one reason being that little 73 years old 'Sampson' on the tenor never hurries his ringing or eating; another that lights were not turned up, it grew dark and everyone slowed down to make sure if the ropes were at hand or backstroke. On the way back to Dorchester the motorists slowed down, too, the brothers Andrews, with their motor-cycle, 'helping' two of the cars in a predicament before ten tried churchmen slept in the county town.

Thursday, the final day, began at 8.15, and by a pretty ride to Wyke Regis, through Weymouth, only to find the church in disorder and electricians laying in their tubes. Lighting, however, does not trouble a morning attempt. Wyke bells are a peal of eight, cast by Taylor, 1891. Previously there were only three bells here, with the tenor badly cracked. A record exists here that three bells were blessed by Bishop Beauchamp in 1455.

After the peal a call was made on Mr. Jennings, local captain, who was laid up with a sprained back. His absence and that of the Vicar, who was on holiday, left the duty of host in the vergers' well-tried hands, and a roadman's lunch was consumed before returning for the final attempt at Dorchester Parish Church in the evening.

To Mr. F. C. Benger (captain) and Mr. J. W. Smith (secretary) the visitors desire to tender their thanks for attentions which helped to complete the Stedman peal achieved. The bells, a ring of six, of 1734—cast from five old bells of 1550—were made eight by Bilbie in 1750 (tenor 49in. diameter), Warners recasting two and restoring the peal in 1889. A notice appears on the belfry door giving the foreman's address and the hours of Sunday ringing and practices at St. Peter's. Rather a useful idea and a help to strange ringers to find their way up for a touch. Three cars and a cycle went their way of parting, and only old Bill was left for the railway to carry home with his little handbag, with the Irish customs' mark upon it still visible.

A VISIT TO WISBOROUGH.

On Saturday afternoon, August 31st, ringers from various towers paid a visit to the very pretty village of Wisborough Green, Sussex, and enjoyed a ring on the recently augmented peal. Among the visitors was Mr. Charles Tribe, of Tenterden, Kent, who in his early youth lived there. The ringing included 720's in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Bob Minor, also 120 each of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The following took part in the ringing: T. Adams, J. Burdfield, F. Brooks, P. H. Doick, A. Fiest, C. Tribe, R. Wood, the conducting being shared by Messrs. A. Fiest and C. Tribe. At tea the company were the guests of Mr. Tribe. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Newton, M.A.) for granting the use of the bells, also to Mr. W. G. Ford, the local secretary for his help.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A successful monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday. Members attended from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Husbands Bosworth, Monk's Kirby, Nuneaton, Shilton, Stoke in Coventry, Stoke Golding, Rugby and Willoughby. The bells, a light peal of six (the back five of which were cast by Smith, of Edgbaston, in 1705, and retuned and augmented by Taylor and Co. in 1927), were raised about 3 p.m., and kept going in various methods until five o'clock. The ringers then repaired to the schoolroom, where they partook of a splendid tea. Returning to the belfry, which has a stone floor sloping towards the main door, ringing was again indulged in until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob Doubles and Minor Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Double Stedman, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH. BUCKS. BRANCH.

A very pleasant quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, September 7th. The fine weather, the beautiful surroundings, and a good attendance made the gathering all that could be desired. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Stoney Stratford and Shenley, with visitors from Bedford, Woburn and Linslade. The bells were kept going in various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Great Brickhill, Rev. D. R. James, the Guild form being used. A short and interesting address was given by the Rev. Harper, Vicar of Little Brickhill. Tea was served at the village hotel, when about 30 sat down.

The Secretary, Mr. W. Sear, announced that there was no special business to be transacted, but proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Great Brickhill for arranging for the meeting, to the Rev. Harper for his address, and to the organist. This was suitably responded to.

Great Brickhill is a beautiful spot, with a nice church. The only place that is not pleasant is the ringing chamber, because of the absence of light and ventilation. No ringing can take place without artificial light, and a window is badly needed. This was brought before those concerned with a view to discussing the matter with the Parochial Church Council to see if something can be done.

Ringling during the afternoon varied from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The secretary of the Salisbury Guild, Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, who, in common with other members of the Central Council, has recently visited Belgium, has been elected a member of the Carillon League of Bruges, or, in the sonorous Flemish version of its title, Brugsche Klokkenpelvereniging.

Mr. Robert H. Brundle, the Ipswich veteran, celebrated his 78th birthday last week by ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The ringers who spent the week-end at Surfleet, September 7th to 9th, will learn with surprise and regret that Mr. Walter Perkins, of Irthlingborough, and who rang in the peals at Ewerby and Heckington, is in bed suffering from typhoid fever.

A ringing week in Suffolk, which resulted in twelve Surprise Major peals, concluded on Saturday. This is the way in which they rang them:—

Sunday: London Surprise.

Monday: Bristol and Cambridge.

Tuesday: Superlative and London.

Wednesday: Bristol.

Thursday: Cambridge and London.

Friday: Bristol and London.

Saturday: Cambridge and London.

Four of the band, Messrs. W. Pye, G. R. Pye, E. P. Duffield and C. W. Roberts, took part in all the peals, and during the week Mr. W. Pye rang his 200th peal of London Surprise and two peals in a day for the one hundredth time!

Another ringing tour is in progress this week in Cheshire and North Wales.

A gift of £50 has been received from Mr. J. H. Putnam, of Hartford, U.S.A., towards a new bell at Ashton Abbots, Bucks, Parish Church, which his ancestors attended in 1640.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, has met with an accident, which has temporarily laid him aside.

'Old Bill' has been having a good time in his favourite 'rest billet' in Lincolnshire. Taken on a tour over lines of communication, he has been able to pass an opinion on the rings of twelve at Lincoln, Sheffield and York. He is back again now in his 'dug-out' in London.

Thirty years ago to-day the first peal of Stedman Caters in Hants was rung at Winchester Cathedral. Only half of that band remain.

William Shipway was born at Bath on September 29th, 1760. His investigations in the art and the publication of his 'Campanologia' make him one of the outstanding figures in the history of the Exercise.

A peal of 5,040 'Bob Majors,' the first peal 'on ye eight new bells at Saint Mary, Rotherhithe,' was rung by the Eastern Scholars on October 1st, 1749.

A peal of 15,360 Bob Major was rung at Aston on October 1st, 1793, conducted by Joshua Short.

MR. TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged £3 13s., donation from a ringer who rang his first peal at Isleworth £1, A. H. Winch 5s., R. K. Knight, Leytonstone 2s. 6d. Donations will be gratefully received on behalf of Mr. Beadle by Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK.

TIDESWELL'S FAMOUS CHURCH.

Tideswell Church, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, is of the 14th century, and the tower in particular presents a very fine spectacle with its four surrounding pinnacles. The interior contains brasses and tombs, one of which is dated 1358, and a chancel screen. The wood carving in the chancel and elsewhere in the church is particularly fine, most of the work having been done locally. It has a peal of eight bells recently installed by Messrs. Taylor & Co. This famous church is known throughout Derbyshire as the 'Cathedral of the Peak' and one has only to visit the church to realise the worthiness and aptness of its title.



TIDESWELL CHURCH—'THE CATHEDRAL OF THE PEAK.'

A very successful joint meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild and the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at this church on Saturday week, when more than 70 ringers took the opportunity of trying the fine peal of eight bells recently hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The towers of the Peak District represented were Bakewell, Castleton, Eyam, Longstone, Matlock, and Tideswell, whilst members from Ashton-under-Lyne, Duffield and Handsworth were present on behalf of the Ladies' Guild. Other ringing visitors turned up from Ecclesfield, Sheffield (Cathedral and St. Marie's), Derby, Staveley, Chesterfield, Loughborough and Norton, a party from the latter place taking the opportunity of making Tideswell their rendezvous for their annual outing. Some very good ringing took place during the day, and many were the expressions of appreciation of the fine 'go' of the bells; they are so easy to handle.

With their customary hospitality, the Tideswell folk provided a sumptuous tea, for which the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, expressed thanks on behalf of all present.

In welcoming the visitors, the Rev. W. P. Edwards, Vicar of Tideswell, also took the opportunity of saying how much they owed Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the fine work they had carried out; he felt sure it would last for generations to come.—In thanking the Vicar for his kind words, Mr. Colin Harrison explained what the restoration and augmentation had involved, and said the firm had felt honoured to be associated with such a magnificent church and tower.

At the meetings which followed, the Rev. W. P. Wright took the chair for the Peak District, and explained that the secretary, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, much regretted being unable to be present owing to being on holiday.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Darley Dale on October 12th.

At the ladies' meeting, Miss N. Cawthorne, secretary, was in command, and it is hoped that it will be possible to hold their next meeting at Dore, near Sheffield, on the usual date.

Ringers were loth to leave the bells, but train and bus are no respecters of persons, with the result that at 8 o'clock the gathering broke up, but the memories of that happy meeting will linger for many days to come in the minds of those who were fortunate enough to be present.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE OBJECTION TO ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The proposal to substitute annual for triennial elections to the Central Council is open to two objections. First, it would prove impracticable; secondly, it would have exactly the opposite effect to that desired. As is well known, the actual work of the Council is done chiefly by committees. If members held office only for one year, there would be no certainty that any of those appointed to serve on a committee one year would be present the next year to report! The only exception would be in the case of honorary members. The inevitable result of such a state of things would be that the work of the Council would tend to become more and more concentrated in the hands of honorary members, to the exclusion of the elected representatives, and the acts of the Council would consequently become less, instead of more, representative of the affiliated societies.—Yours faithfully,

F. L. L. EDWARDS.

ONE CENTRAL ORGANISATION.

CHESTER GUILD AND NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION MEET.

A joint meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and North Staffs Association was held on Saturday, September 14th, at Astbury, which is a delightful village in Cheshire just over the Staffordshire border. The church is one of the most ancient and beautiful to be found in the country, and well worth a visit by anyone interested in architectural beauty. This church formerly possessed a peal of four bells, which have recently been augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are now a lovely ring of six.

There was a good attendance, and almost all the towers in the surrounding district were represented. A service was conducted by the Rector.

Afterwards the company was entertained to tea by the Astbury ringers, after which there were votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the Astbury ringers for providing the tea and entertaining the visitors so well.

Everyone agreed that this, the first joint meeting of the two Guilds, must be repeated, and it was decided forthwith to hold another meeting at the same place next year.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, spoke of the good work that might be done by these joint meetings, and expressed the hope that they would be held more frequently all over the country. He also quoted extracts from 'The Ringing World's' leading article on the subject, which was much appreciated.

Mr. Langford, secretary of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild, spoke in similar terms. Mr. R. T. Holding referred to the good feeling which prevailed among ringers, and said that it was well that they should fraternise frequently at such meetings. He also prophesied that all ringing societies would in time be worked from one centre, and that all members would, therefore, be members of one great body, and so do away with the question of whether they were members of this or that particular association.

This idea seemed to meet with the approval of all present.

After tea, the tower was again visited, and various methods were rung, including London, Cambridge, Biddulph, Plain Bob, etc. This brought to a close one of the best meetings ever held in the district.

JAMES BARHAM'S GREAT FEAT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to your correspondent's query re James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, it was not in the 40,320 that he rang 14 hours, but in the following:—

1755, March 31, Monday, we attempted a 40,320 Quadruple and Tripple changes of Bob Major and ended thus, viz., . . . at 2 o'clock in the afternoon Began and on Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock the 6th Bell Clapper Broke after Ringing 24,800 changes this never been attempted before and the Greatest Performance of Ringing ever known in this Peal James Barham stood 14 hours and 44 minutes under the 7th bell. Drank two glasses of wine and called all the Bobs.

ERNEST MORRIS.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On August 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Smart (conductor) 1, T. Laver 2, W. S. Lethbridge 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, Rev. E. S. Powell 5, C. Glass 6, F. J. Davey 7, A. Mitchell 8. The conductor hails from Pulborough, Sussex.

YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

MEMORIES OF GREAT RINGERS.

Sheffield was this year the venue of the eighth annual dinner, organised by the Yorkshire Association in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, the first president, and past officers. The event drew together a company of a hundred, including representative ringers from various centres of the county and visitors from numerous other associations. Excellent arrangements for the enjoyment of the large party had been made by a local committee, consisting of Messrs. G. Lewis (president), M. E. Wilson, R. Harrison, jun., and Mr. S. F. Palmer, the last named discharging assiduously the duties of hon. secretary. In the afternoon ringing took place on the twelve bells at the Cathedral and the eight at St. Marie's Church. The Cathedral belfry is specially attractive to visiting ringers, not only because it is one of the twelve-bell towers of Yorkshire, but because of its association with Charles Henry Hattersley, whose library of ringing books has found a home in the ringing chamber.

The dinner was served at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, under the genial chairmanship of the Ven. Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Rev. J. Russell Darbyshire), who was supported by the Rev. Canon Dolan (St. Marie's, R.C.) and Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association). Among those also present were Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. James Cotterell (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Cotterell, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. Colin Harrison and Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.), Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Bell Foundry), Mr. S. E. Roper (Creighton Bell Foundry), Mr. J. W. Rowbotham (representing the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. Albert Walker (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. W. H. Shaker (secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas and Mr. W. Knight (Bristol), Mr. T. King (Bath), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. W. Hewett (London), Mr. Arthur Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. B. Knights (Preston), Mr. A. H. Ward (Derby), Mr. T. Wilde (Chester Guild), Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (secretary of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association) and Mrs. Cockey, Mr. J. T. Rew (Redbourne), Mr. and Mrs. F. Salmon (Halifax), Mr. A. G. Rivers (Cambridge), Mr. and Mrs. G. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jowett, Mr. C. E. Rawson, Mr. J. Grimshaw (Leeds), Mr. J. Hardcastle (Bradford), Messrs. J. Thorpe, H. Thorpe, J. Holman, J. Dixon, W. Bargar and P. Knights, Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrison, sen., Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrison, jun., and Misses Harrison (Sheffield), Messrs. W. Biggin (Norton), G. Lewis (Ecclesford), F. Clarke (Doncaster), etc.

RINGERS' INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CHURCH.

The loyal toast having been honoured, Mr. Colin Harrison then proposed 'The Church and State.' He said they regarded the presence of the Archdeacon as a great compliment, because it was to the Church that they were indebted for the privilege and undoubted honour of the inception and carrying on of the ringers' art. Despite a great deal of indifference by clergy in the past, they had only to think for a moment of what would more than forty thousand ringers be doing to-day if the Church had not founded the belfries of centuries ago, to realise what they owed to religion and the English Church in particular.

The glorious piles of York Minster, Lincoln Cathedral, Selby Abbey, Beverley Minster, St. Paul's Cathedral, Lichfield and Southwark Cathedrals, and other instances of ecclesiastical architecture, with their magnificent towers, each with a beauty of their own, were a legacy which the Church had handed down from generation to generation, and yet, even in their present impoverished state, all the dollars of America would not tempt them to part with one of them. Not only had the ringers to thank the Church for all she had given them in the past; they had also to appreciate the intelligent interest and help which the majority of her clergy were taking and had taken for some years now on matters connected with both bells and ringers. Their influence had done much to speed up belfry reform and bell restorations, and they hoped the present happy relations between clergy and ringers would continue (applause). As far as the State was concerned, it had much to thank the Church for. Not only did the State benefit financially by the visits of thousands of American cousins and foreigners, who came to view the stately structures, they had also to remember that the law-abiding nature of our citizens was due to a great extent to the teaching they had received from the Sunday School teacher, the Bible Class leader, the curate and the Vicar, for it was undoubtedly from them that we had inherited the knowledge of what was right and what was wrong. All this tended to show the very important part which the Church played in our national life, and, despite the upheavals in politics which we had from time to time, we found the Church still maintaining its dignity, and its clergy continuing the duties they had undertaken. Whatever Government might be in power, whatever attacks modernists and scientists might make upon the Church, so long as she continued to teach the children to fear God, to love their parents and to honour the King, she could depend

upon it that, not only ringers, but the majority of the citizens of this vast Empire would support the Church and its undertakings (applause).

The Chairman, in replying to the toast, referred to the great pleasure it had been to him to have the Rev. Canon Dolan next to him that evening. He was not at all sure that Canon Dolan should not have responded to the toast, as many millions of his fellow-churchmen in England had been rejoicing this year upon one hundred years of happy relations between his Church and the State, whereas some people seemed to think that the Church of England was having somewhat strained relations with the State at the present moment (laughter). The Archdeacon went on to say that he was very happy to think that in that fine gathering the co-operation and association between the Church and the ringers was so clearly demonstrated. He hoped that priests and parsons on their part would long continue to show sympathy and co-operation with the ringers, and that the ringers, on their part, would realise that theirs was more than an art, that it was a piece of service which they rendered, not only to the community, for which the community was not always as grateful as it might be (laughter), but to the Church and to God (hear, hear). The bells were not merely put into the churches in order that eight, ten or twelve men might enjoy themselves from time to time, but they were placed there for the glory of God. He hoped that all those whose vocation it was to recommend the Gospel to mankind would always recognise the ringers as brothers in that service, and that the ringers would recognise their art as a sacred art. If that were remembered he thought they could look forward to a great succession of those happy gatherings when, with acclamation, if not always with eloquence, the toast of 'Church and State' would be honoured by the whole company (applause).

JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall proposed the toast of the evening, 'The Memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association,' and first read a letter which he had received from Mr. W. T. Pates, of Cheltenham, who, in expressing regret that he was unable to be present owing to pressure of business, wrote that he rang a peal of Grandire Triples with the late Jasper Snowdon in 1878. 'Jasper Snowdon,' wrote Mr. Pates, 'was a great man.' Referring to his respected and revered friend, the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. Pates added, 'What a striker; what company! His motto was "Short visits; long peals."' They were all glad, said Mr. Marshall, to receive that greeting from one of the few surviving people who rang peals with their first president and founder. He thought he would be in order in suggesting that Mr. Palmer should send greetings from that gathering to Mr. Pates and thank him for his expression of kindness. Continuing, the speaker said he had received a letter from Miss Snowdon, daughter of the late Mr. W. Snowdon, in which she said that she and her mother would be thinking of them that night, and wishing the association every prosperity and its members every happiness in the work. They were proud to bear the name of Snowdon and would continue to take an interest in the activities of the association to the end of their lives. He (Mr. Marshall) took it it would be their pleasure that he should write and reciprocate the kind wishes expressed in the letter (hear, hear). Continuing, Mr. Marshall said it was with mixed feelings that he rose to propose the toast which was to revive their memory of the founder of that association, their first president, and other past officers, and to renew their gratitude to them for all that they did for the association, and in that gratitude to renew their own purpose to do their best to carry on the work which had been handed down to them. He felt it a great honour to have been asked to propose that toast, coming, as he did, as their third president, following their illustrious founder, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and his brother, William Snowdon. He had held office since 1911, and, while he felt it an honour to be entrusted with the toast, he wished someone else might have been found, outside themselves, to propose it, someone who was, perhaps, more fitted to speak, either from personal knowledge of the founder or from a more personal knowledge of their second president, and one who could speak on the deeper side of change ringing better than he could. He had said that their purpose was more especially to revive the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. There were some there who had personal knowledge of that great man, for undoubtedly he was a great man, a man who brought to the work of change ringing and to the formation of their association great ability, a very strong, sterling, manly character, surpassing energy and a very keen desire to lift the work of the bell ringers to the very highest plane, realising that that work was an integral part of the work of the Church, of which he was so devoted a son. On these points he would like to say a word or two.

AN HONOURED PIONEER.

Jasper Snowdon was a man of great and outstanding ability. He brought to the work of change ringing a very keen and active brain, and he did a work for change ringing such as no man before him had ever done (hear, hear). As a ringer himself they were told that in 16 short years he did more than most, and he actually rang 129 peals, besides attempting 127 which were not successful. That was some consolation to those who often failed in their attempts for peals. But it was probably in the sphere of the literature of ringing that he out-distanced all others, and ringers knew how much he did

for the Exercise by the assiduous, careful and able work which had been handed down in the various books on bellringing. And not only did he do this great work for bellringing by the books which he wrote, but it was well also to remember that he wrote at the same time a great many articles on bellringing in the popular papers of the day, and by that means did more than, perhaps, any other man to raise bellringing in the estimation of the people of the land and to raise the whole tone of the Exercise to a higher level altogether. Secondly, they had to try and recollect him as a man of great and sterling character, and all who knew him very soon learned to love him. The accounts which they had of the affection in which he was held by the ringers of that time showed them something, at any rate, of the extraordinarily kind and strong character he must have borne. That again was a thing most worthy to remember. The next thing which they recalled was his assiduousness and hard work and the unselfishness in all that he did for ringing, in fact, in everything he undertook. As one read of his life it was hard to understand how he did all that he did do in those few short years for bellringing and for that association, in addition to carrying on his own business. He never spared himself in his desire to help other people, and he could only have accomplished all that he achieved by never wasting a moment of his life and by giving to everything that he did the very best that he could give. Those were things which they wanted to remember. Mr. Marshall recalled the instance of Jasper Snowden's unbounded energy, when he walked from Leeds to London in five days for a holiday, and, on his arrival in the Metropolis, took the next train home. The next point was a great point for them to remember, and that was his desire to raise the status of bellringers and the art. He enabled ringers to see and to realise that their work was a very real and integral and important part of the work of the Church. He was a pioneer in that way, and his purpose in founding the association, with the others who assisted him, was to bind ringers together as a real part of the working personnel of the Church. Before him very little had been done in that way. The Yorkshire Association was the second county or diocesan association to have been formed. The Devon Guild was the first and Yorkshire came next, and those who did the work in those days deserved all the honour that they could give them as pioneers. It was one thing to be a pioneer, it was another thing to follow, and it was as a great and honoured pioneer in that matter that they thought of Jasper Snowden. In reviving that memory they desired to renew their own purpose in trying to bring something of that same spirit into the work which they had been called upon to undertake, especially in connection with the great art and science of bellringing.

OTHER ILLUSTRIOUS MEN.

Passing on to refer to other past officers of the association, Mr. Marshall spoke of Jasper Snowden's brother, William Snowden, who, he said, was, perhaps, sometimes rather eclipsed by the glory which surrounded the memory of J. W. Snowden, but they had to remind themselves of what they owed to William Snowden for the fostering care which he bestowed upon that association through 25 years of presidency. It was interesting to remind them that the first minute book covered ten years of the life of the association, and with the exception of one meeting it was written in the handwriting of Jasper Snowden. The second set of minute books covered 25 years, and without exception, he believed, was written in the handwriting of William Snowden. He believed he was right in saying that during the whole of that time he did not miss a single general meeting of the association. He undertook the work in loyalty to his brother and with the real desire to fulfil and carry out to the best of his ability the work which was so suddenly thrust upon him, and they must that night do honour to his memory and remember with gratitude what he did for their association. There were other names which, of course, came to the minds of many of them, but he could not mention them all. One or two, however, stood out conspicuously, and the first was William Horner Howard, the old veteran of York, a devout son of the Church, who was one of the first and most interesting supporters of the association. He took the chair at the preliminary meetings and in other ways showed his keen and active interest in the life of the association. They in Sheffield would not need to be reminded of the name of Charles Henry Hattersley, whose keenness that the very best should be given to ringing would be remembered by those who knew him. Mr. Marshall went on to mention the names of Charles Jackson, George Bolland, William Pearson, Harry Williams, all of whom laboured devotedly in the interests of the association. It was, he said, to ask them to revive their memories of these men that he stood before them that night, and to ask them to remember that they were called as their successors to a great and honourable work and a great and honourable heritage. Sometimes one felt that these days in which we now lived were difficult days for bellringing. He did not think there was the same enthusiasm amongst young people that they used to find. It was not so easy to get young people to stick to this work, and if those who were carrying on the traditions of these men of the past would put into the work the same real unselfishness, it would be the best way in which they could honour their names. Also he would like to emphasise the desire of those who had gone before them

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION WELCOMED BY DEAN OF BATTLE.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Battle on Saturday, when 27 members, representing the following towers, attended: Battle; Christ Church, Blacklands; St. Saviour's, Eastbourne; Heathfield; Heene, Ringmer; Salchurst; Christ Church, St. Leonards. Ringing commenced at about 2.30 p.m. and various methods were indulged in during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Dean (the Rev. W. W. Youard), who gave a most interesting address.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room through the kindness of the Dean, who presided. He also occupied the chair at the short business meeting which followed.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. Stokes) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells, for the address at the service, and also for his kindness in entertaining the members to tea. He also thanked the organist for his services and the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly attended to the visitors' wants at the tea table. This was supported by Mr. Amies, of Christ Church, St. Leonards.

The Rev. W. W. Youard responded, and stated that it was just over four years since the association had held a meeting at Battle. He thought perhaps their visits could be made more frequent. He was very pleased to welcome the ringers and to know that he had helped to make their visit an enjoyable one.

This terminated the meeting, and the ringers then returned to the tower and kept the bells going until about 8 o'clock.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the North-Western District was held at Beddington on Saturday, members and friends attending from Banstead, Beddington, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Chislehurst, Crawley, London, Merstham, Mitcham, Queenborough, Redhill and Reigate. The bells were kept going for an hour before service, which was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Witcomb (curate at Beddington), who gave an excellent address. Tea followed at the Harvest Home, 34 sitting down to a very enjoyable meal. After some handbell ringing, the business was transacted, with the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark) presiding.

The secretary reported the death of Mr. W. Groves, of St. Peter's, South Croydon, since the last meeting, and the members stood for a few moments in silence as a token of respect.

Six new members were elected and it was decided to hold another meeting in November, the tower being left to the secretary to arrange.

Members were also reminded of the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Guildford on October 5th.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Rev. F. G. Witcomb for kindly conducting the service, and to Mr. C. H. Kippin for making the necessary arrangements.

The tower was again visited and some good practice was obtained in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Royal and London Surprise Major. The majority of the company then returned to the Harvest Home for a social evening, kindly arranged by Mr. Kippin, who gave selections on his fine set of handbells, while songs were also rendered by Mrs. Darby and Messrs. D. Wright, C. H. Kippin, F. Jennings and H. B. Wells, which brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

The district secretary would have liked to see a few more North-Western District members present at the meeting.

'UNSPICED!'

At All Saints' Church, Maidstone, on Saturday last, after 2 hours and 55 minutes' good ringing, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal came to grief through a spliced rope becoming unspliced in the 9th course. Those taking part were: C. H. Sone 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, T. Saunders 3, J. Bassett (first touch on ten) 4, H. Baker 5, T. E. Sone (conductor) 6, F. G. Brett 7, C. W. Franklin 8, C. W. Player 9, F. White 10.

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to cement the connection between bellringers and their Church. That was a thing which all ringers ought to be doing to-day, and the more they could welcome amongst them the clergy who had charge of the bells and interest them in the work which the ringers were doing, the more they would be fulfilling the trust which had been handed down to them (applause).

The toast was drunk in silence and a 'loving cup' was then passed round. This cup is a cherished possession of the Sheffield Cathedral company and is inscribed: 'Presented to the Sheffield St. Peter's Amalgamated Society of Ringers by the ringers of Ashton-under-Lyne as a token of esteem and friendship, 1836.'

A course of Stedman Cinques was afterwards rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Harrison, J. Thorp, A. Walker, G. Lewis, S. Briggs and S. Palmer.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION CENTRAL COUNCIL DISCUSSED.

A meeting of the above association was held at Caldicot on Saturday last, when there was an excellent muster of ringers from both Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire. The bells, a good going eight, were raised about three o'clock and rung in various methods. Advantage was taken by a number of the opportunity to go through Caldicot Castle and grounds, the various objects of interest being explained by the Vicar's brother, who acted as guide. Tea, which had been very generously provided by the Vicar and his co-workers, was served in the Parish Hall, between 60 and 70 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar, who commenced by heartily welcoming to Caldicot the ringers, for whom, he said, he would always be only too pleased to do his level best.

Instructors' reports and reports on restorations and augmentations were dealt with.

The hon. secretary brought to notice the recent letters, articles, etc., which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' with regard to the Central Council. Mr. Pike then gave notice that he would, at the annual meeting to be held on December 26th, put forward something in regard to it; in the meantime he would consider what form his resolution should take.

Owing to illness near the church, the meeting fixed for Llantrisant cannot be held, and it was decided to hold it at Caerphilly if it could be arranged. After the usual vote of thanks the meeting closed and a move made for the Parish Church, where service was held at 6 o'clock, the Vicar officiating and having the assistance of the organist and surpliced choir. The address was one of encouragement to ringers as churchworkers, and most interesting.

The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening, and the meeting may be described as a huge success.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

'SPICED' RINGING AT DISTRICT MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association was held at Barley on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Anstey, Barkway, Elmdon, Melbourn, Nazeing, Royston, Offley, Great Shelford, Trumpington and the local band. The bells were opened at 3 p.m., when 240 changes of Stedman Doubles were rung. A short service was held, at which the association's form was used, and the Rector gave a brief but instructive address. He said how pleased he was to welcome the association to Barley, for the Church owed a debt of gratitude to the ringers for their voluntary work, which was carried on Sunday by Sunday throughout the year.

Mr. A. E. Austin, of Great Shelford, presided at the organ. Tea was provided by Host Bettridge at the Waggon and Horses Inn, when 16 ringers were present.

The usual business meeting followed tea, the Rector being voted to the chair. The Rector (the Rev. J. R. Gardiner) was elected as an honorary member of the association, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at King's Walden, where the bells have recently been rehung, the date being left to the secretary to arrange, if possible, during October.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to Mr. A. E. Austin for presiding at the organ.

The tower was afterwards again visited. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London, Wells, Annabell's London Surprise, also spliced touches of Cambridge, Ipswich, Beverley and Surfleet, Spliced York and Durham, and Spliced London and Wells. Some of the local band had the opportunity of ringing their first courses of London and Wells Surprise. Courses of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung for the beginners.

COALBROOKDALE RINGER MARRIED.

On Saturday, September 21st, Mr. W. D. ('Billy') Wase and Miss D. Roberts were married at St. Luke's Church, Iron Bridge (the Parish Church of the bride). As Mr. and Mrs. Wase are making their home at Warrington, his friends of the tower, assisted by Messrs. A. Greenfield (Dudley), H. Boswell (Blakehall), C. Watts (Dawley), and A. Pritchard (Wellington), attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters at his old tower at Coalbrookdale, but this unfortunately came to grief after 1½ hours' good ringing. Other ringing took place during the evening, and, to finish, the bells were 'fired.'

Afterwards the band adjourned to the Coalbrookdale Inn, to partake of refreshments, which were generously provided by the bridegroom.

A very pleasing little ceremony took place on Sunday morning in the belfry. Twelve of the local ringers, together with the Vicar and churchwardens, met to present Mr. Wase with a silver bell inscribed suitably inscribed. The Vicar, in making the presentation, wished Mr. Wase every success in his new home.

Mr. W. Saunders (head ringer) also wished Mr. Wase, on behalf of the local band, every happiness and success. Mr. Wase suitably responded.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's on September 22nd for evening service, 1,248 London Surprise Major in 44 mins.: H. Inckle 1, A. H. Ward (conductor) 2, C. E. Hart 3, G. Freebrey 4, E. H. Clarke 5, W. Wallace 6, A. Braines 7, P. Tate 8.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday, September 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: M. Johnson 1, F. Good 2, A. Missing 3, W. Good 4, A. Waddington (conductor) 5, A. Foreman 6.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Sunday, September 15th, for the early service at the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with 6-8 covering, in 45 mins. Rung after meeting short for Triples: F. Harrington 1, Miss D. Richards 2, J. Davies 3, J. Phillips (conductor) 4, P. Heath 5, A. Parnell 6, S. R. Barker 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 48 mins.: Miss D. Richards 1, G. Large 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, E. Hunt 5, P. Heath 6, A. Parnell 7, J. Phillips 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service at the Parish Church of St. Ebbe, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (rung after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Stedman): W. Finch 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 2, W. Collett 3, G. Horwood 4, F. Beckett 5, P. A. H. Wilkins 6, R. Allsworth 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, September 8th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. H. Doick 1, A. Holden 2, C. S. Greenfield 3, C. Smart, sen., 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, A. R. Pink (Dorking) 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 8th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: J. S. Roberts 1, J. Arbury 2, R. G. Townsend 3, R. W. Hyner 4, E. Bishop 5, J. Berry 6, S. Palmer 7, H. A. Hearl 8, L. A. Wilson 9, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 10. First touch of Royal by J. Arbury, of Ottery St. Mary.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, September 8th, for morning service in 47 mins., 1,264 Bob Major: H. W. Strickland 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. R. Madgwick 3, F. E. Ringrose (first quarter-peal of Major) 4, M. Fensom 5, J. G. Nash (conductor) 6, C. A. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, September 8th, for morning service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, H. W. Fussell 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, A. Burcombe 5, A. King 6, H. Acock 7, E. Cooper 8. Ringers of 3rd and 5th hail from Dursley.

PERRY BARR.—For evening service, on September 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: C. Davies 1, H. H. Fearn 2, F. Horton 3, R. Ingram 4, M. J. Morris (conductor) 5, G. E. Fearn 6, F. W. Rishworth 7, C. H. Cook 8.

EAST BRENT, SOMERSETSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: W. Braddick 1, C. Wear 2, W. E. Wiseman 3, A. Ham 4, E. Stinch (conductor) 5, C. Daunton 6. Arranged for the conductor, who was on a visit home from South Wales.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The meeting at Barking on Saturday last was attended by between 70 and 80 members and friends, and there is no doubt this large number was attracted owing to the meeting taking place on the concluding day of the week's Hallowing Services, which have been held in connection with the restoration of St. Margaret's Church which has now been restored with the exception of some of the outer walls, windows and tower. The bells were raised by 2.30 p.m. and soon going to various methods till 4.45, when a short service, conducted by the Vicar, was held, during which those present once again had the pleasure of hearing Miss Dawson splendidly render one of her solos. A move was afterwards made to the Municipal Restaurant, where tea was served to a company of 64.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Hunter), supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. A. Prior (District Master), Messrs. Nevard and Saunders (District Masters respectively of the North-Eastern and Northern Divisions), Messrs. G. and T. Faulkner, etc.

Two new members were elected and Leytonstone agreed upon as place of the district annual meeting on November 23rd next.

The proceedings were brought to a close by the passing of a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells and conducting the service, to the organist for kindly accompanying the hymns, etc., at the service, to Miss Dawson for her solo, to Messrs. T. and G. Faulkner for making the necessary arrangements, and to all those who had in any way helped to make the afternoon a success.

During the day members were present from Leytonstone, London, Romford, Malden, Greenstead Green, Great Bentley, West Ham, Bentley, Prittlewell, Leigh, Edmonton, Braintree, Hornchurch, Stanford-le-Hope, Orsett, Tilbury, Dagenham, Brentwood, Barking, Leyton, Thorington, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative were rung.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Further particulars by circular. — W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Southwell Minster on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—Autumn meeting at Milton on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The Autumn meeting of the above branch will be held at Henley on Saturday, September 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Ringers service at 6. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names of those requiring tea to be sent to Mr. F. Brown, Cul-de-Sac Road, E. Molesey.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28th at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, London. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Meeting, tea etc., at 5. Every one welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Dis. Sec., 8, Fullers Road, E 18.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5. Tea by kind invitation 5.30.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available: Norman Tower (10) and St. Mary's (8), Bury St. Edmunds, Horringer (8), and Fornham St. Martin (6). All ringers welcome. — J. Chinery, Dis. Sec., 51, Garland Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (6), also Honiton (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8) available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Egbaston Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton, Cambs, on Saturday, 28th inst. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Great Chesterford, Essex. All ringers are welcomed, even experts.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GUILDS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bungay on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me by the 25th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Goate, Queen's Road, Beccles.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, September 28th. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. 3d. each.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest on Saturday, September 28th, at Friezland Greenfield, near Oldham. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Bristol and Wotton, under-Edge branches will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at Alveston and Thornbury. Service and tea at Alveston. Ringing after tea at Thornbury. All ringers welcome. Bus leaves Centre, under the Clock, 2.15 p.m.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. Festival Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, with address by Rev. G. W. Froggatt, Vicar of Stockton. Committee meeting at 11.45 and dinner at 2 at the Three Tuns Hotel. The bells of the Cathedral (8), St. Oswald's (6), and St. Nicholas' (6) will be available.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, Sept. 28th.—D. L. Board, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45.—Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the Derby and Burton districts will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at George and Dragon (1s. 3d. per head). Will members please make a special effort to attend and ensure a successful meeting? Bus leaves New Street Park at 2.40 p.m., and train leaves Burton 3 p.m.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

CLAVERTLEY, STAFFS.—The peal of 8, tenor 17 cwt., restored and augmented by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated on Sunday, 29th inst., at 3 p.m. Visitors will be welcomed.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 1st and 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 3rd, St. Magnus on the 10th and 24th, *The Coffee Pot or St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frampton on Thursday, October 3rd. Bells (6) (also Bradford-Peverell and Sydling) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Address by the Master of the Guild, followed by tea and short business meeting. Motor leaves St. Peter's, Dorchester, about 2 p.m.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Weston Favell, not Wootton as arranged, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea notify me not later than Tuesday, October 1st?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, at the Club Hall, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Oct. 1st. A good attendance of members is desired.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreek Road, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Wisbech and Marshland Branches will be held at Leverington, Wisbech, on Saturday, October 5th. Usual arrangements. Tea will be provided. Please let us know early.—W. G. Cross and H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, October 1st?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Fred Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Further details in next issue if possible.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Webb, 24, King Street, Knutsford, by Wednesday, October 1st?—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District; SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—Joint Meeting at Guildford, Saturday, October 5th. Bells of the Cathedral Church available 2.45 to 4.15 p.m.; S. Nicolas', afternoon and evening. Service at S. Nicolas' at 4.30. Please send numbers for tea to G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford, by Monday, September 30th.—G. L. Grover; D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wingham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, by the kind permission of Rev. Taylor. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Oct. 3rd. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Lutterworth, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8), also Bitteswell (6), available during afternoon. Lutterworth is on L. & N.E. main line. Trains leave Leicester 12.55, 3.50. Committee meet 4.15 in Church Hall. Tea (1/3 per head) at Coach & Horses Inn 5.15, followed by meeting. Lutterworth is famous for John Wycliffe's relics, the great reformer and bible translator. It is essential that those requiring tea advise Mr. E. W. Tipler, 22, Baker Street, Lutterworth, not later than Thursday, October 3rd.—Ernest Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT AND CHESTERFIELD BRANCH, M.C.A., JOINT MEETING.—A joint meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, October 5th. Tea provided to those who advise Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield, before October 3rd. It is hoped we shall have a good attendance. Bells (8) open early.—R. Harrison and J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Secs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea (Magnet Restaurant) at 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for October: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, Monday, the 7th (quarterly meeting) and 11th; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 1st and 29th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than October 8th.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, October 12th. Tea free to all who notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 38, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Staffs, before October 9th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Also a joint meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, November 2nd. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Basford on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6.15 till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Dis. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, October 12th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 8th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, October 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Service 6. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Friday, October 18th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The annual dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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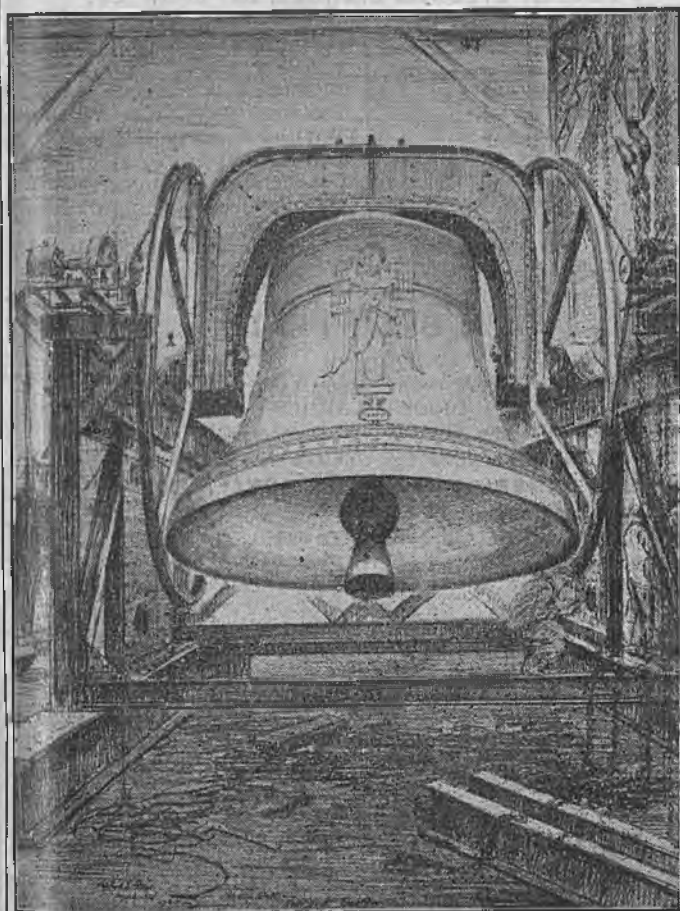
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In putting forward this suggestion we have no desire whatever to force the hands of the Council, but past experience has shown that, unless there is some attempt at correlation, chaos is the usual result, and nothing is done because there is no general understanding as to what course should be pursued. It is only in the hope that we may be of some assistance in co-ordinating any proposals which are made that we suggest the course indicated above. We are hoping to see the fullest discussion of the subject and the achievement of the best results. Reasoned criticism through our columns is also invited, because the more the subject is ventilated the more likelihood is there of obtaining views which will gain the approval of the majority of ringers. Those of our leaders who have ideas for improving the usefulness of the Council and for bringing it into closer touch with the associations and guilds which elect the members should not hesitate, therefore, to put them forward.

Last week the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards offered two objections to the proposal for annual elections. He dismissed the suggestion first as impracticable, but he did not tell us why. Secondly, there was the risk that those appointed to serve on a committee would not be present the next year to report. The risk, we think, is not great that all the

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GEORGE N. PRICE 5	RICHARD HAYES Tenor

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PATTINGHAM, SHROPSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ARTHUR BENNETT Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	BENJAMIN DALTON 6
JOHN PERRY 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER 7
ALBERT BUTLER 4	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. COOPER.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALEC RICHARDSON Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
WILLIAM LATTER 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
WILLIAM COLLISON 4	KEITH HART Tenor

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

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
HARRY HUTTON 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*JOHN BROWN Treble	†JACK STOPP 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	REGINALD S. COOK 6
*JACK BRAY 3	HERBERT GATES 7
*STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Theodore Pim, formerly churchwarden of Grayford, and a benefactor to the parish. This peal is produced by singles only.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATHEWS' TWELVE-PART (No. 2).

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK YATES Treble	†WILFRED STEVINSON ... 5
†ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	HAROLD DEAN 6
†FRANK L. RONAN 3	†JOHN WORTH 7
WILFRED MATHEWS 4	WILLIAM GAVES Tenor

Conducted by W. MATHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. The treble and 6th men hail from St. Michael's, Macclesfield, the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 8th from Christ Church, Macclesfield, and the conductor from St. James', Sutton. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

HARRY OVERTON Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	*WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN E. HOBBS Treble	†WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 5
*HERBERT ROOK 2	*HENRY HARRISON 6
*NORMAN HEMMINGTON 3	*J. ALFRED BARRATT 7
*SAMUEL PINDER 4	EDWARD C. GORRY Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by J. ALFRED BARRATT

* First peal in the method. † Proposed a member of the association before the peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	EDWARD HARRIS 5
*EDWARD H. SPICE 2	STUART SANDFORD 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
PERCY E. CLARK 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* Elected a member previous to starting for the peal. This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Avis on his 50th anniversary as a Sunday service ringer, and also as a coming-of-age peal to the ringer of the 6th. Rung on the eve of St. Michael and All Angels' Day.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS AMY JOHNSON Treble	GORDON W. CHECKITT ... 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
HARRY PRICE 3	HECTOR G. BIRD 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	*FRED CRUMP Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late George Hayward, for many years a member of the local band, and well known composer and conductor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.	
FREDERICK CRIPPS	7 Treble	GEORGE SMART	3
JACK M. CRIPPS	2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	6
*FREDERICK N. SMEATON ...	3	FRANK BENNETT	7
MRS. F. I. HAIR	4	FRANK I. HAIRS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First peal in the method.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

JOHN BRESE	Treble	JOHN BAGLEY	5
JOSEPH LESLIE	2	LESTER L. GRAY	6
G. RONALD EDWARDS	3	JOHN COOKE	7
WALTER J. BATTLE	4	HERBERT LODKIN	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LODKIN.

The band would like to thank the local ringers for their kind hospitality after the peal, which was very much appreciated by all.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(OFFICERS' PEAL).

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE GREEN, District Master, S.E. Div.	Treble		
GEORGE DENT, District Master, N.W. Div.			2
ERNEST J. BUTLER, District Sec., S.W. Div.			3
WILLIAM J. NEVARD, District Master, N.E. Div.			4
FREDERICK J. PITSTOW, Gen. Secretary,			5
WILLIAM LINCOLN, Gen. Committee			6
WILLIAM KEEBLE, Peal Committee			7
ARTHUR SAUNDERS, District Master, N. Div.			Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the association, founded at Writtle, 1879. The above officers average 30 years' membership of the association.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
DENNIS R. MORRIS	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT	2	WILLIAM LEWIS	6
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
FRANK LAWRENCE	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence, who was on a visit from Little Munden, Herts, was proposed a member before starting. This was his first peal of Cambridge Major inside.

THURCASTON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

The ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th bells were elected members of the association previous to starting the peal. The visitors desire to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. E. Morris and H. J. Poole and other friends for arranging this and the peal at Leicester, and also for helping to make the week-end such a pleasant one.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

*RALPH LITTLER	Treble	JAMES SHAW	4
HERBERT R. PICKERING ...	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	5
ALBERT D. COLLINS	3	HARRY BOSWELL	Tenor

Conducted by F. BROTHERTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to treble ringer.

KING'S CAPEL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight spliced 240's and 34 ordinary 120's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT J. HARRIS	Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE	4
HERBERT COLCOMBE	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
ERIC G. EVANS	3	JOHN L. VAUGHAN	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. Rung for the harvest festival services.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Katherine.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE DERHAM	Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST	4
GEORGE GUNSTONE	2	CHARLES H. COBB	5
WILLIAM WILKINS	3	JAMES E. WILTSHIRE ...	Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

With the exception of the conductor, the above band are local ringers, and it was their first attempt for a peal.

DENNINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

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.

HARRY HALL	Treble	FREDERICK DERING	4
ALFRED WATSON	2	JAMES WARDLEY	5
JOHN GARRETT	3	JOHN HALL	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

BURSTOW, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN A. BRADLEY	Treble	*LESLIE W. PENFOLD	4
*VICTOR E. COUSINS	2	*HAROLD KEW	5
†HENRY H. PARSONS	3	ALFRED J. BULL	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. BULL.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

ROWDE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, differently called. Tenor 11½ cwt. in A flat.

*MRS. W. C. WEST	Treble	*HARRY MOCKRIDGE	4
JESSE FRANCIS	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
SIDNEY HILLIER	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First attempt for Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD Treble	JOHN BROWN 4
*JACK STOPP 2	*JACK BRAY 5
†STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First Surprise peal. † First Cambridge Minor inside. † First peal of Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 4th (who hails from Liverpool, and was once a member of the local company), and the 5th (who hails from Lincolnshire).

BRISTOL.

GLoucester and BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

THOMAS W. CLASH Treble	WILFRED TRUB 4
HENRY W. PAYNE 2	SIDNEY G. RICHES 5
SAMUEL PHILLIPS 3	REGINALD W. BLOWER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY G. RICHES.

This peal was rung to commemorate the jubilee of the church's removal from the centre of the city. The first recorded peal on the bells. The first peal for all ringers except the 3rd. Rung at the first attempt.

RASSINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS Treble	MOSES BILLINGS 4
*MRS. LAURA L. EAST 2	HARRY CARTER 5
HAROLD MARCON 3	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival and on the second anniversary of the marriage of the ringer of the treble.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, London, York, Ipswich, Wells, Cambridge and Durham. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM HAZLEHURST Treble	THOMAS HURD 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This is the first peal in seven Surprise methods by T. Hurd and also on these bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

At the School House.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4	JACK BRAY 7-8

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by W. AYRE.

Witnesses: MRS. W. AYRE and MR. A. AYRE.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT SOUTH NORMANTON.

A special meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held on Saturday at South Normanton Parish Church, when a short service was held in the tower for the purpose of dedicating a peal board. The board records two peals, the first a peal of Grandsire Doubles, rung on Monday, May 14th, 1928, and the second a peal of Bob Minor rung on Sunday, July 14th, 1929, as part of the national thanksgiving for the recovery from illness of H.M. the King. A good company was present, and the bells were rung from 3 p.m. to 4.30, when the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Lewis, Mrs. Halpin, a local lady who was invited by the ringers to unveil the board, and the churchwarden (Mr. A. J. Evans), arrived for the service. The Rector, as the representative of the church, was invited by one of the local ringers (Mr. J. W. England) to accept the peal board as a gift from the ringers. The Rector invited Mrs. Halpin to unveil the board, and, after the dedication, formally charged the churchwardens with the care of the same, to which Mr. Evans suitably replied. The Rector then gave a short address, in the course of which he described the bells, and also spoke of his appreciation of the services of the church bellringers. Although the church has possessed five bells from 1813, and six from 1902, these two peals were the first to be rung on them, and the only method rung by the local company, until recently, was Grandsire Doubles. The tower now possesses a useful band, who attend regularly for Sunday service ringing in various Minor methods.

The tenor was given to the church by Mr. George Dodd, and is dated 1854. The 5th was cast by George Oldfield, and bears no date. The 3rd bears the inscription W. B. and Co., and is dated 1774. This bell is supposed to have come to this church from Pinxton, during the incumbency of the Rev. — Coke, who was Rector of the two parishes. The 4th, the gift of the Rev. Guy Bryan, and the 2nd, the gift of Sir Eardley Wilmot, are both dated 1813, while the treble was the gift of Miss Wright, a resident of the parish. The old five were retuned and treble added in 1902, the work being carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The service concluded, the company adjourned to the Church School, where about 40 sat down to a substantial tea, generously provided by the Rector, who placed the catering in the capable hands of Mrs. A. Foulkes, assisted by the wives of four local ringers.

After tea, votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for providing tea, Mrs. Halpin, who performed the unveiling ceremony, and the ladies who had assisted at the tea.—The Rector responded, giving the association a warm welcome to South Normanton.

The bells were then again set going in touches of various methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, until 8.15, when they were lowered in peal, and brought to a close a successful and enjoyable meeting. The towers represented were Alfreton, Blackwell, Crich, St. Peter's, Derby, Horsley, Heanor, Morton Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Melbourne, Ripley, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Selston, South Normanton and Tibshelf.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER MASTER.

A most enjoyable day was spent at Llandudno on Saturday, September 14th, by those members of the North Wales Association who attended the half-yearly meeting. A service was held at Holy Trinity Church and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Watkyn Davies), who also gave a very interesting address. He extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and in the course of his address commented upon Llandudno possessing two lady ringers. He said he would like to see more lady ringers, for they added charm to the belfry.

A short business meeting was held in the schoolroom, the Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones, president of the association, presiding.

During the meeting Mr. A. J. Hughes, formerly Master of the association, was presented with a travelling clock in recognition of his past services.

Mr. Hughes resigned the Mastership upon being transferred to Yorkshire, and regret was expressed at his departure from the district.

An excellent tea had been arranged by Mr. S. Brown, the Llandudno secretary, at Payne's Cafe, and in the evening good practice was put in on the bells until seven o'clock.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday, September 26th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Burton Latimer, Northants, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: E. York (first quarter) 1, C. Hendry (first away from treble) 2, J. W. Lines 3, H. Turner 4, B. Morris (first quarter-peal on eight) 5, J. Saddington 6, J. Mitchell (first quarter-peal on eight) 7, G. Lines (conductor) 8.

Rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. Philip Rigby Baldwin Jacques, son of the late Rev. W. B. Jacques and Mrs. Jacques, of Orlingbury Hall, to Miss Joan Mary Williamson, Mrs. Jacques being patron of the living of St. Mary's. Also to commemorate the ninth anniversary of the reopening of the bells after rehanging, and the addition of two trebles to complete the octave, Mrs. Jacques being the donor of the treble bell.

THE YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

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A LINK WITH JASPER SNOWDON.

Mr. P. J. Johnson proposed 'The Visitors,' and said that almost all the countries of the United Kingdom were present. They very heartily welcomed Canon Dolan, Rector of St. Marie's, Sheffield, who was held in high regard by the ringers of Sheffield and district. He thought perhaps he would be correct in describing him as being connected with Ireland. Then they laid with them Mr. William Thomas, chairman of the Bristol United Guilds, who had brought Mrs. Thomas with him, and with him, of course, they got very close to Wales. He understood that Scotland would have been represented, but he saw by that morning's paper that the gentleman was brought up at Bow Street in connection with the mania for window slashing (laughter). In answer to the charge the Scotsman said he was a bellringer (laughter), and he committed the offence because he wanted to see 'glass go' (laughter). They had many distinguished visitors with them, first of all their dear old friend Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, whom they welcomed once more on his native heath of Sheffield, but who came there to represent the Ancient Society of College Youths. He believed Mr. Rowbotham was the only person present that night who rang in a peal with Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. Mr. Johnson gave a special welcome to Mr. J. T. Rew and to the representatives of all the other associations present, including a representative of that young and lusty infant, the Guildford Diocesan Guild. That representative was, however, better known to most of them, he said, as the editor of 'The Ringing World,' to whom they owed a great debt of gratitude for the work he had carried on for many years in the interests of the art of ringing, very often under serious difficulties and handicaps. One would like to feel that all ringers gave the same encouragement to 'The Ringing World' that the paper gave to ringing (applause).

Canon Dolan, who responded, had to correct Mr. Johnson's inference that he was connected with Ireland. He was, he said, a Yorkshireman. Canon Dolan went on to refer in a humorous way to the difficulties which he experienced from his neighbours in connection with the ringing of the bells at St. Marie's Church, and said that bellringers were very enthusiastic men, but sometimes they required a good deal of diplomatic handling (laughter). He recalled the fact that in 1885 a muffled peal was rung at St. Marie's on the death of Mr. Jasper Snowdon, and only one of the ringers of that peal was living to-day. That ringer had been steeplekeeper and ringer at St. Marie's for 55 years, and he was Mr. James Dixon, who was present with them that night (applause). His was a great record of perseverance and diligence. Canon Dolan reminded his hearers that the bells had a solemn place in the service of the church, and it did not, he said, require a great deal of imagination to hear the voice of the ringers in those bells. These were days of great experiences. The voice of man could be carried thousands of miles without wires; was it foolish, was it altogether impossible, therefore, to imagine that some day they might discover that there was some sort of spiritual connection between the hand that pulled the bell and the voice that the bell gave out? He did not see there was anything impossible in that, therefore, when they rang the bells let them remember that when the bells were placed in the steeple they were blessed, that they were meant to be a call to prayer, and that it might be that the ringers communicated to the bells something of their own spirit. If they rang in the spirit in which the bells were blessed, they would speak in their own tongue, but if the spirit of the ringer was not the spirit in which the bells were blessed, the spirit of the bells might be nullified. Therefore, he liked to see the men who had rung the bells go into the church and say their prayers.

YOUNG RINGERS' OPPORTUNITIES.

Mr. Palmer at this point announced letters of apology from the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, the Rev. W. G. Largie (Sharrow), the Rev. W. A. Baker (Handsworth), the Rev. E. Saleby (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. E. Guise (secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild), Mr. T. H. Reeves (secretary) and Mr. A. Padden Smith (Birmingham), Mr. G. Holmes (Workington) and Mr. H. E. Buggs (churchwarden of Dore).

Mr. Albert Walker submitted 'Continued Prosperity to the Yorkshire Association,' and referred to the success which had attended the work of the association and the progress it had made. When it was founded in 1875 there were about a hundred members; to-day there were over 1,200. Mr. Walker quoted from a letter he had received from the Birmingham veteran, Mr. Thomas Russam, in which he spoke of the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley being always a welcome visitor to Birmingham, of the fun there sometimes used to be on the occasion of his visits, and of the interesting anecdotes that passed between Mr. Hattersley and Henry Johnson. The future prosperity of the Yorkshire Association and of all other associations, Mr. Walker went on, depended upon their being able to instil into their younger members some of the enthusiasm of those men whose memory they were honouring that night and whose work was being so ably continued by the present excellent officers, so that these young members, with better opportunities, could carry on the good work of the past. Young ringers of to-day had the finest oppor-

tunities to excel; they had, for the most part, good going bells, and splendid ringing chambers; they had excellent libraries and cheap facilities to get to other towers and to meetings for social intercourse, which was the foundation of continued prosperity (applause).

Mr. J. E. L. Cockey gave 'Kindred Ringing Societies.' They were honoured, he said, by having so many other ringing organisations represented among them that night, from as far south as Bristol and Bath, and from the doyen of all societies, the Ancient Society of College Youths. Membership of that society was one of the greatest ringing honours one could attain to in these days. Mr. Johnson had referred to the representation of the different countries there that night and had said that Scotland was not represented. He wished to correct him in that, for Scotland was represented in his (the speaker's) wife (applause). She was not a ringer, but she took a kindly interest in ringing (applause). Mr. Cockey threw out the suggestion that more should be done to bring about co-operation between ringers and the other church societies, so that more might be known of the unselfish work which the former did. In giving the toast, Mr. Cockey said the Yorkshire Association wished kindred societies every success, and he coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Rowbotham.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF SNOWDON.

Mr. Rowbotham, in responding, conveyed the fraternal greetings of the Ancient Society of College Youths to the Yorkshire Association, and went on to speak of his early associations with Sheffield ringing. As a boy, he said, he was apprenticed to Thomas Hattersley and learned to ring. That was in 1876, when the Yorkshire Association was in its infancy. Of course, he heard a lot about Mr. Snowdon, and when Mr. Snowdon came to Sheffield and a peal was arranged for him, he (the speaker) was asked to stand in, and it was performed very successfully. That was on November 4th, 53 years ago at the Cathedral. Mr. Snowdon after the peal complimented him on the way in which he rang, and the record of the peal was to be found in those marvellous volumes which were the priceless possession of the College Youths. After that he was invited to take part in a peal at Holbeck with Mr. Snowdon, and in that, too, they were successful. Then he migrated to the Metropolis, and was one of those who made a departure from standard methods and began to practice Double Norwich. He (Mr. Rowbotham) provided Mr. Snowdon with a lot of matter about peals which had been rung years before, for the treatise on the method which he wrote, and the first book which left Mr. Snowdon's hands was sent to him, and written upon it was, 'With the author's compliments to his dear friend Rowbotham.' Could anybody desire a prouder possession than that? asked Mr. Rowbotham. He had the melancholy opportunity of taking part in a funeral peal for Jasper Snowdon, in which another dear friend of Snowdon's rang, Sir Arthur Heywood, and he (the speaker) represented the College Youths at the unveiling of the memorial window in Ilkley Church—the finest thing that had ever been erected to the memory of a ringer.

'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. S. F. Palmer, who referred to Archdeacon Darbyshire's interest in the ringers at Sheffield Cathedral and of his constant consideration for them. The relations which existed between the Rector and churchwardens on the one hand, and the ringers on the other, made Sheffield Cathedral one of the best ringing places in the country (applause). Similar relations existed at St. Marie's, and it was due to a large extent to the kindness of the incumbents in charge (applause).

The Archdeacon briefly acknowledged the toast and said he hoped his successors would always have as fine a band of ringers as they had got at Sheffield Cathedral at present.

This concluded the speechmaking, which was followed by an hour of social intercourse. An enjoyable musical programme was carried out, in which songs were sung by Mr. J. H. Borwick, Mr. H. Muscroft (of the well-known Orpheus Male Voice Choir) and Mrs. Milnes, while Mr. W. C. Langley contributed a violin solo. The enjoyable proceedings terminated at 11 p.m., but many of the visitors who stayed the night met again next morning at the Cathedral and St. Marie's for ringing before going their several ways home.

RINGER'S 'JUBILEE.'

At Hinton, near Evesham, on Thursday, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire and St. Dunstan's Doubles (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: F. L. Barnes 1, Miss R. Johnson 2, Mrs. A. V. Harris 3, R. Harris 4, F. J. Johnson (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the 65th anniversary of his birthday, also to commemorate his 50 years as a bellringer, he having rung in rounds for the first time on September 27th, 1879. The above are all regular Sunday service ringers.

FIVE SURPRISE EXTENTS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES.

At St. Mary's Church, Fryerning, Essex, on Sunday, September 29th, five Surprise extents were rung for harvest festival services: For 7 a.m. choral Eucharist, 720 Norwich Surprise; for 11 a.m. matins, 720 York Surprise and 720 Ipswich Surprise; for evensong, 720 Wells Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise, the ringers taking part being F. Wright, L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, E. Stich, H. Wright, A. Bradley (conductor).

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. SUGGESTED RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Stone on Saturday, September 21st. This was the first meeting the branch has held at Stone. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Stork). The organist and choir were also in attendance, and rendered the musical portions of the service very effectively. The Vicar gave an address based on the chief points of the association's form of service.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, about 60 being present and being waited upon by the Vicar and Mrs. Stork, assisted by several ladies of the parish.

The business meeting took place in the schoolroom, the Vicar presiding. Apologies were announced from Mr. J. Broad, Mr. W. Fisher, Mr. J. F. Simpson and Mr. H. Mason.

The officers were all re-elected, and it was unanimously agreed to support Mr. T. J. Salter's proposal that at the annual meeting to be held at Worcester the branch should support a resolution pledging the association to loyalty to the Central Council.

Mr. A. E. Parsons moved that in future a collection should be taken at the end of the service for the benefit of the belfry repair fund at whatever church the meeting was held.

Reference was made by Mr. Parsons to the loss the association had sustained by the death of one of its oldest members in the person of Mr. G. N. Cockin, of Halesowen. He was highly respected in every sphere of life.—It was agreed that the secretary should send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Cockin and family, and the members stood in silence to mark their respect.

On the motion of Mr. Parsons, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, the use of the bells, and arranging the service, which everyone, he said, had thoroughly enjoyed; also to the organist and choir for their services. Mr. Parsons added that their best thanks were also due to the Vicar for providing tea, and to Mrs. Stork and to the ladies who had so kindly assisted in the handing round of the good things provided.—The Vicar, in reply, said he thought it quite an honour to preside over so important a body of church workers, and he would be pleased to see them again in the near future.

A touch on the handbells outside the Parish Room concluded a very successful meeting, and also amused the parishioners and visitors. Ringing in various methods was done on the church bells both in the afternoon and evening.

WARWICKSHIRE RESTORATIONS.

ARBY BELLS AUGMENTED.

The bells at the Church of St. Wilfred, Arby, Warwickshire, have been retuned and augmented to six and hung in iron frames by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The tenor, which is 7 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb., was cast by Edward Arnold, of Leicester, 1790, the 5th by Watts 1825, the 3rd by Robert Newcombe, of Leicester, about 1590, the three new bells being the front three.

A special service was held on Sunday, Sept. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., when the Bishop of Coventry dedicated the new bells. Ringers were present from Filloughley, Coventry and Nuneaton, also Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. C. Harrison, of the Loughborough Foundry. After the service, the ringers from Filloughley opened the bells with rounds and call changes. 360 of Bob Minor was then rung by: J. P. Fidler 1, C. Harrison 2, W. Martin 3, E. Martin 4, A. Wilkerson 5, J. H. W. White (conductor) 6. Also 120, in which H. O. White and D. Ellender took part.

The tone and the 'go' of the bells are excellent.

A 'BRIANT' RING REHUNG.

On Wednesday, August 20th, the ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) at the Church of St. Botolph, Newbold-on-Avon, cast in 1792 by John Briant, of Hertford, were rededicated at a special service at 7.30 p.m. Ringers were present from Rugby, Nuneaton and Coventry, and also Messrs. J. Oldham, J. P. Fidler and D. Collins, of the Loughborough Foundry.

The bells have been retuned and rehung in a new iron frame, and the work reflects great credit upon Messrs. Taylor and Co. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. The ringers were afterwards entertained by the Vicar and Mr. Cotterill Boughton Lee.

PORTISHEAD LADY RINGER MARRIED.

On Monday, September 23rd, the marriage took place at Portishead Parish Church of Miss Adelaide Stokes and Mr. Percy Charles Simper, Preb. H. W. Jukes, Rector, and the Rev. H. S. Briggs officiating. The bride has been a member of the Portishead band since 1913, when she commenced ringing, and during the war helped with other ladies to ring the bells regularly for Sunday services.

She took part in the first peal which was rung for the Ladies' Guild at Portishead on January 30th, 1915, and has always assisted to ring for any special services of the church.

Among the numerous presents was a clock from the ringers, who 'fired' their good wishes from the belfry as the happy couple left the church.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

We hear that the Painswick Youths, who held the record for the longest length rung on twelve bells until the recent performance of 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, contemplate making an effort to regain the honour. Mr. Albert Wright, the composer and conductor of the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques rung in 1920 at Painswick, has a 16,000 odd which he hopes may be attempted in the near future.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques on record was rung by the College Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on October 6th, 1788. It was a 6,204, and not only was it the first, but also the longest in the method until 1806, when its length was supplanted by a 6,334 rung by the Cumberland Youths at Spitalfields.

William Booth, a famous old Sheffield ringer, born in 1783, and grandfather of Charles H. Hattersley, died on October 6th, 1849.

The anniversary of the death of another outstanding figure in the Exercise occurs next week. Henry Hubbard, born in 1807, died on October 9th, 1881.

Mr. F. G. Newman wishes to thank all ringing friends who subscribed to his fund (which amounted to £21 3s.), and also Mr. W. T. Cockerill for his kindness.

AN OLD OXFORD UNIVERSITY RINGER.

THE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S FIRST 720 RECALLED.

The will has just been proved of Mr. William Christopher H. Burne, of Upper Link, St. Mary Bourne, Hants, who died recently at the age of 74 years, and whose estate has been sworn at £53,079.

Mr. Burne, who, before he removed to St. Mary Bourne, where he took great interest in the restoration of the bells, resided at Woking, where he served for many years on the Urban District Council, and was one of its most able chairmen.

While at Oxford, Mr. Burne learned to ring—although he did not follow up the art in later years—and rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appleton by members of the combined Universities, on March 10th, 1877. (This peal was referred to in 'Glimpses of the Past,' in our issue of September 13th.) Mr. F. A. Milne (president of the Middlesex County Association) and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies are the only survivors of that band of over fifty years ago.

The late Mr. Burne also knew something of method ringing, for he rang the treble to a 720 of Bob Minor at St. Thomas', Oxford, just before the peal above mentioned. It was the first 720 by the Oxford University Society. The following was the paragraph which appeared in 'Church Bells' at the time:—

'On Thursday, February 22nd, the following members of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers rang at St. Thomas', Oxford, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins.: W. C. H. Burne (Kemble) treble, C. Davies (Pembroke) 2, J. R. Kebble (Kemble) 3, F. A. Milne (Kemble) 4, H. W. Ellicott (Brasenose) 5, * — tenor. Conducted by H. W. Ellicott. The above is the first 720 Bob Minor ever rung by this society. * The gentleman who rung tenor objects to his name appearing in such an insignificant performance as a 720.'

MR. TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged £5 Os. 6d., Mr. F. A. Milne £1, Mr. W. Pickworth 10s., Mr. R. Lathbury (Cambridge) 5s., Miss V. Shorter (Cambridge) 5s. Donations will be gratefully received on behalf of Mr. Beadle by Mr. Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

BUCKLEBURY BELLS.

Bucklebury Church, Berks, where a band of eight ladies rang a peal on Saturday week, has an octave of bells of varying date, with tenor about 14 cwt. in G.

The oldest bell, which was dated 1581, unfortunately cracked and had to be recast about three years ago. This



BUCKLEBURY CHURCH AND TOWER.

was done in memory of George Davis, the late foreman of the tower, whose name appears on the recast bell. The inscriptions and dates are as follow :—

- 1.—Mercy and Truth. To the Glory of God, in memory of G. W. Palmer, from his wife. Bowell, 1915.
- 2.—Righteousness and Peace. Bowell, 1915.
- 3.—Prayes the Lord. 1632. Recast by Bowell, 1915.
- 4.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit. 1824.
- 5.—O Lord, in Thee ys all my trust. 1581. Joseph Carter. Recast by Bowell, 1926.
- 6.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit. 1824.
- 7.—Henry Knight made this bell in ano 1610.
- 8.—Feare God. 1634.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
PLEASANT THAMES-SIDE MEETING.

One of the best practice meetings held in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was that at Cookham on Saturday last. Perfect weather for ringing and a nice breeze from the river combined to make it a success.

A bright service and no sermon, but an excellent talk on concord by Dr. Bachelor, the vice-president of the branch, was appreciated. Then tea in the Vicarage garden, where the Vicar warmly welcomed over 40 ringers, and showed other talents besides that of preacher.

A few tunes on handbells by the Barlow party and one other were followed by some Stedman Triples, whilst the choir boys had their tea, after which the tower was revisited and the bells were kept going in various methods to a late hour.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.
ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is not often that I disagree with Mr. Edwards, but I must point out that on this subject facts are against him. In the Suffolk Guild we have always elected our representatives on the Central Council each year, and none of the results he anticipates have occurred.

He groups together three things which are connected, but not inseparable: (a) Triennial sessions of the Council. (b) Triennial elections of committees. (c) Triennial election of representatives. I have not seen any suggestion of an alteration of (a) or (b), and if they were altered there is no reason to expect the consequences he fears: as there are no such bad results in other bodies. A committee can be, and usually is, continuous, whether elected annually or triennially.

All, however, that is proposed is that each Society should elect its representatives every year. What we have found is that the annual re-election of our representatives, along with our other officers, keeps our representatives alive, and the interest in the Council keen. It so often happens at an annual meeting, where the old routine is carried out, that a representative says, or sends word, that it is time they elected someone else, but the matter is shelved because it is not the right year for the election. Then when the election comes the old four are re-elected without comment; or some new member is elected, because it happened to be convenient, rather than because he is the most suitable member.

HERBERT DRAKE.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
TRURO BRANCH MEETING.

A well attended meeting of the Truro Branch was held at St. Gluvias', on Saturday last, the eve of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, when approximately 50 ringers were present from Truro Cathedral, Mabe, Illogan, Perranzabuloe, Perranwell, Gwennap, Kenwyn, St. Newlyn East and Redruth. The six bells were set going at 2.30 p.m. by the local band, as a bride and bridegroom left the church after a wedding ceremony, and were kept going by the various bands until service time at 4.30, and from 6 p.m., when tea was over, until, about 8.30 p.m., train and bus claimed everyone's attention.

The service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Shore, consisted of a hymn, the Magnificat, an address of welcome and suitable prayers. Tea, at the invitation of the Vicar, was served on the Vicarage lawn, and was enjoyed in bright sunshine. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar and Mrs. Shore for their kindness by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, and was seconded by the district secretary, Mr. A. S. Roberts.

After tea, the district committee, consisting of a member from each tower in the district, met to do the needful business. The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, of Truro, was elected chairman, and Mrs. A. S. Roberts secretary for the ensuing year. It was decided to hold the extra meeting, which should have taken place in July, at St. Mabe, to encourage the scheme for the rehanging and augmentation of the five bells, on October 26th.

Two invitations were received for the half-yearly meeting, one from Redruth and one from St. Newlyn East, and it was decided to make the selection at the St. Mabe meeting.

In the evening several ringers visited Perranwell, about three miles distant, for further ringing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Alton District was held at Privett on Saturday, September 21st, the numbers present being disappointing, as only 14 turned up from the following towers: Blackmoor, Binsted, North Stoneham, Portsmouth Cathedral and Winchester. However, several of the six-bell ringers present were very well satisfied, as it enabled them to get plenty of eight-bell practice in Grandsire, one old gentleman of 71 ringing the tenor behind to every touch during the afternoon and evening, to his great delight.

The next meeting will be held at Selborne and Newton Valance on November 23rd, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

RINGING COMPETITION AT EAST MARKHAM.

The North Notts Association's annual ringing contest for the Crawford silver cup took place at East Markham on Saturday, September 21st, when five companies competed. The cup was given to the association, to encourage good ringing, by Mr. Arthur Crawford, of Rampton, in memory of his father, Mr. Charles Crawford, who did good work both for the association and the Church of East Markham. The contest drew together a large gathering of ringers and their friends, some 70 in all, and created great interest among the inhabitants of the village. Mr. A. Crawford was unfortunately unable to be present.

The ballot for the order in which the companies were to ring took place at 2.45 p.m., and the contest commenced at 3 p.m. Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, near Sheffield, kindly undertook to judge the contest, which he did in a most able manner.

A short service was held at 5.15 p.m., the Vicar, the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, officiating. Miss E. Rose kindly played the organ, after which the ringers sat down to tea, which was served in an excellent manner by Miss A. R. Stockdale and helpers.

The Rev. R. E. Rogerson presided over the meeting, supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Mr. G. Booth (warden), Mrs. C. Crawford, Mrs. A. Crawford, Mrs. Rowsell, Mr. J. R. Brearley, Mr. H. Haigh, hon. treasurer, and Mr. H. Revill and Mr. R. W. Stockdale, hon. secretaries, together with members from Anston, Shireoaks, Mistoron, Edwinstowe, Sutton-on-Trent, Worksop, Collingham, Gamston, East Retford, West Retford, Folkingham, Ordsall, and the local company.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Gamston on November 9th.

Mr. Arthur Crawford was elected an honorary life member on the motion of Mr. H. Haigh, seconded by Mr. H. Stanton. Mr. J. W. Craig, of Ordsall, was elected a vice-president, and Mr. J. R. Brearley a non-resident life member.

The result of the contest was next announced. The faults lost by the competitors, given in the order in which they rang, were as follows:—

	Faults.	Penalties.	Total.
Ordsall	149	0	149
Shireoaks	171	30	201
Sutton-on-Trent	149	10	159
South Anston	92	0	92
Worksop	280	20	300

The first four rang a test piece consisting of 360 changes on six bells, but Worksop had the great courage to compete on eight bells.

The winners of the contest were declared to be South Anston. In making his award, the judge remarked that the striking of to-day was not to be compared with that previous to the war, and appealed to all to try and improve the striking.

Mrs. Rowsell, Lancham, daughter of the late Mr. C. Crawford, presented the cup to the victors, and in doing so expressed a wish that all companies would try and enter for the cup contest next year. She hoped that East Markham would be the winners some day.

Mr. H. Stanton, in receiving the cup for the Anston company, suitably replied.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mrs. Rowsell for presenting the cup by Mr. H. Haigh, and seconded by the Rev. R. E. Rogerson.

Mr. H. Stanton proposed, and Mr. H. Revill seconded, a vote of thanks to the judge.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson said he wished to thank the Rev. R. E. Rogerson for officiating at the service and presiding at the meeting; also he thanked the organist, the caterers, the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and the members for making the meeting such a great success, and hoped that he would see even larger gatherings in the near future.

The tower was again visited in the evening, when good ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

The bells at East Markham included four cast in 1637 by George Oldfield, of Nottingham. The present 3rd and 4th were added in 1895, and the peal increased to eight by the addition of two trebles two or three years ago, given by Mr. W. T. Hopps, of Leamington, in memory of his uncle and aunt. The four smaller bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The tenor is 10 cwt.

BELL DEDICATION AT MINSTER.

On Saturday, September 21st, the treble, which has been added to the existing ring of five at Minster Church, Thanet, was dedicated at a special service in the afternoon. A representative company of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association attended, and the bells were rung in various methods during the afternoon. Unfortunately arrangements had been made to tune the organ during the afternoon, and both ringers and organ tuner were greatly handicapped, the organ tuner deciding eventually to capitulate. A well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was brought round, and the assembled company were agreed that the 'go' of the bells was excellent. The treble was originally in Warden Church, and more recently reposed quietly in a local blacksmith's shop. The work of recasting and hanging was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Favoured with a fine day and given a genuine Lancashire welcome, the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association passed off successfully at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday. The attendance, well above 100, represented all the ten branches, and was slightly above the average. Service at 4 p.m. was attended in robes by Canon Elsee (president), Canon Sinker (Rector of Blackburn Cathedral) and his assistant, with the Bishop of Blackburn as preacher. The Bishop in his address gave a discourse on church architecture, particularly as it had been altered and modified to the requirements of bells and ringers.

Tea followed in the schools, and in an upper room the business of the day was transacted. Canon Elsee presided. The committee's report was read, and mention was made of the election of 102 new members. The balance sheet was satisfactory. There had been bell restorations at Leyland, Eccles, Halewood and Milnrow. The peal record, although not as big as last year, was satisfactory, 104 peals having been recorded. Fifty-four ringers rang their first peal, and 128 their first in a new method, while eight conducted their first peal.

The election of officers for two years included the re-election of the ringing secretary and auditors. Other offices, which were filled by ballot, resulted in Mr. G. R. Newton, Liverpool, being elected vice-president, Mr. W. Horan, Todmorden, as treasurer, and Canon Elsee, Messrs. G. R. Newton, W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson as Central Council representatives. For the voting, 1,075 papers had been sent out and 740 returned—68 per cent., which was a very fair proportion.

An invitation from Liverpool to hold the next annual meeting there was accepted unanimously, the Secretary remarking that the members could have the use of ten towers.

One of the members brought up the question of a national society of ringers, as outlined in 'The Ringing World', and asked the branch secretaries to discuss it in their branches. He also brought up the question of the Central Council, and referred to the articles and comments recently published as a foundation for discussion. His chief idea was that the associations should pay into a general fund to allow all their members to become life members of other associations, they on their part to pay expenses of accredited members to the C.C. meetings.

Another suggestion was made that a 'Ringing World' year book should be published to contain peal reports, compositions, and interesting and useful correspondence and articles as published the previous year.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Bishop, the clergy of the various towers who had given the use of their bells, the organist and choir boys, the ringers for making arrangements, and to the ladies who served the tea. If anyone suggested to the ladies that a caterer should be employed for these gatherings, it would not be safe for him to be seen in Blackburn again, as they hold second place to none in putting on a tea fit for ringers to sit down to.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT'S RINGING MASTER PROBLEM.

The annual district meeting of the Ashford District was held at Hythe on Saturday, September 21st, when between 20 and 30 members attended, including visitors from Dover. The bells were fully made use of during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Chester de Boinville), who gave a short and interesting address. Tea was partaken of at the Paddock Tea Rooms, presided over by the Vicar. At the business meeting which followed, the two representatives on the committee and the district secretary were all duly re-elected.

The Secretary thanked the members for the confidence and trust placed in him, and with their loyal support he would, he said, continue to serve in the position.

Some long discussion arose when Mr. C. Tribe proposed that a Ringing Master should be appointed. This was carried on a vote, but was eventually lost when it came to the election. The quarterly meetings fixed for 1930 were: February, Headcorn; May, New Romney; July, Cheriton; annual, September, Wye.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his kindness and for the use of the bells, the 'go' of which was much appreciated by all present.

Further ringing closed a most successful meeting, the methods rung during the day being Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

Lydd was chosen for the next meeting, the date to be arranged by the secretary.

MUFFED BELLS.

On Tuesday evening, September 24th, after the interment of the late Mr. Edward Leigh, sen., for many years a member of the local band, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Edenbridge, Kent, with the bells half-muffled: E. Collison 1, G. Mulyan 2, Len Tidy (Limpfield Chart) 3, R. Jenner 4, E. Scal (Hever) 5, J. Heasman 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, J. Webb 8. First quarter of Stedman by Messrs. Tidy and Webb.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WELCOME BY REV. MAITLAND KELLY'S SON.

There was a large attendance of members of the Yorkshire Association at the general meeting held at Huntington, near York, on September 14th. Visitors to the number of about 70 came from such a wide area as Sheffield, Bradford, Leeds, Halifax, Selby, Pontefract, Scarborough, Market Weighton, Aysgarth, Tadcaster, Pickering and Thornaby; and with members of the York Minster band, and the local tower, were altogether a company of close upon a hundred. One explanation of the large attendance in addition to the novelty of the meeting place was to be found in the fact that members of the association desired to pay a special compliment to the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. R. M. Kelly, whose father, the late Rev. Maitland Kelly (who died in June last) was founder and for many years president of the Devon Guild.

Complete teams of ringers were present from several of the parishes mentioned—in one case, that from Pickering, the team included one or two ladies—and these took turns in ringing the peal of six bells in the delightful rural tower of All Saints'. Later in the evening, by courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the superb ring of twelve at York Minster was also made available to the visitors.

In the course of the afternoon a short service was conducted by the Vicar in the Parish Church. In a brief address, Mr. Kelly traced the history of the church, pointing out that it had been a centre of Christian worship since the 11th century. Founding his address on the text, 'Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you,' he emphasised that for this part of Christian worship in which the visitors were specially engaged, they were doing God's work and therefore should give of their very best. If this ideal were kept in view, the more they gave of their best the better it would become. He mentioned that in recently looking over some of his father's papers he had found an address in which the latter, on an occasion when bell-ringing was for the first time recognised by the Church authorities, had set up this same ideal. It was an ideal which comprehended not only that the ringing should be the best possible, but that the bells should be kept in the best condition. But, above all, bell-ringers, he urged, should ever remember that they were performing a Christian service in calling people to the worship of God.

The general meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, after tea, which was served by an efficient band of ladies under the direction of Mrs. Porteus. The Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Association, occupied the chair. Amongst those present were Mr. Kightly, Towthorpe, and the veteran sexton, Mr. John Rank, who are hon. members. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mr. Percy J. Johnson, hon. general secretary; Mr. R. J. Wolstenholme, another honorary member; and others. Three new members of the local band, Messrs. G. Rank, Walker and Young, who had qualified, were admitted to membership of the Association.

The proceedings were for the most part of a routine character, and cordial votes of thanks were passed to the Huntington committee for their invitation and entertainment, which were acknowledged by Mr. Kelly and Mr. George Rank, the latter of whom had been most indefatigable in making adequate arrangements for this highly successful and memorable gathering.

WELL-KNOWN RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, celebrated their silver wedding, and the event was fittingly marked by a peal (rung on the previous evening) on the bells at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, with which, for something like 35 years, Mr. Pulling has been actively identified.

Mr. and Mrs. Pulling were married at Warboys, Huntingdonshire, and their connection with ringing is well known. For many years Mr. Pulling has been one of the leading conductors in the Exercise, and it is a great joy to his many friends that he has made such a successful recovery from his serious motor accident of two years ago that he is able to take his place in the heltry with undiminished skill. Mrs. Pulling is a past-president of the Ladies' Guild.

After the peal at Holy Trinity Cathedral, the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Pulling, to whom congratulations and good wishes were cordially extended.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Harry Hutton, who rang in the silver wedding peal, also took part in a peal at the same tower in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Pulling's wedding in 1904. That peal was conducted by Mr. Charles Wilshire, who is now resident in Montreal.

A pleasing little ceremony took place on Sunday in the Cathedral belfry at Guildford, when the Provost (Canon Kirwan) presented to Mr. Pulling a silver cream jug and sugar basin in commemoration of the silver wedding. The sugar basin was inscribed, 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling on the occasion of their silver wedding by the Provost and ringers of the Cathedral Society, Guildford, September 28th, 1929.' In a happy speech the Provost referred in terms of high appreciation to the services Mr. Pulling had rendered in the tower over a very long period, and wished him and Mrs. Pulling many more years of happy married life. Mr. Pulling, who was taken completely by surprise, suitably acknowledged the gift on behalf of his wife and himself.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION.

INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM AT ORMESBY.

'It's been a champion meeting.'
'It's worth coming a long way to get ringing like this.'
'There's some satisfaction in arranging meetings when they are such good ones as this.'
'What a fine peal of bells!'

These were remarks passed by ringers who attended the autumn meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Ormesby-in-Cleveland, on Saturday, September 21st. Members from far and near travelled to meet old friends and make new ones, and the popularity of these meetings is proved by the fact that representatives of no less than 14 towers attended, as follows: Middlebrough, Hartlepool, Darlington (St. John's, St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity Churches), Stockton, Saltburn, Marske, Guisborough, Swainby, Skelton, Sharrow, Whitby and the local tower.

The fine peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.) were ringing from 2.30 in the afternoon till 8.30 at night, with only a spell for the service and tea, and many were the words of commendation spoken as to the 'go' and tone of this excellent ring.

The service, conducted by the Vicar of Ormesby (the Rev. E. Flintoff Wood), was beautiful in its simplicity and directness, and those who have been privileged to hear addresses on many occasions such as this were unanimous that the one they then heard ranked amongst the finest ever delivered.

The tea, which was presided over by Mrs. J. C. Pollard, wife of the president, was a happy affair, held in the Ormesby Bungalow, and in spite of the good appetites with which ringers of the hardy North are endowed, they had to admit defeat by the plentiful provision made for them.

A short, almost informal, meeting was held at the conclusion of the tea, and the President welcomed all the ringers to the meeting. He dwelt on the pleasure it gave the officers of the association to see such a good attendance, and expressed the hope that this was merely the forerunner of many other happy and well attended gatherings. He welcomed, as an old friend of the association, the Rev. W. P. Wright, who is now at Eym, Derbyshire, and who was the first secretary, and, later, president of the association. He also welcomed the president and secretary of the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and remarked that visits by the officers of neighbouring associations to each other's meetings would do much to forward the cause of bellringing. 'Pa' Newton, of Stockton, the veteran of some 70 odd years, and an original member of the association, was also welcomed.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar of Ormesby for his ready and willing sanction to use the bells, and for his beautiful service and address. Several members were elected, and the Vicar of Ormesby was made an hon. member of the association.

Mr. Wright, in a happy little speech, expressed his delight with such an excellent meeting. He referred to the anxious times the association had passed through in its earlier years, but felt that if the present meeting was an example of the good work the association was doing, the labours of the first members and officers had not been in vain.

Mr. Wood thanked the meeting for their appreciation of what he termed 'the little he had done,' and said that his services and help in any way were always at the disposal of the association, of which he was so proud to be a member.

The bells were soon going again under the leadership of the secretary of the association (Mr. T. Metcalfe), and the enthusiasm was so great that on more than one occasion, whilst the tower bells were pealing, handbells were in use in the churchyard. It was strange for the ringers of the tower bells to hear the handbells when a touch on the tower had been completed.

As has already been said, the ringing went on until 8.30, and good ringing it was, too. Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples were rung, all in perfect time and striking. The learners were helped on to do something better than they were used to; ringers who were not too certain of a method had a more experienced man to stand behind and help them; and everybody got a pull. But all good things have to come to an end, and at last the meeting broke up, and the members went their several ways. They all felt that of the many good meetings the Cleveland Association has held, the Ormesby meeting had been one of the most successful and happy.

The president and secretary were the last to leave the old-time village. They were tired—dead tired—but happy with the thought that their hard work had been well rewarded by the response they had received to their endeavours. Their hopes are that many more happy meetings such as the Ormesby one may be held. J. C. P.

A HARVEST FESTIVAL RECORD.

Something of a record must have been set up at Kelvedon on Sunday, when Mr. W. Elliott rang for the fiftieth year for the harvest festival at his Parish Church. For morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, G. Hayward 2, J. C. Newman 3, C. Button 4, E. W. Beekwith 5, W. Elliott 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: F. Dale 1, J. Mason 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, J. Elliott 4, L. Clark 5, W. Elliott 6.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S RINGING CONTEST.

A SPLENDID MEETING AT FRIEZLAND.

The Halifax and District Association held a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Christ Church, Friezland, near Oldham, on Saturday. The bells were in good condition, for, mainly through the generosity of Captain Schofield, a local resident, they have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A committee meeting was held previous to the contest, and it was decided to adhere to the committee's previous decision to ring 504 changes any method. Seven sets had entered, the draw being as follows: No. 1, Batley; No. 2, New Mill; No. 3, Shelley; No. 4, Liversedge; No. 5, Holmfirth; No. 6, Huddersfield; No. 7, Meltham. All the sets rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Ringing commenced about three o'clock and continued until 7.30. An excellent tea had been provided, to which over one hundred sat down.

The meeting followed soon after ringing had ceased, Mr. E. Earnshaw (Meltham) occupying the chair. Mr. Carter moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. J. R. Smith), the churchwardens and ringers of Friezland a very good turn in coming there. He thought it would be good tea they had provided.—The motion having been heartily carried, the Vicar, in reply, said that the association had done them at Friezland, a very good turn in coming there. He thought it would have been a very good idea if they could have made a gramophone record of the stories some of the older ringers had told that afternoon. The ringers of Friezland and churchpeople owed Capt. Schofield a great debt of gratitude for taking such an interest in the bells and ringers. He was sorry that he could not be with them that day. The Vicar added that he was reminded of a story he had been told of a certain gentleman who, rather backward at speech-making, had to reply on behalf of the ladies. His only remark was that if it had not been for the ladies there would be no ringers. He thanked the association for their kind vote of thanks.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), who is close on seventy years of age, and Mr. J. Wood (Friezland), gave their decision as follows:—

	Faults.	Penalty.	Total.
Batley	107	—	107
New Mill	97	20	117
Shelley	139	30	169
Liversedge	173	10	183
Holmfirth (rung out).			
Huddersfield	182	20	202
Meltham	228	—	228

Batley were declared winners of the cup, which was presented by the Vicar to Mr. S. Gibson. He congratulated them on their good ringing.—Mr. Gibson replied. Mr. Idle proposed, and Mr. J. Tinker seconded, a vote of thanks to the judges. Mr. Idle said no one could deny that judging in a long contest was a trying job, and all agreed upon how well the judges had done their work.

Mr. Burgess, in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman, said it gave him very great pleasure to thank the officials of the association for bringing the contest to Friezland. They at Friezland would not rest until they had won the cup.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING OF THE CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting on Saturday at East Molesey, a Thames-side parish on the north-western fringe of the diocese. In one respect the meeting was disappointing—the attendance of members belonging to the district—but in others it was quite a success. Numbers were small, but the practice was good, thanks to the help given by visitors, who included Messrs. H. R. Pasmore (College Youths), O. H. Kippin (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), J. Sparrow (hon. secretary, Royal Cumberland Youths), D. Cooper (Croydon), E. G. Turner (Ealing), etc. Guild members were present from Ottershaw, Esher, Thames Ditton, Walton, Leatherhead, and Woking, and Mr. F. Brown, of the Molesey company, was indefatigable in helping the visitors to spend a pleasant time.

A short service was held, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. G. Le Masurier, who extended a welcome to the Guild, and referred to the fact that the parish, which had always been on the extreme edge of the diocese, first of Winchester and now of Guildford, had for that reason taken very little share in diocesan life. He hoped that their part in diocesan affairs in the future would be more pronounced, and for that reason he welcomed a visit of a diocesan organisation to that church.

A brief business meeting was held after tea, presided over by Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guild), who moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown was elected a member of the Guild, and a tribute was paid by Mr. Sparrow to the patient spade work which Mr. Brown had done for many years to keep a band at Molesey.

It is hoped that other members of the tower will follow Mr. Brown's example and join the Guild, and that the tower, through the Parochial Church Council, will become formally affiliated.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, September 29th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: T. Bolton 1, G. E. Collis 2, W. T. Elson 3, W. H. Ball 4, C. E. Moody 5, J. Herbert 6, H. Malins (conductor) 7, A. E. Williams 8.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 29th, on the occasion of the Patronal Festival and in honour of the visit of Bishop Randolph, Dean of Salisbury, the following local ringers rang two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes). The one for matins was composed by the late A. Wakeley, and the one for evening-song taken from Parker's 12-part: Mrs. W. C. West 1, G. H. Archard 2, Stanley Cockell 3, A. J. West 4, W. S. Burbidge 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. C. West (conductor) 7, Herbert Cockell 8.

FRIITENDEN, KENT.—On September 29th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. Baker 1, C. W. Player 2, H. Baker 3, R. Edwards 4, K. Pattenden 5, T. E. Sone 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, W. Rope 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, September 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 50 mins.: W. Dickinson 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, H. Ellis 4, J. G. Nash (conductor) 5, M. Fenson 6, C. A. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. H. A. Barnett, who celebrated his 73rd birthday on September 28th.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on September 29th, for morning service, the occasion of the harvest festival, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples in 45½ mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, A. Smith 3, T. Kendall 4, B. Wilson 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, E. Shane 8.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, September 29th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles (being six 120's called differently) in 25 mins.: W. Steggall (conductor) 1, Geo. Barrett 2, C. R. Catchpole 3, W. Musk 4, W. Cook 6. W. Cook hails from Besthorpe, Norfolk, the rest are local Sunday service ringers.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On September 29th, for the harvest festival before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Pamment 1, Mrs. C. Hazelden 2, C. J. Pugsley 3, T. Theobald 4, C. Childs 5, C. E. Smith (conductor) 6, G. Hazelden 7, W. Balchin 8. First quarter-peal by 3rd and tenor ringers and first in the method by 4th ringer.

COMPTON, BERKS.—On Sunday, September 22nd, before evening-song, 720 Bob Minor: H. J. Balcombe 1, A. Gregory 2, E. Pontin 3, R. G. Rice (conductor) 4, A. Hall 5, C. W. Parfitt 6.

ZEALS, WILTS.—At St. Martin's Church, on September 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins.: J. Green 1, H. S. Parsons 2, E. G. Coward 3, E. J. Rowe 4, L. Perrett 5, F. A. Coward (conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. H. S. Parsons, of Cirencester.

COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 22nd, for the harvest festival, a 720 of Plain Bob in 23 mins.: E. D. Priestley 1, Mrs. L. L. East 2, C. McGuinness 3, Miss V. Birkett 4, H. Marion 5, H. Walker (conductor) 6.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Cross, for evening service, on September 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: F. S. Hart 1, A. Richardson 2, A. J. Pierpoint 3, B. Saunders 4, P. Marchant 5, F. Weller 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, C. J. Hart 8. First quarter by ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the treble ringer.

NUTTALL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 1st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins.: G. Clark (Arksey) 1, *R. Harrison 2, E. Wilcox (conductor) 3, *R. Jenkinson 4, J. G. Kirton (Bottesford) 5, *G. Burton 6. First 720 on the bells since the adding of the new treble to make a ring of six. Also, for evening-song, 720 Bob Minor: *G. King 1, R. Harrison 2, P. Beardsmore 3, R. Jenkinson 4, J. W. Kirton (conductor) 5, G. Burton 6. Rung muffled for Mr. P. Longdon, the organist at the above church, who was buried on Friday, August 30th. * First 720.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, September 1st, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,344 Bob Major before evening-song: S. Harris 1, W. H. Wilkins 2, W. F. Judge (conductor) 3, W. G. Collett 4, W. Finch 5, F. Beckett 6, G. Horwood 7, F. H. Wilkins 8.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, September 1st, for service at St. Margaret's Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Bromley 1, F. J. Lambert, sen., 2, A. Bromley 3, R. E. Lambert 4, G. Burt 5, R. T. Lambert (conductor) 6. First 720 of London on the bells, and by all the band. It is 41 years ago that the first 720 of Minor was rung on these bells, which was conducted by the present ringer of the 2nd.

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The next meeting of the district is to take place at Esher on November 30th, when nominations of district officers have to be made.

After transacting the business, the ringers visited the Vicarage, and, on the lawn, entertained the Vicar, his wife and daughter to some handbell ringing, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters being rung. They then revisited the tower, where during the afternoon and evening touches of Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were brought round.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 29th, St. Magnus on the 10th and 24th, *The Coffee Pot on the 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) after service, at the Club Hall, followed by business meeting. A good attendance of members is desired.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint quarterly meeting of the Wisbech and Marshland Branches will be held at Leverington, Wisbech, on Saturday, October 5th. Usual arrangements. Tea will be provided. Please let us know early.—W. G. Cross and H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Fred Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Further details in next issue if possible.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District); SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—Joint Meeting at Guildford, Saturday, October 5th. Bells of the Cathedral Church available 2.45 to 4.15 p.m.; S. Nicolas', afternoon and evening. Service at S. Nicolas' at 4.30.—G. L. Grover; D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Wingham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 5th, by the kind permission of Rev. Taylor. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Half fares up to 2s. paid to members attending this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT AND CHESTERFIELD BRANCH, M.C.A., JOINT MEETING.—A joint meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, October 5th. It is hoped we shall have a good attendance. Bells (8) open early.—R. Harrison and J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. —General quarterly meeting at Lutterworth, Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8), also Bitteswell (6), available during afternoon. Lutterworth is on L. & N.E. main line. Trains leave Leicester 12.55, 3.50. Committee meet 4.15 in Church Hall. Tea (1/3 per head) at Coach & Horses Inn 5.15, followed by meeting. Lutterworth is famous for John Wycliffe's relics, the great reformer and bible translator.—Ernest Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The above Guild are holding a bye meeting at Appledore, on October 5th, for Cambridge practice. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All advanced ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting of the Andover District, Saturday, October 5th, at Andover. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Rev. F. C. Sear, Hon. Sec., St. Mary Bourne, Andover.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for October: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, Monday, the 7th (quarterly meeting) and 11th; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 1st and 29th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than October 8th.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, October 12th. Tea free to all who notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 38, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Staffs, before October 9th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upham, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells from 2.30. Tea and meeting at the Brushmakers' Arms at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by October 8th.—W. T. Tucker, District Secretary, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Turvey, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Saturday, October 12th, at 3 o'clock. St. Andrew's (8 bells) will also be available. All visitors welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Secretary, The Woodlands, Chippenham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Also a joint meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, November 2nd. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church House. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 9th?—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood, on Sat., October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, October 9th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Rd., Wavertree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, October 12th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 8th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, October 12th, to decide the tie between Wath and Sandal and Shelley for Shield Competition. Draw 2.45 p.m. *prompt*. Tea and Judges' award 5.30 p.m. Tickets for tea 1/6, limited to those who apply by postcard to Mr. Geo. Cooke, North's Yard, Crofton, Wakefield. All ringers cordially invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at King's Walden on Saturday, October 12th. The bells (6), which have recently been rehung on ball-bearings, will be ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bus services from Hitchin and Luton. Numbers for tea by October 9th at the latest.—Donald C. Mears, Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting will be held at Leatherhead (not St. Martin's, Epsom, as previously arranged), on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute at 5.15. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Wednesday, 9th inst. Roll up in your numbers and help to make this meeting a success.—A. R. Pink, Hon. Sec. 32, Nower Road, Dorking.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Hull, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Hill Farm, and those requiring same please notify Mr. L. Rodmell, Hill Farm, Sutton-on-Hull, not later than Thursday, October 10th. See circular for full details.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Basford on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6.15 till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Dis. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at George's, Ltd., High Street, 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Dodford (6), on Saturday, October 12th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (established 1672).—A whist drive and dance will be held in St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 12th. Whist 6.45 p.m. Tickets 1s. each. Good prizes. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kingsteignton on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those who intend to be present please advise me by Wednesday next. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, Saturday, October 19th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting, 5 o'clock to 6.30. A postcard? thanks.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Rd., S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock, important business. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Doncaster and District Society will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available early. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in Church Hall at 1/6 each. Please notify Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, by the 16th. Will members please try and pay outstanding subscriptions previous to or at this meeting, so that books can be made up?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southern Div., Yorkshire Association; P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., Doncaster and District Society.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury on October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Catash Inn 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Please notify me for tea by October 17th.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—The peal of five, rehung with new fittings in new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday, October 19th, at 3 p.m. Bells available during the evening. Tea (1s. per head), after the service, for those who notify the Rector (the Rev. W. T. Fowke) by October 16th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, October 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Service 6. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Friday, October 18th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 26th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. followed by service at Cathedral at 4 p.m. After service a tea, supplied by the Association, will be served in the Temperance Cafe, Rochester Bridge. The business meeting will take place after tea, at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Members intending to be present must please notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, October 22nd.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Rd., Gillingham.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—Dedication of the peal of 6 (treble recast and all rehung in new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston) will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 5th from Messrs. C. J. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Chooet, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rushton, E. F. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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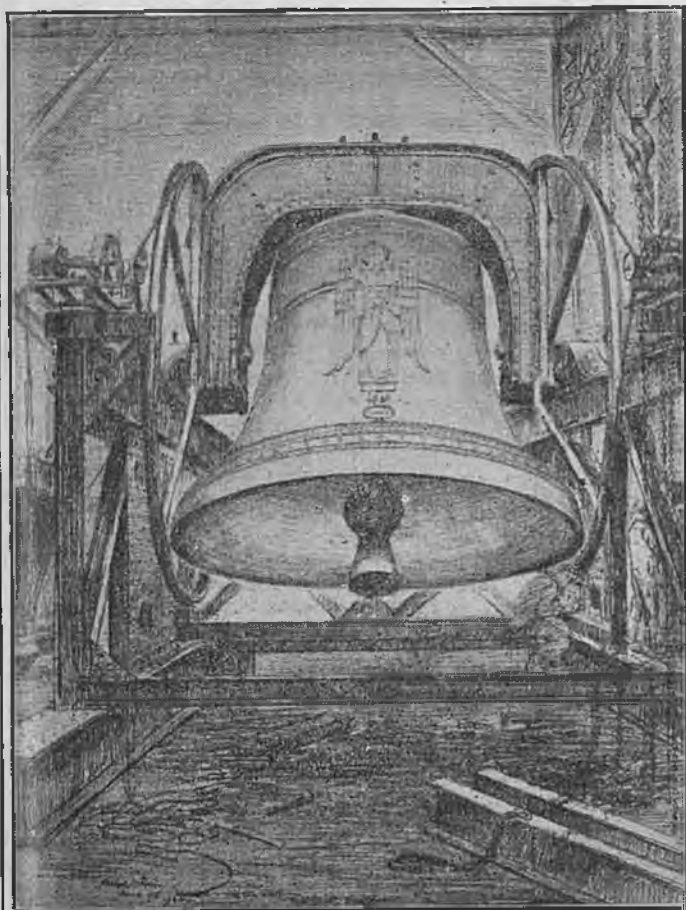
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SAMUEL BAKER 2	THOMAS RODEN 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	EDWARD MITCHELL 8
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Tenor 19½ cwt.

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GEORGE WHITING 4	T. WILLIAM LAST ... Tenor

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*WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 2	*WILLIAM POSTON 6
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON 3	*ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 7
CHARLES EDWARDS 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

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

CADOXTON.—On Wednesday, September 18th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Pyper 1, D. J. Lewis 2, C. Lake 3, R. Jones 4, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. L. Bloxham 6.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 2, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD C. BELTON ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	EPHRAIM W. RANDS ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
MAURICE SWINFIELD ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5
*WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Superlative.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	*PERCY SWINDLEY 5
JOHN HAYES 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
HENRY W. WILDE 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Surprise.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HUBERT JONES ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 5
ROBERT H. JONES ... 2	JOHN J. PRICE 6
THOMAS H. Y. SMALLWOOD 3	FRANCIS EVANS 7
WILLIAM R. NASH 4	ARTHUR C. NASON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the restoration of the bells (recast by Rudhall).

TEWKESBURY.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Abbey.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE HASTINGS ... Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	THOMAS DEVEREUX ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	CHARLES W. DYSON ... 7
FREDERICK S. HAWKES ... 4	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. G. BENSON. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The composition is a one-part peal of Grandsire Triples on the same lines as the Rev. C. D. P. Davies', with only three bells called before, and is now rung for the first time. The peal was rung to commemorate the jubilee of the restoration of the Abbey.

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LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
REGINALD C. KERSEY... .. 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
JAMES G. RDMSEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. The conductor's 400th peal.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 11 lb.

ERNEST G. LADD... .. Treble	JACK N. CRIPPS 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL 2	WILFRED BOOTH 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	KEITH HART... .. 7
GEORGE LAMBERT 4	JOE WREN Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
WALTER ARNOLD 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
ARTHUR PIPER 3	ERNEST TOWNSEND 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method, also on the bells. Rung on the first anniversary of the opening of the two trebles, also on the eve of the harvest festival.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

W. H. THOMAS Treble	W. KNIGHT 5
J. R. JONES 2	E. PARKER 6
L. G. TANNER 3	J. BURFORD 7
C. R. LILLEY 4	R. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by J. BURFORD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to an old lady friend of the ringers.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	KENNETH C. TAYLOR 5
JACK W. TAYLOR 2	ARTHUR BENNETT 6
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 3	BENJAMIN DALTON 7
ALFRED BUTLER 4	THOMAS W. BATE Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

* First peal. Rung for the harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to B. Dalton and Miss Phyllis Kathleen Butler, daughter of the ringers of the 4th, also in honour of the 19th anniversary of Mr. Butler's wedding day. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

OLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	*HECTOR G. BIRD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	GEORGE R. PYE... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MISS N. E. SHORTER ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 5
*ROBERT SWIFT 2	BERNARD WELLS... .. 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	CECIL NICE 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JACK ROBERTS Treble	JOHN B. HOWES 4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	GEORGE G. MANSFIELD 5
ARTHUR MANSFIELD... .. 3	JOHN M. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by J. M. GRAY.

* First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells since the new treble was added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in November last year. The ringers of the treble and fourth are members of the local band.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's Plain Bob, one of Double Court, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.

JOHN MYHILL Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 4
ERNEST RUNTER 2	WILLIAM PRAILL 5
EDWARD KEMP 3	EDWARD BUCKINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by E. BUCKINGHAM.

Rung as a farewell to Canon F. S. and Mrs. Paynter and the conductor, who are leaving the parish.

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WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROBERT W. PUGSLEY ... Treble	*WILLIAM B. RICHARDS ... 4
ERNEST W. MARSH ... 2	*JOSEPH WOODLEY ... 5
*WILLIAM J. SYMONS ... 3	*SIDNEY P. SYMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. W. MARSH.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MDSK ... Treble	JAMES BETTS ... 4
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
WILLIAM STEGGALL ... 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

CHICHELEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr.

THOMAS C. WALTERS ... Treble	ALEXANDER COLEY ... 4
EDWARD WHITLOCK ... 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 5
CHARLES G. ALDERMAN ... 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD WHITLOCK.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three 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 Plain Bob, each 720 called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*THOMAS SPARROW ... Treble	ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... 4
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTLE ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

RENDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*WILLIAM NICHOLS ... Treble	FREDERICK DEERING ... 4
JOHN GARRETT ... 2	HARRY HALL ... 5
ALFRED H. WATSON ... 3	JOHN HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* First peal.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS N. E. SHORTER ... Treble	BERNARD WELLS ... 4
*GEORGE OLLIVER ... 2	*ROBERT SWIFT ... 5
*KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

FRED RIGBY ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 4
JOHN RICHARD TAYLOR ... 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 3	JOHN H. GARSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM TAYLOR.

First peal of Minor on the bells. This is the heaviest peal of bells rung to peal of Minor by the association.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At 81, BEECH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 6017 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

FREDERICK PAGE ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4	WILLIAM JACKSON ... 7-8
PETER LAFLIN ... 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

NORTH WALES TOUR.

The following eight performances were successful in eleven peal attempts. Members of the party desire, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the clergymen and tower foremen for the hearty welcome they received at each parish visited.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

At the Cathedral Church of SS. WERBURGH AND OSWALD,

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

Tenor 33 cwt. in D.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

The ringers of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 were provisionally elected members of the Diocesan Guild before starting the peal.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST Treble	HARRY W. WILDE ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

By the courtesy of Mr. E. K. Willett, the band were kindly permitted to look over Eaton Hall, the residence of His Grace the Duke of Westminster.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary, Handbridge,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GABRIEL GEO. LINDOFF ... Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by HARRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5080 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GABRIEL GEO. LINDOFF ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The ringers of Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were provisionally elected life members of the association before starting for the peal.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*LEWIS JOHN EVANS ... Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. An attempt for the same peal the previous morning lasted 2½ hours.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Memorial Church of St. David,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Llandudno on the previous afternoon lasted an hour.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. EUGAIN AND PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

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

First peal of Surprise on the bells. A peal of London Surprise was lost at Buckley in the evening after 2½ hours' ringing.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 lb. in D.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
HARRY W. WILDE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The company disbanded from the Church House at 2.30 p.m. after an enjoyable lunch as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Gresford.

MR. TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £7 0s. 6d.; Mr. E. J. Cole, Brook Green, £1 1s.; An Old Friend, Surrey, 10s.; Mr. C. T. Coles, 5s.; Mr. G. R. Pye, 5s.; 'Wessex,' Weymouth, 2s. 6d. Donations will be gratefully received on behalf of Mr. Beadle by William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

DEATH OF AN OLD BROMSGROVE RINGER.

ONE OF FIRST MEMBERS OF WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

After a rather prolonged illness, Mr. George Hayward, of Bromsgrove, passed away at his home in Worcester Street on Thursday, September 26th, at the age of 73 years. He had not taken part in active ringing for some few years past, but his mind was active in other directions, viz., composing peals and touches, the whole of which he handed to the Vicar of Bromsgrove (the Rev. T. C. De La Hay, M.A., M.C.) some two months ago for the use of the local ringers and the association in general, and it is hoped in due time to get them classified and copied, so that a copy may be added to the Association Library.

He was one of the first members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association when it was formed in the 'eighties, and had rung and conducted many peals, some of them being recorded on the peal boards in the belfry of Bromsgrove Church. Some few of the present-day ringers in the neighbourhood owe much to his tuition and help.

The interment took place at Bromsgrove Cemetery on Monday, September 30th, and the following ringers rang various touches at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect, viz.: Messrs. A. E. Parsons and H. G. Bird, of Old Hill, W. Short, of Clent, Miss Amy Johnson, Messrs. T. Albutt, H. Martin, A. Martin, F. Whitworth and H. Price, of the local band. A peal of Stedman Triples was also rung on September 28th with half-muffled clappers in memory of deceased, and has already been recorded in the peal columns of a previous issue of 'The Ringing World.'

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Conisborough on Saturday, September 28th, when there was a good attendance, the towers represented being Arksey, Doncaster, Tickhill, Darfield, Campsall, Sprotborough and local company. The bells, a fine peal of eight, were raised soon after 3 p.m. and rung to various methods, some good practice being obtained. Tea was provided by the local ringers and partaken of in the Church Lecture Room. The business meeting followed tea and was presided over by Mr. G. Clark. It was decided to hold the next meeting jointly with the Yorkshire Association at Arksey on October 19th.

Tracks were made again for the tower, and the bells were rung until 8 p.m., at which time they were lowered in peal. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Little Bob Major, Forward Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Minor.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The September meeting was held at Hunslet Parish Church. The attendance in the afternoon was rather poor, but improved after tea, when some 30 members were present from Leeds Parish Church, Armley, Rothwell, Lindley, Holbeck, Holbeck St. Francis (R.C.), Headingley St. Michael's and Headingley St. Chad's, Drighlington and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. J. Hey (vice-president) being in the chair. Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hunslet for kindly granting the use of the bells and to the local company for the necessary arrangements was proposed by Mr. J. Woodhead (Holbeck) and seconded by Mr. H. Grimwood (Armley)—Mr. H. Smith, of Hunslet, replied. The meeting being closed, the veterans began to exchange reminiscences of visits to this tower over 20 years ago, and further ringing took place.

A FAREWELL PEAL.

A peal of Minor rung at Springfield, Essex, on September 28th, was a farewell to Canon and Mrs. Paynter. Canon Paynter has been Rector for 32 years, but before leaving he has had the bells retuned and rehung on ball bearings, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The peal was also a very reluctant farewell to the conductor (Mr. F. Buckingham) who is also leaving, and taking up his duties with the Canon.

Mr. Buckingham has been conductor of the band for ten years, during which time the band has progressed from call changes to Surprise methods. The 'go' and tone of the bells are all that can be desired and greatly appreciated by all the band.

FRAYED ROPE STOPS PEAL.

At Badgworth, Somerset, on Saturday, September 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. E. Shallish, 1, W. Balsh 2, E. Avery 3, R. Roberts 4, H. E. Blacker (conductor) 5. Longest length on the bells. Also three six-scores of Plain Bob. An attempt was made for a peal, but the bells were called round at the first quarter, owing to the 4th rope fraying out badly. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained to supper by the Rector, the Rev. Preb. M. F. Hall.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.**CHESHIRE MAN'S VISIT TO MELBOURNE.**

At St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, on Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Wheeler (Cheshire) 1, W. Preston (Kent) 2, J. Murray (Victoria) 3, J. Spencer (Leicestershire) 4, H. Blakeley (Lancashire) 5, J. M. Guest (Staffordshire) 6, F. H. Crawley (Cheshire), conductor, 7, T. Trotter (Victoria) 8.

Mr. F. H. Crawley, a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who belongs to the S.S. 'Euripides,' was calling at Melbourne with his ship. It was originally arranged to attempt a quarter-peal, but time did not permit of the longer length.

After the ringing the visitor was entertained to some tune playing on handbells by the St. Paul's band.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING IN THE CITY.**

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at St. Dunstan-in-the-East on Saturday, September 28th, when the ring of eight bells were available from 3 p.m. onwards. Something of a setback was at first experienced owing to the 'go' of the two tenors, which left a good deal to be desired, but after a little attention they were reduced to a ringable state. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were essayed and achieved, and some of the bolder spirits suggested Double Norwich, which was tried, and only came to grief through the breaking of the 7th rope for the second time during the afternoon. This terminated the ringing for the time being, and the members adjourned to a near-by 'Lyons' to partake of tea. This latter having been disposed of, a move was made to St. Magnus-the-Martyr's Church, London Bridge, where the ring of ten bells was very kindly placed at the members' disposal.

The business meeting was held in the tower of this church, and, there being nothing important to discuss, it was soon brought to a close. After this a good touch of Stedman Caters formed a capital opening touch. Then Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung, intermingled with touches of Grandsire, etc., for the beginners. Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise were also rung on the back eight before the majority of the members departed, and the meeting was finished by touches of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Plain Bob Minor on the front six, which were then lowered in peal. At this meeting, which was one of the most successful of the year, over thirty members and friends put in an appearance, all of whom it is hoped to see again at the next meeting.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GUILDS' JOINT MEETING.**MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RELATIONS.**

A joint meeting of the Suffolk and Norfolk Guilds was held at Bungay on Saturday, September 28th. The attendance numbered about 20, including the general secretaries of the Suffolk and Norfolk Guilds and members from towers on both sides of the border.

At the business meeting after tea it was suggested that the next Suffolk Guild meeting should be at Woodbridge, and it was hoped to arrange the first meeting of the newly-formed eastern district of the Norfolk Guild before the end of the year.

Reference was also made for the need of maintaining friendly relations between the two Guilds for the mutual benefit of the ringers living on the border line.

The bells of the Parish Church were kept going from 3 p.m. till late in the evening, and everyone seemed satisfied that a successful meeting had taken place.

'SILENT' PEAL RECORDED.

A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent at the Holy Trinity tower, Dartford, Kent, on September 26th, when a board to record the non-conducted peal of Double Norwich rung there on March 23rd last was unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Hammond), who gave the impressions of a non-ringer on the performance. He expressed pleasure that Dartford was selected for the attempt, and repeated his oft spoken welcome to visiting ringers. He then formally unveiled the board and concluded with the belfry prayer. The band then stood as in the peal and rang 192 Double Norwich (silent).

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, and, after his reply, the tower was given over to practice. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major gave all a chance. Surprise practice is not so often obtainable locally, on this scale at any rate.

In addition to the peal band and the umpires, the local band assembled in full force, and there were also present Messrs. F. Rogers and A. Greenwood (Portsmouth), R. Smith (Northfleet), F. J. Cullum, jun. (Erith), T. Emsden (Chislehurst) and E. Barnett ('Ted III.' of Crayford).

The band who rang the peal consisted of Messrs. E. Barnett, E. Barnett, sen., T. Groombridge, jun., G. H. Cross, J. H. Cheesman, C. W. Roberts, H. E. Audsley and T. Groombridge, the umpires being Messrs. E. J. Beer and H. Hovord.

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Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The dedication of the bells at Kislbury, Northants, is to take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 20th (not Saturday, the 19th, as erroneously printed in previous notices). Will intending visitors please note?

Mr. William Pye has done many great things in his ringing career, but we doubt if he has ever tackled anything greater than his performance on Saturday, when he rang the 50 cwt. tenor at Worcester Cathedral to a peal. Only those who have rung at Worcester can appreciate the greatness of the performance.

Holt's Ten Part was rung for the first time on October 12th, 1752, at Shoreditch Church.

Thomas Tolladay, who was a prominent leader in the old St. James' Society a hundred years ago, died on October 18th, 1845.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will be held on January 11th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and arrangements have been made for a peal tablet to be opened on the same day.

We have the unusual experience this week of recording in one issue peals rung at no less than four cathedrals and one abbey—Worcester, Llandaff, Ripon, Chester and Tewkesbury.

THE 29 COURSES OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I herewith wish to enter a strong protest against the Rev. H. L. James in any way attaching his name to the 29 courses of Cambridge Royal and Maximus, both of which have been rung.

If there is any credit for extending Middleton's 25 courses to 29, it is due to myself, who first used them to obtain the 14,112 of London Surprise published in 1903.

Seeing that Middleton's peal is the basis of this block, I think it would only be an act of courtesy and justice to leave the credit of the 29 courses with that old worthy of the Cambridge method.—Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

90, Elford Terrace, Dublin.

PEAL PACE AT HASLEMERE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In May last, nine simple country ringers and one Bolton Wanderer rang a peal of Stedman Caters at Haslemere, which brought forth a letter from 'Tintinnabulator,' a Londoner, with the suggestion that, 'even if it was amusing,' we had rung extra courses.

If he will look in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' he will find another peal, 24 changes shorter, was rung at the same tower, in two minutes less than ours, which proves to the Exercise that the bells can be rung at that pace. The College Youths' band, from their names, do not appear to be so simple as to ring the last quarter over again. I hope 'Tintinnabulator' will withdraw his letter, as it has already caused friction, and, in future, leave the pace of peals alone, as most ringers have fads about the speed at which bells should be rung.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULING.

MAXIMUS AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL. ANOTHER GREAT PERFORMANCE.

The first peal of Maximus ever rung at Worcester Cathedral was accomplished on Saturday last, the method chosen being Cambridge Surprise. Considered by many who had had experience of the bells to be a 'real big job,' it was brought to a successful issue by a mixed band, the majority of whom rang in the twelve-bell record at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday.

Mr. William Pyo 'turned in' the tenor in his own inimitable style, and was the recipient of the congratulations of a large audience on the completion of the peal. In reply to a facetious remark by a joker from Birmingham as to why he did not attempt the record at Worcester, he said he was not likely to—a five thousand there was quite enough.



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL AND CENTRAL BELL TOWER.

The band who rang the peal are greatly indebted to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, and to the former for his hospitality prior to the peal. The attention and kindnesses received from Worcester ringing friends were also appreciated. A peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung on Sunday afternoon at Claines, at the invitation of Mr. E. P. Thomas. Here the visitors were welcomed by the son of the Vicar, in the latter's unavoidable absence.

Worcester Cathedral bells were recast last year by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are a magnificent ring, but, perfectly as the bells are hung, the structural defects of the tower make the ringing of the bells no easy task. The pinnacled central tower, although massive in appearance, 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 structure, but it did not simplify the bellfounders' job. Everything that engineering science could suggest was done by Messrs. Taylor in strengthening and bracing the old frame, and the inevitable movement under the strain of a swinging peal was reduced to a minimum. But, while the bells are so perfectly hung, the timber structure is bound to give, with the result that, as one ringer in Saturday's peal said, they all 'catch you bending,' and when a two and a half ton bell plays tricks, well—he is more than an average ringer who can put it through a peal of Maximus.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Monday, August 26th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. Cooke 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, R. Cooke (first 720) 3, T. Cooke, jun., 4, F. Jaine 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells with members of the local band taking part.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT LUTTERWORTH.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Lutterworth on Saturday, October 5th, and, in spite of a very unsatisfactory train service, it was well attended. The first arrivals, however, had a long dreary wait until parties arrived from the country districts, when some Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were more or less successfully rung. Further members from Whitwick and elsewhere strengthened matters, and later on the higher methods were rung. On the arrival of the second train from Leicester reinforcements and committee turned up in good numbers, and the latter immediately had a formal meeting in the Church Hall. They carried out the usual routine, and also passed several resolutions or recommendations for the general meeting. Tea was held at the Coach and Horses Inn near the church, and it was pleasing to see such a large number present, between 50 and 60 sitting down.

Immediately after tea the general meeting took place, with the vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin) in the chair, supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Wallace) and the hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris). The election of members (seven life, seven ordinary) was duly confirmed.

The hon. treasurer gave a brief summary of the finance of the association, and urged all members to do their best to assist in keeping up this very necessary side of the work, not only by paying their own subscriptions promptly, but also by interesting their clergy and others to become hon. members. The vice-president also asked the local hon. secretaries to do their very best to the same end, for, since the lamented death of the president, Mr. R. B. Chambers, many of his personal friends had ceased their honorary subscriptions.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

The vice-president then informed the meeting of a very pleasant duty he had to perform, and that was to present Mr. William Willson with a slight token of the members' appreciation of his good work for the association and ringing generally. This took the form of a solid silver tea set, which he trusted Mr. Willson would value as much as he (the vice-president) did the watch presented to him by the members in 1893. Mr. Griffin spoke in eulogistic terms of the good work Mr. Willson did as hon. treasurer for nine years, and in other directions for the association.

Mr. Willson, in accepting the gift, spoke 'very feelingly,' stating that whatever he had done in the past either for the association or for ringers and ringing, he was still willing to do again, and any service rendered was given with a free, good will. He had been a member some 40 years and had seen many changes. One particular trait could not help being noticed, and that was the fact that all the hon. treasurers had borne the initials 'W. W.,' viz., William Wakley, sen., William Wakley, jun., William Willson, and now they had Walter Wallace! He also remarked on the fact that it had been facetiously remarked he had two 'l's' in both his names, and it was said one would not be enough for him! (laughter). He thanked the members for their good wishes, and would appreciate and value their gift most highly.

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

Mr. C. H. Webb asked if it was possible to promote a scheme for a memorial to the late president, and, as one suggestion, mentioned the fact that at Pentling Magna, Leicestershire, where Mr. Chambers had great interests and certain property, there was a ring of four bells. On their restoration in 1906 they were greatly indebted to the late president for his generosity, and, in addition to other gifts, he had the tenor bell recast at his own expense. This bell is 13 cwt., and inscribed:—

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Mr. Webb suggested that it might be possible to increase this ring to six, if the association could give a bell, and, maybe, Mrs. Chambers might be approached to place another there to the late Mr. Chambers' memory.

It was decided that this matter should be considered by the various local centres, and a definite proposal brought forward at the next general meeting in January, 1930.

Votes of thanks to the local ringers and others for arranging the meeting were duly passed, and further ringing was done both at Lutterworth and Bitteswell by those who were fortunate enough to be able to stay. Many had to go back by train early to reach their destinations in a damp atmosphere, but not damped in spirit!

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of the meeting of the Truro Branch of the above Guild, which appeared in your issue of Friday last, the branch secretary elected for the ensuing year was Mr. A. S. Roberts, and not Mrs. A. S. Roberts as reported. I shall be obliged if you will point out this little error, as my ringing friends in various places may be led to think that I have become 'spliced'—even the word 'go' for this has yet to be called.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

AN ADVANCE IN MINOR SPLICING.

SOME NEW PRINCIPLES.

By George L. Joyce, Leytonstone.

Those of us who possess a copy of that useful little book, 'Method Splicing,' will have read that spliced Minor ringing was introduced by the Rev. H. Law James, when, in 1909 or thereabout, he discovered that methods could be spliced 'by leads' and 'by courses,' a peal in 14 methods (in seven true extents) being rung in 1911.

The next step was the splicing of methods in three complementary leads, the first peal on this '3-lead' plan being arranged and conducted by Mr. J. W. Parker in 1913.

The publication of 'Method Splicing' in 1925 introduced the '6-lead' splice, and the splicing by 'mixed places' at the lead ends. Extents on these principles were rung by the Leytonstone company in 1926, and embodied in a 22-method Surprise peal in 1928.

It has been suggested more than once in these columns that a complete and concise table of Minor methods which will splice would be of great assistance to those interested in arranging such extents. With the object in view of compiling such a table, Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, Kent, has undertaken an exhaustive investigation, which has resulted in a number of splices hitherto unknown.

Not all that is new can be exemplified in the Surprise methods, with which the Leytonstone company are more familiar, but the following instances have been selected by way of introducing Mr. Driver's work to the Exercise. The extents were rung at St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, and are the 'firsts' of these particular types.

CARLISLE and CUNECASTRE SURPRISE (Nos. 9 and 17).—On Sunday, July 14th, 1929, in 26 minutes, for morning service. These methods are spliced in three-lead blocks. As described in 'Method Splicing,' the 3-lead splice is confined to the middle rows, whereas Mr. Driver has extended it throughout the lead. This makes necessary a correction to the statement, on page 5 of the book, that methods cannot be spliced when they start in different ways.

NETHERSEALE and BOURNE SURPRISE (Nos. 23 and 41).—On Sunday, August 25th, 1929, in 26 minutes, for morning service. A splice on a 6-lead principle, which is remarkable in that, unlike Mr. Parker's, it is not confined to the '5/6 section' of the methods; and, moreover, it does not produce the extent of the rows within the six complementary leads. Again two methods which start in different ways are truly spliced.

NORTHUMBERLAND, CARLISLE and SANDIACRE SURPRISE (Nos. 8, 9 and 11).—On Sunday morning, September 29th, 1929, in 27 minutes, for harvest festival. These methods are spliced on a novel and interesting principle evolved by Mr. Driver, which he terms 'composite courses.' It has been thought, in the past, that the 'odd' methods of Mr. Fidler's 'groups' can be introduced only in complete courses; but, in the 'composite courses,' these methods are spliced in such a way that no complete course of any method is rung.

NORFOLK, IPSWICH, PRIMROSE, CAMBRIDGE, HULL and BOURNE SURPRISE (Nos. 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41).—On Monday, April 8th, 1929, in 27 mins., for practice. An example of an extent from a set of 'composite courses,' further varied by the use of Mr. Parker's 'mixed places' at the lead ends. The figures are appended, whereby it will be seen that Hull and Bourne Surprise are both included in a 720 which runs round. These methods have 165432 at the lead end (hand-stroke row), with 6th's and 2nd's places between the leads, respectively, and it has hitherto been thought that such methods could not be embodied in an extent between 'rounds.' It is the second combination of more than five legitimate Surprise methods to be spliced into a 720 between rounds; and, unlike the other (to be found on page 11 of 'Method Splicing'), no method here will splice with another 'by the leads.' It may be mentioned that both of these combinations of six methods keep the tenors the 'right way.'

The ingenuity displayed in the 'composite course' splice is remarkable to a degree. The writer is of opinion that Mr. Driver's work forms a valuable addition to that which has been published, and it is to be hoped that he may be induced to place the results of his researches before the Exercise.

The writer has seen some of the tables compiled by Mr. Driver, and can say that, roughly, the number of 3-lead and 6-lead splices is double that which would be obtained by tabulating those from existing principles; is given to understand that extents in eleven, and even twelve methods, are possible; and also, in the splicing of

plain methods, that the relationships which have been stated to exist can now be revised and very much amplified.

Surely an advancement, and yet by no means the 'last word' in the splicing of Minor methods.

The following names should be associated with the above 'first' performances: P. H. Avey, E. J. Butler, G. Dawson, G. L. Joyce, W. Miller, R. Molton, J. Moulle, A. Prior, A. Reeve, E. D. Smith and W. Theobald.

BENJAMIN ANNABLE AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—About the end of last year you kindly published a letter from me in which I questioned the accuracy of one of the records in the interesting handbook which gives us the history of the College Youths. In the 'list of notable performances by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, compiled from the Peal Record Books,' the first entry is: 'January 7th, 1689, St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill, Plain Bob Triples, 5,040 changes, 3 hours 45 minutes, tenor 31 cwt., Composed and Conducted by Benjamin Annable.' I pointed out that if, as Osborne stated, Annable died on February 1st, 1756, and, as the 'Clavis' records, he was between 60 and 70 years of age, he could not possibly have composed and conducted a peal of Bob Triples in 1689. If he *did* call the peal in 1689, then he must have been nearer 90 years of age when he died, but it was unlikely that so soon after his death the writers of the 'Clavis' would have made a mistake of twenty years in his age. Moreover, I drew attention to the fact that Annable was Master of the College Youths in 1746 and suggested it was doubtful if he would have been appointed to office at the age of 80 or thereabouts.

In commenting on my letter, Mr. E. Alex Young admitted the difficulty with regard to reconciling the date of this early performance and Annable's age, and suggested, as a possible solution, that Annable was a much older man than his contemporaries thought. Mr. Young added that reference to Snowdon and Osborne did not help us.

Here Mr. Young appears to be in error. Looking casually through an old volume of 'Church Bells' recently, I came across an article (December 9th, 1876) by Jasper Snowdon on 'Annable's M.S.' (now in the British Museum). In this article Snowdon says, 'Annable was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and in the earlier pages of their peal books his name is to be found connected with nearly all their great performances. He joined the society in 1721; in fact, he was the only member admitted in that year. He was elected a steward in 1737, and made master in 1746. The last mention of his name in the books of the society occurs in the peal rung by the College Youths at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in 1754.'

The dates quoted here, by Snowdon, are, I presume, not guess-work, and can be verified by reference to the books of the society. If, in fact, Annable joined in 1721, that would finally settle the question whether he composed and conducted the 1689 peal.

As Annable composed and conducted the peal of Grandfire Cinques at St. Bride's in 1724, which is the next performance on the list, I have my own theory as to how a mistake may have occurred, but Mr. Young may be right when he says that 'in the several transcriptions, Annable's name was added as conductor and composer, where the original had omitted to state these, and "hearsay," like a rolling snowball, had eventually added what was deemed the only possible name, and incidentally overlooked the age difficulty.' However, the Ancient Society can, I imagine, now settle the question, if, as would seem to be the case, Annable's name appears in the Name Book as having been elected in 1721. Will Mr. Young be good enough to examine it and let us know?

Anything which adds to our knowledge of these ancient pioneers is welcome. Few of your readers probably are aware that Annable was, by trade, a baker, for on the first page of his famous notebook, Mr. Snowdon tells us, is written:

'London College Youths.
'Amsterdam Coffee House.
'Benjamin Annable, Baker.'

Yours faithfully,

'COLLEGIAN.'

KEGWORTH RINGERS VISIT THE FENS.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Kegworth, Leicestershire, with friends had their annual outing on Saturday, September 21st, when they visited the Fen district. Travelling via Melton Mowbray, Oakham, Stamford with its cluster of churches, and Peterborough, they stopped at Market Deeping, where ringing took place, and several touches were brought round. Here they met Mr. Horace W. Day, who kindly conducted them to St. James', Deeping, and arranged for them to ring on these bells (a very fine six by J. Taylor and Co.), but time would not allow of a long stay. A few touches were, however, rung, and the ladies handled these heavy six very well, the 'go' being good. Proceeding to Crowland, where Mr. A. Holland provided a substantial tea for the visitors, which all enjoyed, the party visited the famous Abbey and its surroundings, and brought round a few touches on the bells. The return journey was commenced shortly after seven o'clock, via Cowbit, of skating fame, and here the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Clark), who is a son of a former Rector of Kegworth, also his sister (Mrs. Glead), who were delighted to meet the visitors. A short visit to the church and an inspection of the old documents and Elizabethan communion plate was of great interest. The journey was continued via Spalding, and Kegworth was reached about 11.15 p.m., after a memorable and happy day. Thanks are accorded to all who helped to make a successful outing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT WARMINSTER.**

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Minster Church of St. Deny, Warminster, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and service was later conducted by the Rev. A. R. Bellars (Vicar), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham). Tea followed at the Magnet Tea Rooms, the Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Bellars and Mr. Curtis (churchwarden) being present.

A short business meeting followed, at which the Chairman expressed to the Vicar the congratulations of the branch on his marriage, and wished him and Mrs. Bellars long life and happiness.

The Vicar, in replying, thanked those present for their good wishes, and also thanked the local ringers for ringing for his wedding and on his return, and also for the present which the ringers had given him and his wife. The Vicar said he would like those present to see this gift, which took the form of two silver inkstands in the form of bells. He added that he was very pleased to welcome the branch again to Warminster.—Mr. and Mrs. Bellars then left.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the visitors and the following were elected members of the Guild: Messrs. T. Button, W. Chatfield and H. Moody.

On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist, and to those who prepared the tea.—Mr. Curtis, in reply, said he was pleased to be present as churchwarden, and he felt that sometimes the work of the ringers was not appreciated as much as it should be, as it was done out of sight. It was, however, none the less a work for the church.

Seend was proposed for the November meeting, and Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church) for December.

Visitors included Miss I. Hastie (Leatherhead, late of Warminster), Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), Mr. W. Prescott (Bath), Mr. E. Coward (Mere) and Mr. W. Evans (Burnham-on-Sea). Ringers in addition to the above were present from Warminster, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bratton, Mere, West Cranmore, Corsley and Rowde. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Warminster has a peal of eight bells (tenor 28 cwt. approximately), and a brass plate affixed to the pillar near the belfry door bears the following: 'The bells in this tower were rearranged December, 1881, and converted from a peal of six bells into a peal of eight bells. The treble and second bells were added by George Thomas Vicary. Nos. 3 to 7 were recast and the tenor retained.—James Erasmus Phillips, Bart., Vicar; Edward Edwards, Thomas Ponting, churchwardens.'

A peal board in the belfry records a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Cumberland Youths for the opening of the bells, and the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Longleat, December 18th, 1881.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham took place at Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, September 28th. The church, which is known locally as 'the Old Church,' is dedicated to St. Bartholomew, and, although within a couple of miles of the centre of the city, is pleasantly situated in a quiet residential district. The date of the original church is unknown, but from authentic records a small chapel stood on the spot in 1340. Since then it has passed through many vicissitudes. During the Civil War it was laid derelict by Parliamentary Forces under Tinker Fox, and the materials of the roof were used to barricade Edgbaston Hall and make bullets. Between 1658 and 1684 the parishioners began to rebuild the church, and about 1725 the Lord of the Manor put it into very good repair. Considerable alterations were made in 1810, and again in 1885 it was restored and enlarged.

The tower contains a modern peal of eight bells by Taylor. Until recently there were only six bells, and four of these bore the date 1885.

Ringings in various methods took place from 3 to 5 p.m., in which Mr. W. Burgar, of Sheffield, took part. Tea was then partaken of in the schoolroom and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Presiding Ringing Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett) took the chair. Several new members were elected, including Mr. Clifford H. Ball, the carillonneur at Bourneville.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner as usual on Saturday, March 1st, 1930.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, Canon Blofeld, for the use of the bells, for providing such an excellent tea and for his presence amongst them that afternoon was proposed by the Chairman.—In acknowledging this, the Vicar stated how pleased he was to be with the Guild and how much he appreciated the services rendered in the belfry.

After the meeting a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on a new peal of handbells, in which Mr. Vice-President Tom Russam took part, the band being T. Russam, P. Ladin, H. Withers, A. Walker, A. E. Norman and J. Neal. A return was then made to the belfry, where further ringing took place until about 8 p.m.

A JOINT MEETING AT GUILDFORD.**SURREY ASSOCIATION VISIT GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

Guildford Diocesan Guild and Surrey County Association members fraternised at Guildford on Saturday, when ringers from a wide area spent a pleasant half-day. Joint meetings of this description are a welcome feature of present-day gatherings, and in the case of organisations which overlap in their territory as these two do, they are all the more commendable, as they encourage that friendly spirit which leads to completely amicable working between the two societies. Guildford is favoured by having two excellent peals of bells, one of eight at the Cathedral and the other of ten at St. Nicolas' Church. The former were open on Saturday during the afternoon, and the latter both afternoon and evening. The result was that St. Nicolas' was, more or less, neglected before tea, but a band was got together to ring a good service touch. In the meantime, Holy Trinity Cathedral bells had been kept going, under the direction of Mr. A. H. Pulling, in a variety of methods up to London Surprise Major.

The service in St. Nicolas' Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler), and an address was given by the Rev. G. Wellercoot, who has come to reside in the diocese on retiring from the charge of a parish in the West of England, where he took a practical part in ringing at his own church. It was an inspiring sermon, coming from a ringer. Basing his address on the words, 'In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses, "Holiness unto the Lord,"' he referred to the appeal of the bells to the people and the fascination of the art to ringers. There was an old saying, 'Once a ringer, always a ringer.' That, said the preacher, was true if they started in the right spirit and if they had a love of ringing. He referred to the changed tone which had come into the belfries and hoped that it would ever be maintained.

A company of nearly fifty sat down to tea at a near-by cafe, and afterwards Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) welcomed the Surrey Association, remarking that such gatherings must tend to improve the good feeling between the two bodies. He also thanked the preacher for his address, and the Vicar for conducting the service.—Admiral T. P. Walker (vice-president) seconded, and took the opportunity of extending, on behalf of all present, cordial congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling upon celebrating their silver wedding.—Mr. D. Cooper (district secretary) acknowledged the welcome on behalf of the Surrey Association and hoped to see the Guildford Diocesan Guild members at a similar gathering in the Surrey area. He also thanked Mr. G. Grover (Guildford District secretary) for having made all the arrangements.

The Rev. G. Wellercoot replied to the vote of thanks in a homely speech, in which he again evinced his interest in ringing.

Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association) made an appeal for help for the widow of the late Mr. C. Gordon, who was ill and in straitened circumstances, and, in response, several of those present made contributions to the fund.

Afterwards St. Nicolas' belfry was visited, and for more than two hours the ten bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Cambridge Surprise Royal, under the direction of Mr. C. Hazelden (District Ringing Master).

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

Blessed with excellent weather, the above society had one of their most delightful week-ends this summer, starting from Newcastle by bus on Saturday, September 21st, at 9.30 a.m. The venue was Whitby and Scarborough, and to the number of eleven they reached the former in time for lunch at the Station Hotel. From thence to the tower, where the handy peal of ten was turned in to short touches of Stedman and Erin Caters and Forward Royal. After a tour of the ancient Abbey of St. Hilda, and other parts of the town, Scarborough was reached in time for dinner at 7.30 at the Lord Nelson Hotel, an ideally comfortable place for a holiday on the foreshore. The night was filled in in a 'go-as-you-please' fashion, and after a touch on handbells, followed by a more or less friendly game of cards, bed was sought as the last resort.

Two touches were rung for service at St. Mary's on the fine peal (tenor 24 cwt.), Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples. After service, Mr. Harry Ferguson conducted his friends from his native town on a charabanc tour round the Marine Drive, past the Lord Nelson Hotel, and round by Scawby and Forge Valley. The afternoon was spent somewhat lazily, four preferring touches on handbells and others the charms of the south cliff and shore, where the beauties of the Italian gardens and precincts were a source of delight.

The party boarded their bus at 5.30, and landed in Newcastle well pleased with all they saw and did. The members wish to thank the Vicars of the two churches at which they rang, and also Mr. Ferguson for his kindly arrangements at Scarborough, together with his colleague, Mr. Barton. The members are also most grateful to Mr. Arthur Payne, their secretary, who made such admirable plans for their comfort and amusement.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Wednesday, September 25th, in connection with the harvest festival, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Rev. J. R. King 1, J. H. Swinfield 2, M. Swinfield (conductor) 3, J. Bailey 4, C. Draper 5, C. Smith 6, J. George 7, R. C. Belton 8.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT APPOINTS A RINGING MASTER.

By the kind permission of the Rev. D. A. Taylor (Vicar), the autumn meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Wingham on Saturday, October 5th. The meeting was well attended, there being 31 members present, representing the following towers: Brabourne, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege, Dover, Littlebourne, St. Peter's, Thanet, Sturry, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Swindon, Tunstall, Walmer, Wickhambreaux and Wingham.

The bells were ringing soon after 3 o'clock, and from then until 4.30 p.m. some very enjoyable touches in Grandsire, Bob Major and Stedman were accomplished. The Rev. Taylor officiated at the service, for which the association's form was used, and gave a particularly interesting address. Mr. F. Lovell, of Wingham, very kindly presided at the organ.

Subsequently, adjourning to the Dog Inn, the ringers found an excellent tea awaiting them. The Vicar presided and was later voted to the chair for the business meeting.

The election of two non-resident life members, W. R. Drage, Long Eaton, Netts, and T. R. Dennis, Cambridge, was confirmed.

A discussion arose as to the advisability of the Canterbury District appointing a Ringing Master. The suggestion met with general approval, it being thought that it was necessary for the cultivation and continuance of successful meetings to get someone to take the lead and make the more or less shy ringers 'take off their coats and join in.'

Subsequently Mr. Whitehead made a proposition that Mr. F. Brett, Canterbury, be elected as Ringing Master for the Canterbury District, and, failing his attendance at any meeting, the ringers in the tower should elect their own 'master' for the afternoon, preferably the conductor or secretary of the local tower, the Ringing Master to be elected annually at the annual district meeting. The proposition, upon being seconded by Mr. Slingsby, was put to the meeting and carried with one dissentient.

Ospringe was decided upon for the next by-meeting, the probable date being 23rd November.

Before the meeting closed Mr. Brett proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. A. Taylor for his kind words of welcome and for the service, and also to Mr. Lovell for the musical arrangements.

Adjourning to the tower after the meeting, the ringers enjoyed further good ringing, adding Kent and Oxford Treble Bob to the methods achieved.

NORTH STONEHAM RINGERS IN BERKS.

The North Stoneham ringers, together with the choirmen, had their annual outing on September 14th. A start was made at 8 p.m. in two motor charabancs. Newbury, with its fine ring of eight bells, recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was the first stop, the party being met at the church by Mr. H. Curtis. Leaving Newbury, a trip over the lovely Berkshire Downs brought the party to Farringdon, where there is a grand ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Ringing here was not of the best, as the bell ropes are apt to strike the clock wires, and this put several of the company 'off.' However, a good lunch restored confidence.

A move was then made to Drayton, where everything was of great interest to the ringing members of the party on account of its association with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. The beautiful carving which he executed, the ringing records, and the memorial screen were of much interest, and it was with regret that the visitors learned that there is not now a ringing band at this church.

East Ilsley was the last place on the programme, where Mr. W. Hibbert had everything in readiness, including a splendid tea, which was first disposed of. Afterwards, a move was made to the church, and the party enjoyed ringing on the light ring of eight. A special feature was a good touch of Grandsire Triples, in which four of the East Ilsley ringers took part. Home was reached at 9.30 p.m., everyone agreeing that a most enjoyable day had been spent. During the trip, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Major were rung. The best thanks of all are due to the various incumbents and steeplekeepers of the four towers visited, and particularly to Mr. G. Williams for arrangements made in such interesting country.

A TEN-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

BY J. J. PARKER, FARNHAM ROYAL.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, October 6th, for evensong (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: G. Sibley 1, A. Wyatt 2, V. Crabb 3, Wm. Coles 4, D. G. Taylor 5, G. Coles 6, P. Merson (conductor) 7, G. Novell 8. First quarter of Stedman on the bells.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—At Holy Trinity Church on October 6th, for the harvest festival evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Townley 1, W. Atkinson 2, R. Everson 3, T. Haslam 4, E. Jennings (conductor) 5, F. Martindale 6, I. J. Heap 7, R. Dennison 8.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 6th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Butler 1, J. Sitch 2, A. Prior (conductor) 3, W. Watson 4, W. H. Theobald 5; also 360 in the same method, with H. Perry 1, E. J. Butler 4. After evensong 240 Grandsire Doubles by the same band. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

LONDON.—At St. Mark's, Dalston, on Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Wilfred Williams 1, E. F. Pike 2, G. Cole 3, P. C. Davis 4, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. E. Davis 7, Charles Randall 8.

HOLBORN.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. G. Bell 2, W. J. Norton 3, Harry Alford 4, Tom Langdon (conductor) 5, Ernest Brett 6, C. W. Pipe 7, C. Vitler 8.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. James on Sunday, October 6th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Hancock 1, J. Hunt 2, A. H. Reed 3, H. Pocock 4, A. R. Thorne 5, E. Priddle 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, S. Priddle 8. Longest length for 1st and 8th.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church on Sunday evening, October 6th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Pickering 1, W. H. Hall 2, W. H. Funge 3, J. W. Reynolds 4, C. Waithman 5, W. G. Anker 6, B. G. Leedham (conductor) 7, F. R. Trinder 8.

BUNGAY.—At St. Mary's Church on Friday evening, October 4th, for harvest festival services, before service 480 changes and after service 1,024 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Rumsey 1, G. Howlett 2, S. Copling 3, Miss V. Beckett 4, E. K. Goats (conductor) 5, G. Gower 6, R. Riches 7, O. F. Sayer 8.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, September 29th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but was not successful. Afterwards 701 Grandsire Caters: T. Gunning 1, H. Beats 2, T. Ferris 3, J. Gait 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, A. Ferris 6, C. E. Levitt 7, T. Brice 8, H. Vowles 9, A. Bond 10.

NOTICE.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch—A quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting, 5, in Church Room. Please notify me by 10th inst. for tea.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, Bath.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 29th, St. Magnus on the 24th, *The Coffee Pot on the 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.30.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upham, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells from 2.30. Tea and meeting at the Brushmakers' Arms at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, District Secretary, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Turvey, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church House. All welcome.—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Heywood, on Sat., October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Rd., Wavertree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Harriets-ham on Saturday, October 12th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting will be held at Leatherhead (not St. Martin's, Epsom, as previously arranged), on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute at 5.15.—A. R. Pink, Hon. Sec. 32, Nower Road, Dorking.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at King's Walden on Saturday, October 12th. The bells (6), which have recently been rehung on ball-bearings, will be ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bus services from Hitchin and Luton.—Donald C. Mears, Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Also a joint meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, November 2nd. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hoillier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, October 12th, to decide the tie between Wath, Sandal and Shelley for the Shield Competition. Draw 2.45 p.m. *prompt*. Tea and Judges' award 5.30 p.m. Tickets for tea 1/6, limited to those who apply by postcard to Mr. Geo. Cooke, North's Yard, Crofton, Wakefield. All ringers cordially invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Hull, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Hill Farm. See circular for full details.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Basford on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6.15 till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—F. W. Bailey, Dis. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at George's, Ltd., High Street, 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kingsteignton on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Practice meeting at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, on Wednesday, October 16th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, Saturday, October 19th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting, 5 o'clock to 6.30. A postcard? thanks.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Rd., S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock, important business. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next monthly meeting of the above guild will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Doncaster and District Society will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available early. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in Church Hall at 1/6 each. Please notify Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, by the 16th. Will members please try and pay outstanding subscriptions previous to or at this meeting, so that books can be made up?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southern Div., Yorkshire Association; P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., Doncaster and District Society.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury on October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Catash Inn 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Please notify me for tea by October 17th.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will all intending to be present for tea (1/6) kindly notify F. Youles, 73, Clifton Street, St. Annes-on-Sea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th?—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., F. Rigby, Preston Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, October 19th. 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, October 15th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Rd, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst, Saturday, October 19th, from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) recently overhauled, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Buses from Dunstable and St. Albans. Will those intending being present please notify me by the previous Wednesday so that I can make arrangements for tea?—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 19th. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bicker on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by October 14th.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7—Business: Yearly list of meetings.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, October 19th. Church of St. Helen (8 bells) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting will be arranged. Please notify Mr. G. H. Paulson, Churchtown, Darley Dale, not later than October 17th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Sonborne, Winchester, Hants.

SALISBURY.—St. Martin's Church.—The peal of 8 bells which are being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston will be reopened on Saturday, October 19th. Service at 6 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing during the rest of the evening. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The autumn meeting of the above branch will take place at Weston-under-Penyard on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea kindly given by the Rector. Buses, frequent, pass the church. Ringers of every grade welcomed, only notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—John Clark, Fern Lea, Chase Road, Ross.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—The peal of five, rehung with new fittings in new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, October 20th, at 3 p.m. Bells available during the evening. Tea (1s. per head), after the service, for those who notify the Rector (the Rev. W. T. Fowke) by October 16th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, October 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Service 6. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Friday, October 18th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 26th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. followed by service at Cathedral at 4 p.m. After service a tea, supplied by the Association, will be served in the Temperance Cafe, Rochester Bridge. The business meeting will take place after tea, at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Members intending to be present must please notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, October 22nd.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Rd., Gillingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 23rd. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stow on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, October 23rd. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—Dedication of the peal of 6 (treble recast and all rebung in new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston) will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, will be reserved only for those who notify me by Monday, October 21st, not later.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 5th from Messrs. C. J. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Choquet, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rushton, E. F. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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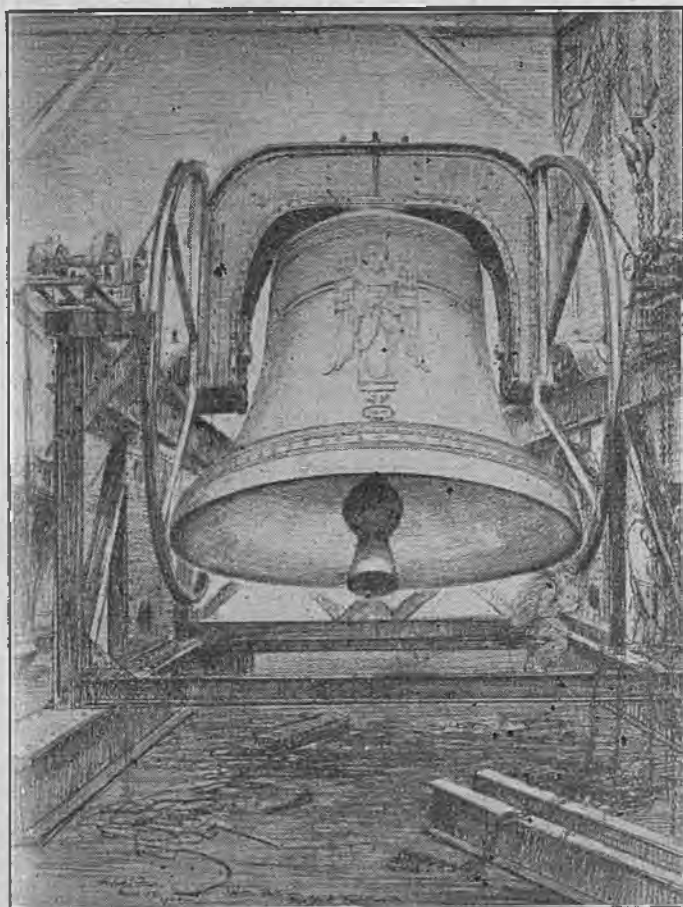
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RULES.

A fortnight ago we said we hoped to be able shortly to put before our readers draft proposals for amending the rules of the Central Council, in order that those members of the Exercise, who are interested in the endeavour to place the Council on a firmer footing among ringers, may have something definite to consider. In this issue our contributor, who a few weeks since put forward some reasoned suggestions, submits his ideas in concrete form, side by side with the existing rules, so that complete comparison can be made.

It has to be remembered that at present the associations throughout the country are very loosely knit to the central body. There is the Council, to which any ringing society of over a certain membership may elect a limited number of members, and, in so doing, shall pay certain contributions. There the connection ends. The societies owe nothing in the shape of support or loyalty to the Council, the Council owes nothing whatever to the societies. That state of affairs may have been adequate when the Council was formed in 1891 and when, as the first President (Sir Arthur Heywood) put it, 'they had yet to make a position for themselves; and it depended upon the judgment with which their decisions were drawn up, whether the Council would come to be regarded as the final authority upon all Ringing matters.'

In the course of nearly forty years the position has changed. The Council, in the opinion of the majority of ringers, has justified itself as the central organisation of the Exercise, but it is generally recognised that its position, under its present constitution, is not as secure or as well defined as it ought to be. The Council, as the mouthpiece of the Exercise, should have all the weight of the associations and guilds behind it and it should be answerable to them for any actions it may take. At present, in theory, at any rate, associations, as such, have no voice in the deliberations of the Council; and, as such, they cannot bring recommendations to the Council. In this sense the Council is undemocratic, for the societies, who 'pay the piper' cannot 'call the tune.'

Briefly, the suggestions made elsewhere by our contributor are that the basis of the Council shall consist of affiliated societies (instead of merely of the elected and honorary members), that these societies shall undertake to recognise the decisions of the Council, that the representative members shall be elected annually, instead of triennially, and that the Council shall officially report its decisions to the affiliated bodies. These proposals are put forward in definite terms, not that they shall necessarily be submitted in this or any other form to the Council for adoption, but

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to give ringers at their many meetings during the next six months the opportunity of talking over the subject with something before them which can be approved, amended, or rejected. In a genuine desire to get a full expression of opinion of the Exercise we invite all district and general secretaries to bring our contributor's proposals to the notice of their meetings and to send us for publication any decision taken in regard to them. In that way the views of ringers throughout the country may be made known, and at the right time suitable action taken, if there is any desire for it.

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Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
*MISS AMY JOHNSON 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 8
JOHN HALL 3	*HAROLD F. MARTIN 9
JAMES HEMMING 4	*JOHN C. PERKINS 10
*ARTHUR J. TAYLOR 5	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 11
HERBERT JORDAN 6	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Maximus on the bells and of Bob Maximus by all the band and by the association. The conductor's 100th and Mr. J. Hall's 50th peal, respectively, for the association. The band wish to tender their warmest thanks to Mr. W. T. Pates, who so kindly obtained permission and had everything in readiness for the attempt.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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JOHN SPARROW Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 6
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RONALD H. BULLEN 3	CECIL W. PIPE 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	DANIEL D. COOPER 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN C. ADAMS Treble	*HERBERT KNIGHT 6
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	JOHN PERRY 7
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES CROFT Treble	RICHARD D. DIVALL 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	JOSEPH WRENN 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
GEORGE E. DANN 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Conducted by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS

Rung for evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILFRED G. FOLLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM W. THORNE 5
CHARLES STRAWBRIDGE ... 2	JOHN PUGSLEY 6
*LEONARD S. MASON 3	GEORGE ATKINS 7
*FREDERICK J. BULLEY ... 4	WILLIAM MALE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ATKINS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co., in 1927. W. W. Thorne hails from Ockham, Surrey.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOHN A. D. WEBB ... Treble	JAMES H. HUNNISETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 6
HARRY FOLKARD 3	WILFRED G. WILSON 7
CYRIL D. NICHOLS 4	*EDWARD A. J. COOMBS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Preb. W. Templeton King, Vicar of the above church since 1895.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1929, in Three Hours,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ERNEST W. SAVAGE ... Treble	EDWARD W. BRAY 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 6
GEORGE W. STOKES 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for a peal in any method.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
Mrs. H. BAKER 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 6
HARRY BAKER 3	JOHN WHEADON 7
GEORGE FULLER 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (317). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Wheadon, who is leaving the district for Dartford; also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Belfe. Mr. T. Saunders has now rung each bell in this tower in a peal.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On September 26th, at St. Mark's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Hatton 1, E. Bishop 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. W. Hyner 4, J. H. Penny 5, S. H. Hopper 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT RAINEBIRD ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	ERNEST FURBANK 7
*ROBERT HEAZEL 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal of Major.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 11 (VARIATION No. 2).

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	ALFRED J. BARRATT 6
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 3	*JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	SAMUEL PINDER Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* 150th peal.

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On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM C. WEST ... Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Cambridge. This was rung as a triple jubilee peal, being the jubilee year of St. Mary's Church, the jubilee year of the Guild, and the jubilee birthday of Mr. R. Brown, ringer of the 5th.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

*JOHN CLIFTON ... Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR 5
*KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... 2	ROBERT ANDERSON 6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Clifford Ball, carillonneur at Bournville.

LECKHAMPTON, CHELTENHAM.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Mrs. F. CLEMENTS ... Treble	WALTER ROSE 5
HAROLD HALFORD 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
GEORGE WALTERS 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	WILLIAM TOWNSEND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Townsend, Ringing Master at the above tower, and T. Baldwin. T. Baldwin and J. Austin hail from Gloucester, and Mrs. Clements from Bourton-on-the-Water.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—At All Saints' Church for harvest festival evensong, on September 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47½ mins.: *F. Plummer 1, *F. Jeffs 2, F. Vickers 3, *W. Botsford, W. Jeffs 5, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. Nicholls 7, W. Insley 8. * First quarter in the method. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor belong to Linslade belfry.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD... .. 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	*ALBERT WIFFEN 6
*MISS ELSIE E. PETTIT ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	*HERBERT REASON ... ..Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSIOW. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county in which a lady ringer has taken part. Rung on the 15th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Reason.

CHEW MAGNA, NEAR BRISTOL.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART (No. 12). Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.	
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
ALBERT E. STOWELL 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
RONALD G. BECK... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

The first peal on the bells. This composition was published in 'The Ringing World' on September 20th, 1929.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three 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
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Non-Conducted.

Umpires: EDWARD J. BEER and HARRY HOVERD.

First non-conducted Surprise peal by all the band and by the association. A birthday peal for T. Groombridge, sen.

FARINGDON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.	
HARRY BENNETT ... ..Treble	*JOSHUA PEARCE 5
*GEORGE A. WEBLEY... .. 2	*EDWARD HUGHES 6
*FRANK WHEELER 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 4	*THOMAS CLARKE... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung in a new frame and bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and his wife for their kind hospitality after the peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM IRELAND ... ..Treble	WILLIAM STEGGALL 5
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
JOHN SOUTER 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	GEORGE ARCHER ... ..Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Albert G. Harrison and Miss Daisy Pigg. This composition, reduced from 6,016, containing the 4-5-6 only in sixth's, is now rung for the first time

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

MISS S. DAVIS ... ..Treble	J. HAZEL 5
MISS R. HAZEL... .. 2	J. HONEY 6
*MISS D. FUTTER 3	A. E. LOCK 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK 4	G. CAUDWELL ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by G. CAUDWELL.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... ..Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
MISS FRED A. ORR... .. 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE B. COLE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

LYMM, OSHESIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.	
JOHN BAGLEY ... ..Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
LESTER L. GRAY... .. 3	THOMAS ROGERS 7
HENRY W. WILDE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... ..Treble	*DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6
*PERCY GREEN 3	JOHN WOOD 7
*LESLIE J. CLARK 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... ..Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now completed the 'circle' in the tower. First peal in the method on the bells.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE WILSON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5
*JACK M. CRIPPS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6
KEITH HART 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. BENNETT.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS ... ..Treble	HAROLD KENT 5
CHARLES MASON 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
JESSE J. MOSS 3	ALFRED E. PARSONS ... 7
*HERBERT ROOKE 4	JOHN FLINT... ..Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL	Treble	EDWARD H. KING	5
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ...	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	JAMES PARKER	7
WALTER J. BOWDEN	4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by Mrs. E. K. FLETCHER.
First peal in the method by all the band. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Saxby, daughter of Mr. J. Saxby, a member of the local band.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN & WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WILSON	Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON	5
FRED HINDLE	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
JOHN BROWN	3	JAMES MARSH	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	JAMES HARRISON	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Marsh.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER	Treble	† HECTOR G. BIRD	5
JOHN BASS	2	* THOMAS HEMMING	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	JOHN SMITH	7
* CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, also to J. Smith and the conductor.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 13, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES G. C. BROWN	Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT	5
RAYMOND GRANT	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
BERT W. ROPER	3	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ...	7
* WILLIAM PAUL	4	JAMES W. PAUL	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. Ringers of 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th from North Lopham, Garboldisham, Diss and Banham respectively. This composition contains the 6th the extent 'wrong' and 'home' without 2nd in 6th's and is now rung for the first time.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday, when 20 members were present, representing the parishes of Earls Colne, Colne Engaine, Halstead, Greenstead Green, Great Bentley, Melford, Braintree, Hedingham, Wickham St. Paul, Little Waldingfield, Sudbury, Fulbourn and Gestingthorpe. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. M. Greenway), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) reading the lesson. Tea was provided in the schoolroom, a collection being made by the Vicar, who very generously handed the money to the association.

At the business meeting which followed the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) presided, and one member was re-elected, viz., Mr. E. Turner, of Gestingthorpe.

It was resolved to hold the annual district meeting at Braintree on November 9th, and it was unanimously agreed, on the proposition of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. L. Wiffen, to give the 10s. collected at the tea to the Bell Restoration Fund.

After the meeting courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples and a course of Bob Major were rung on the handbells, and during the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor were rung on the tower bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TIRLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 3, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG	Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE	4
ALBERT HARTLAND	2	FREDERICK HAWKES	5
JOHN ROWLATT	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Frederick Smith, for many years a ringer at Forthampton, it being impossible to attempt the peal there owing to the bad 'go' of the bells.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, twelve callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE DERHAM	Treble	* HORACE J. BLAKE	4
WILLIAM WILKINS	2	WILLIAM C. WEST	5
GEORGE GUNSTONE	3	* ERNEST WILKINS	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar on his return to the parish from a health trip; also to enable the remaining members of the local band to score a peal. The ringer of the tenor was proposed a member previous to starting the peal.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents (93 Bobs).

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK WARRINGTON	Treble	* GEORGE RANSOME	4
GEORGE L. PERKINS	2	* HARRY LAVENDER	5
CHARLES ROBINSON	3	JOHN PERKINS	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First attempt for a peal.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-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, College Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES	Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT	4
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	CYRIL TANSSELL	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

* HAROLD L. FLAVELL	Treble	HARRY BOSWELL	4
ALBERT D. COLLINS	2	SIDNEY ELTON	5
HERBERT R. PICKERING ...	3	THOMAS W. BATE	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY ELTON.

* First peal.

'ODDS & ENDS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES'

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FIRE DESTROYS FAMOUS YORKSHIRE TOWER. HOWDEN BELLS CRASH DURING BLAZE.

Disaster has overtaken the fine old Parish Church at Howden, East Yorkshire, fire having practically destroyed the magnificent tower, with its ring of eight bells, and the chancel beneath. The church is one of great beauty of architecture—an excellent example of Early English. According to historians, it was made collegiate in 1266, and it ranks among the five or six most important churches in Yorkshire. Its noble tower, rising to a height of 135ft., dominated the town and countryside.

The fire occurred in the early hours of Wednesday last week, being discovered shortly before two o'clock, as the result, it is said, of the cries of a sea lion in a menagerie in the market place, which is close to the church. Soon the streets were filled with people, who saw the whole of the tower enveloped in flames. Howden Fire Brigade was quickly on the scene, and help was summoned from Goole and Selby, whose brigades arrived soon afterwards. Volumes of smoke and clouds of sparks were emitted from the top of the tower and through the windows, and as the fire increased its hold lurid flames shot up and the whole district around was lighted as by a huge torch. It was an awe-inspiring spectacle.

The tower is situated immediately over the chancel, and onlookers could hear the beams crashing to the ground and bringing destruction into the church itself.

BELLS CRASH INTO THE CHANCEL.

It was early realised by the fire brigades that to save the tower from the flames was hopeless. All that could be done was to allow the fire to burn itself out in the tower, and to save the remainder of



HOWDEN CHURCH.

the church. The Howden brigade began operations on the north side by breaking in one of the nave windows, through which water was poured on the burning timbers as they fell from the tower to the ground. The Selby and Goole brigades worked from the south side, two stained glass windows being broken to enable the firemen to bring their hose into play. The parish registers, dating from 1541, the communion plate, lectern and Book of Remembrance (containing the names of the local men who fell in the war) in the south transept were saved, but the altar, with its candlesticks, and other ornaments, together with the communion rails and other furnishings in the chancel, were demolished by the falling beams.

After an hour's work the Selby and Goole brigades got into the church by the south entrance. The building was filled with smoke and the floor was flooded with water to a depth of several inches. The roof of the tower had become molten lead, which poured into the chancel. Just after 4 a.m. there was a deafening crash as the first of the bells fell into the chancel from the steeple. One after another four more bells, including the tenor, of over 26 cwt., came crashing down, with the noise of exploding bombs, and part of the east window fell out.

The effect of the fire is that the tower is burned out to a shell and much damage has been done to the masonry. There are huge cracks in the battlements down to the broken and burned-out windows on the sides of the tower. Three bells have been saved, but one is wedged precariously between the steel girders forming the

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POLICE RINGERS VISIT BIRMINGHAM.

A DAY OFF DUTY.

On Saturday a meeting of police ringers was held at Birmingham. Arriving shortly after 11 a.m., the visitors were met by Sgt. Dowding, Birmingham City Police, who piloted them to the Police Social Club, where lunch was served. The party afterwards proceeded to King's Norton, where they were welcomed by the local ringers.

The splendid bells were soon set going in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters, which, unfortunately, came to grief after 2 hours 50 minutes, owing to a change course. The ringers taking part were Sgt. Lawrence (Hatfield) 1, Sgt. Dowding (Birmingham) 2, Detective Poole (Leicester) 3, P.C. Clayden (Reigate) 4, P.C. Beeson (Surrey) 5, P.C. Tuffery (Birmingham) 6, P.C. Digby (London) 7, Sgt. Jenny (Leicester) 8, Inspector Botttrill (London) 9, Sgt. Schleuter (London) 10. After 'stand' had been called the culprits were immediately 'reprimanded and cautioned.'

Northfield bells were open for ringing during the afternoon, visitors and locals making use of them during the peal attempt. Afterwards all adjourned to the Bull Hotel for tea. Sgt. Jenny proposed a vote of thanks to the local ringers for their hearty welcome and for the arrangements made for the visitors' comfort. Mr. Webber replied, saying how sorry he was the peal had failed, but hoped the band would come again. 'Idling and gossiping' was then carried on without interruption from 'superior officers,' till a general rush was made for train and bus, all getting safely aboard, at the last minute.

A CORNISH GATHERING.

A FEW FRIENDS MEET AT ZENNOR.

The Church of St. Senara, Zennor, Cornwall—part of which was built during the 12th century and which was enlarged and the tower added in the 15th century—until about three years ago contained three bells, one of which was lying broken in the first stage of the tower. However, in December, 1926, a restoration took place, and a new ring of six, tenor 12 cwt. in G, was dedicated. This was entirely owing to the great efforts of the then incumbent, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, who raised the whole of the money for the restoration. Mr. Trehwella is now Vicar of St. Paul's, Truro, where there is one bell weighing 12 cwt. (five more are wanted).

On Saturday last Mr. Trehwella was again able to enjoy several hours' ringing on the bells which he augmented, as were also four of the Truro Cathedral band, one from St. Agnes' and six from Gulval (including Dr. J. Symons and Miss E. Symons). From 3.15 until 5 o'clock the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Those present then crossed the road to the Tinner's Arms, where they were the guests of Mr. Trehwella for tea. A sumptuous repast was partaken of, the Cornish clotted cream from a well-known local herd of Guernsey cows soon receiving the attention of the ringers. Afterwards the Gulval contingent had just time for one more touch of Grandsire Doubles before departing. Those who were lucky enough to have come from Truro by car were able to stay to bring round a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), the first on the bells of Grandsire Doubles in 40 minutes, viz.: R. Woods 1, R. Dibbs 2, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella 3, W. H. Southard 4, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 5, H. Stephens 6.

Everyone heartily thanked Mr. Trehwella for providing such a splendid tea, and the Truro ringers were especially grateful to him for the forty mile car ride.

CARDINAL'S VISIT TO SHEFFIELD.

On the occasion of the visit to Sheffield of His Eminence Cardinal Bourne on October 1st, the bells of St. Marie's R.C. Church were rung. A quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) was brought round in 52 minutes: J. Tuke 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, W. Burgar 3, J. A. Dixon 4, W. Biggin 5, R. Harrison, sen., 6, T. E. Lee 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8. The bells were also rung at intervals on Wednesday, October 2nd, on the occasion of the opening of a new R.C. School on the Manor Estate.

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bell frame. The chancel floor was covered with charred woodwork, in which were parts of the broken bells and pieces of fallen masonry.

The fire is believed to have broken out in the belfry, but the cause is unknown. The amount of the damage has not yet been ascertained, but it will run into many thousands of pounds.

VICAR'S APPEAL FOR RESTORATION.

The bells were originally cast by Pack and Chapman at the White-chapel Foundry in 1775. At various times some of these have been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor was one of them. About 20 years ago the 5th was recast by Messrs. Warner and Son, of London, so that very few of the original bells remained.

Writing to 'The Ringing World,' the Vicar of Howden (the Rev. Arthur Waring) says: 'You will have heard of the sad disaster to our matchless tower, which was burnt out during the night of Tuesday last, October 8th, and the bells partly destroyed, only three remaining. I wonder if your readers would kindly consider an appeal for help from them (if only a small sum) to assist us in restoring the damage? We should feel deeply grateful for any small donation to help us in making good the loss we have suffered, through the destruction of the tower and the bells.'

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**AN INSTRUCTIVE MID-WEEK MEETING.**

In fine autumnal weather a meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Frampton on Thursday, October 3rd, a day arranged to give an opportunity to attend a meeting to those members who cannot attend on Saturdays. It proved a happy gathering. A charabanc left Dorchester at 2.15 and made for Sydling, a beautiful country village right off the beaten track and miles from the main road. Here the party were met by the Vicar. A band of willing helpers were putting the final touches to the decorations for the harvest festival, which was to take place the same evening, and the ringing of the fine old peal of five was greatly appreciated. This church dates from the 14th century, and has a Norman font and some fine gargoyles. The tower and north porch are noteworthy. The bells are a beautiful mellow peal, with tenor 19½ cwt. (approximately). The 3rd and 4th bear the dates 1611 and 1613 respectively, and the opinion was expressed that they would make a fine octave. Bidding the Vicar and his helpers adieu, a move was made for Frampton. At Frampton the Vicar (the Rev. G. Wynne), the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) and the local band gave the visitors a hearty welcome. The bells were soon set going to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor until the service, which was of a bright and cheery character, and was led by a full mixed choir. It was conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. R. H. Gundry read the lesson. Subsequently tea was partaken of in the Vicarage gardens.

A short business meeting followed. In the absence of the chairman (on holiday), the Master presided, and was attended by members from Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester, Frampton, Shroton and Wyke Regis. A welcome visitor from outside the branch was Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), who has been spending a holiday in the district, and who has given valuable help to some of the towers. Regret was expressed that she was not staying longer. Another old friend present was Mr. W. Shute, who had motored from North Dorset. Several apologies for absence were received.

It was arranged to hold the annual meeting at Dorchester either in December or January.

Regret was expressed that the chairman wished to resign, and the secretary was asked to invite him to reconsider his decision. The Master also promised to write.

Mr. Gray, on behalf of the Frampton band, asked for the services of an instructor. The Chairman congratulated them on this step, and the secretary promised to do his best to make arrangements for such.

A short discussion took place on the best means to be adopted,

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AN OLD UNIVERSITY RINGER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the note in your issue of October 4th on 'An Old University Ringer.' Christopher Burne, my brother-in-law, was quite keen on change ringing when at Oxford and could ring any bell through a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. But he was oftener on the river than in the belfry, being captain of his college boat club and spare man for the University Eight in 1876, and again in 1877, the year of the 'dead heat.' Some three or four years ago he presented a treble to the church at St. Mary Bourne, Hants, to complete the ring of six. The gentleman who was unwilling to be identified with such an insignificant performance as a 720 of Bob Minor is to-day a prominent member of the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. MILNE.

Summerhill, Barnet.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very representative gathering of ringers met at Hatfield on Saturday for the first district meeting held there since the addition of the two new bells. The general opinion of those present was that a very good 'splice' had been made by the bell founders. The bells were set going to Stedman Caters, and during the afternoon and evening Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, Treble Ten and a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung. The party adjourned at 5 p.m. for tea, which was followed by a brief business meeting and handbell ringing.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Albans, the date to be arranged so as not to clash with other meetings.

The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going until 8 p.m., bringing a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

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where towers had left the Guild, with a view to getting them to rejoin. The Master and secretary promised to assist in this matter.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the Chairman to the Vicar, not only for taking the service, but for providing such an excellent tea; also to the organist and choir, and the ladies for waiting at the tables, and to the organ blower.—The Vicar replied and hoped the Guild would come again.

Another visit was paid to the tower, and help was given to some of the members to ring their first 120. A move was next made to Bradford Peverell, and here the fine going peal of five were rung to Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and assistance was given to the local band. A very useful and instructive time was spent.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ancient custom of ringing the curfew bell at 8 p.m. was revived at the old Parish Church of St. James, Poole, Dorset, last week, and will be continued henceforward. The revival took place at a special service, when the bell was rung by Alderman H. S. Carter, president of the Society of Poole Men. The lesson was read by the Mayor and a sermon was preached by the Rector.

St. Martin's bells, Birmingham, will be heard on the wireless on Sunday evening, 7.50 to 8 p.m., and the Cathedral bells (St. Philip's) on the following Sunday, also at 7.50.

The bells of St. Mary's, Birkenhead, will be rung for the first time on Mayor's Sunday, November 10th, after a silence of 12 years.

The 'headquarters' of the Manchester handbell band have been moved from Lime Grove to Greek Street, Stockport, but it is hoped that the peal ringing will be maintained.

John Holt rang his only peal of Grandsire Cinques with the Union Scholars on October 20th, 1751, at St. Bride's, London. This was three months after he had conducted, from manuscript, his famous one-part of Grandsire Triples, when it was rung for the first time. In the following year Holt left the Union Scholars and joined the College Youths, with whom he rang two peals. With the record of the last of these in the College Youths' peal book, Holt's name as a ringer disappears from the scene.

A peal of Bob Major, 15,120 changes, was rung at Oldham on October 24th, 1807. The ringers could hardly have known that in 1793 a peal of 15,360 had been rung at Aston, otherwise they would surely have beaten this record, which stands to this day as the longest length in the method.

The first peal by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (Grandsire Triples) was rung 50 years ago next Wednesday. It was conducted by George Wanklyn.

The first peal on the bells of St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, now silent and unused, was rung on October 24th, 1825. It was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by the College Youths.

The 'dead heat' between the three teams who recently tied in the Barnsley Society's Shield contest was 'rung off' on Saturday, when Shelley won. Sandal were second and Wath-on-Dearne third.

The Herts Association meeting at Flamstead has been postponed owing to illness.

SALISBURY GUILD'S LOSS.

A great loss has been sustained by the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in the death of Mr. Edwin Ridout, of Okeford Fitzpaine, a keen ringer and one who for very many years hardly missed attendance in the belfry and at church.

The funeral was conducted by the Rector of Okeford Fitzpaine (the Rev. F. Etheridge), assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips (secretary of the Wimborne Branch) and the Rev. F. H. Phillips, sons of a former Rector. A large number of brother ringers were among the many mourners, including the Master of the Salisbury Guild (the Rev. B. H. Gundry) and the secretary of the branch. Muffled touches were rung before and after service.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. SUGGESTED ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

Having been responsible in some measure for raising anew the question of revising the rules governing the constitution and procedure of the Central Council, the writer accedes to the request of the editor of this journal to put forward, in concrete form, some suggested alterations of the rules which would, it is thought, incorporate the proposals made in 'The Ringing World' of Aug. 30th. Doubtless there will be many who will not agree with them even in principle, and many more who will disagree with them in detail, but they will, it is hoped, form a basis for discussion and thus lead eventually to a definite expression of opinion in many of the associations, first as to whether some change in the constitution of the Council is desirable; secondly, as to whether, if it is changed, it should be in the direction of strengthening the ties between the Council and the constituent bodies; and thirdly, as to the actual terms upon which future relations between them should be maintained.

Very few ringers outside the Council, in all probability, have any knowledge of the rules as they at present exist, and it is perhaps advisable, where changes are suggested, to give the rule as it now stands, side by side with the proposed alterations. By this means readers will be enabled to compare the two with a full knowledge of changes involved.

It is quite possible that those who agree in principle with the suggestions may desire to put them into different terms; if they do the opportunity now occurs to offer alternatives, so that before the next Council meeting some definite amendments to the existing rules may be put forward, if—and this is the point which should be emphasised—the associations themselves deem alterations advisable. It rests with them. The one desire on the part of the writer is to bring the associations and the Council closer together; if possible, to remove what has recently been a source of friction, and to make the Council leader as well as adviser of the Exercise.

Here, then, are the suggested alterations to the rules, for discussion. The existing rule is given first and the proposed change alongside.

Various minor alterations to other rules might have to be made if all or some of the proposed revisions were made, but that is a matter of detail.

1. That the Council be known as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

2. That the Council consist: (1) Of Representative Members from all recognised Societies, Associations and Guilds of Church Bell Ringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'Societies'), numbering not less than seventy-five members. The representation to be in the following proportion:—

For a Society the number of whose members exceeds 75, but does not exceed 150, one Representative; 150, but does not exceed 300, two Representatives; 300, but does not exceed 450, three Representatives; 450, four Representatives.

Four Representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one Society.

That any recognised Society, Association or Guild of Church Bell Ringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'Society'), numbering not less than seventy-five members, shall be eligible to apply for affiliation to the Council, and, upon admission, shall subscribe to an undertaking to recognise and observe the rulings of the Council.

That the Council shall consist: (1) Of Representative Members, elected annually by affiliated societies; (2) of Honorary Members, not exceeding fifteen in number, elected by the Council. No representative Member to be eligible as an Honorary Member. The voting powers of Honorary Members to be equal with those of Representative Members.

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Note.—Here and elsewhere in these Rules the word 'Member' shall be taken as meaning 'Member of Council.' A 'Representative Member' is not necessarily a Member of the Society which he represents.

3. That, except in the event of a vacancy, in which case the new Member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the three years, the election of Representative Members shall take place triennially, before the end of the year.

4. That the Honorary Members shall, as far as convenient, be chosen by the Council at their first Annual Meeting after the Triennial Election; but that, in the event of vacancies, others may be chosen at either of the following Annual Meetings. Also that each Honorary Member shall retire after the third Annual Meeting from, and exclusive of, the Meeting at which he was elected, but be eligible for re-election; but that any Honorary Member who, during his term of office, may be elected a Representative Member, shall, ipso facto, vacate his Honorary Membership.

5. That all Societies returning Representative Members to the Council be required to contribute annually, in January, 5s., on behalf of each Representative Member returned, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and that no Representative Member shall be entitled to vote at an Annual Meeting of the Council until the subscription of the Society he represents be paid.

6. That the Council meet once annually, about Whitsuntide, in some convenient centre, as agreed upon at the previous meeting, but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London. . . .

7. That at the Annual Meeting next after each Triennial Election a President and Hon. Secretary be chosen to serve for three years. . . .

8. That the Council have power to appoint Committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permit, to allow the necessary expenses of holding

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Four Representatives to be the limit of representation allowed to any one Society.

For the purposes of this Rule the basis of the calculation of membership for territorial societies shall be the number of annual subscribing honorary and ringing members and resident life members, the figures to be those presented to the Society at its last annual meeting.

(This rule would be unnecessary.)

That each Honorary Member shall be elected for three years, and, on retiring, shall be eligible for re-election, provided that any Honorary Member who, during his term of office, may be elected a Representative Member, shall, ipso facto, vacate his Honorary Membership.

That all affiliated Societies shall be required to contribute annually in January an affiliation fee of 5s. for each representative to which they are entitled, to meet the expenses, etc. (as in old rule).

That the Council meet once annually, about Whitsuntide, in some convenient centre, as agreed upon at the previous meeting, but that the meeting in every third year shall be held always in London. . . .

That at the annual meeting held in London a President and Hon. Secretary be chosen to serve for three years. . . .

That the Council have power to appoint Committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permit, to allow the necessary expenses of holding

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DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT KINGSTEIGNTON.

A successful quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Kingsteignton on Saturday last, ringers being present from Paignton, Torquay, Cockington, Brixham, Buckfastleigh, Christow, Exeter, Sowton, Clyst St. George, Littleham, Thorverton, etc. The bells, which had been rehung and augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, earlier in the year, were well utilised during the afternoon. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Kingsteignton, the Rev. E. S. Powell (President of the Guild) officiated at the service, and based his address on the words, 'What mean ye by this service?'

After tea in the Schoolroom, Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman) presided over the business meeting which followed. He referred to the fact that since the last meeting they had lost by death two old members, Mr. C. Drew, of Paignton, who had been connected with ringing for about 70 years, and that grand old man, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, ex-president of the Guild. The meeting stood in silence as a token of respect.

For the annual branch meeting, to take place on Saturday, January 30th, 1930, St. Michael's, Teignmouth, was chosen.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Kingsteignton for the use of the bells, to the Rev. E. S. Powell for taking the service, to the organist and steeplekeeper were passed. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the chairman, who suitably replied.

Arising out of a discussion, it was resolved to try and arrange a combined meeting of branches in Torquay at the latter end of November.

This concluded the business, and the visitors returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Several members visited Bickington earlier in the afternoon and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

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9. That any subject proposed for discussion shall be notified to the Hon. Secretary in writing, signed by two Members of the Council, not less than two months previous to the Meeting, for insertion among the agenda. . . . And that the Honorary Secretary shall also add the names of the Proposer and Seconder of the Motion, when the same is printed in the agenda.

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Committee meetings. Each Committee also shall appoint a Con- venter and shall report annually at or before the meeting of the Council. Such reports as have not previously been published shall be made in writing.

That any subject proposed for discussion shall be notified to the Hon. Secretary in writing by the Secretary (or other official) of the Society submitting the proposal, or, signed by two members of the Council, not less than two months previous to the Meeting, for insertion among the agenda. . . . And that the Hon. Secretary shall also add the name of the Society submitting the proposal, or the names of the proposer and seconder of the motion (as the case may be), when the same is printed in the agenda.

(As an addition to the Rule.) Also that copies of all resolutions having reference to matters outside the private business of the Council shall be printed and sent to all the affiliated Societies within one month after each meeting of the Council.

OBJECTIONS TO ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My initial point about annual elections to the Central Council is that there would be no *certainty* of continuity from year to year, and for a body doing such a large proportion of its work through committees, that fact alone would render the proposition impracticable. It is true, as you, sir, very properly point out, that a similar risk is taken every third year, but it certainly seems to me that the deliberate introduction of this element of chance *every* year would be rather going out of our way to create difficulties, and that such a change would inevitably tend to reduce the proportion of *elective* members on the committees. While there might not necessarily be any objection to that in itself, it would have just the opposite effect to that of increasing the direct interest of members of associations in the work of the Council.—Yours faithfully, F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of this association was held in the city of Durham on Saturday, September 28th, and, although the attendance was not up to expectations, there was a very happy spirit about the gathering, which promises well for the future.

The Dean of Durham read the lesson at the festival service in the Cathedral, and a very interesting and inspiring address was given by the Vicar of Stockton, the Rev. G. W. Froggatt.

An excellent lunch followed, at the old Three Tuns Hotel, Mr. E. E. Ferry, the president, in the chair, supported by the Assistant Bishop of Newcastle (Dr. Wood), Mr. William Story, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Mr. Arthur Paine, Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. J. F. Bird, Mr. G. S. Taylor (hon. secretary) and others.

After the loyal toast, Mr. William Story, in a happy speech, proposed the health of the Bishops and clergy of the two dioceses, Bishop Wood replying.

The secretary read letters of apology from the Rev. Preb. Wynne Wilson, Canon Holmes, the Rev. A. Dunn and Mr. William Newton (Stockton).

In his annual report, the secretary referred to the bell restoration at St. Cuthbert's, Blaydon, and said that Mr. James Cliff was training a band of young ringers there, and they were making good progress. The pre-Lent meeting had been held at Blaydon, to encourage Mr. Cliff in his work, and the pre-Whitsun meeting at Whitley Bay had been very successful, but the summer meeting at Darlington, where there were three towers available, only brought together about 15 members. During the year they had sustained some severe losses amongst their members and friends, viz., the Rev. H. H. Barff, Vicar of Wylam, who died with tragic suddenness while on the way to a preaching engagement at Stocksfield; Mr. R. B. Wilson, one of the original members of Holy Trinity, Darlington; and their old friend Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, whose tragic death at Copenhagen was still fresh in their minds. 'Joe' Sykes was always a welcome visitor in that district, and when he was last there, from January to March, 1928, he scored ten peals, three of which he conducted. The association had also lost good supporters in the Rev. Canon Bothamley, of St. Nicholas', Durham, who had resigned owing to ill-health, and the Rev. T. H. A. Morris, of St. Oswald's, Durham, now Vicar of Hinton, near Ipswich. The chief event of the year had been the great gathering of ringers at the North-East Coast Exhibition on July 13th, when the proprietors of the 'Newcastle Evening Chronicle' and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bell founders, invited the members to a demonstration on the Wellington (New Zealand) War Memorial Carillon. About 500 members and lady friends attended, and were delighted with selections on the bells by Miss Nora Johnston and change ringing by Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. An excellent tea was provided by the hosts and the day closed with a social gathering and concert, arranged by Mr. C. L. Routledge, in the 'Chronicle' Hall, Newcastle.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

Eighteen record sheets for Sunday service ringing had been sent in this year, and St. Ignatius', Sunderland, headed the list for eight-twelve bell towers with 1,279 points, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, being second with 997 points. Of the six-bell towers, All Saints', Hurworth, gained the first certificate with 734 points, St. Oswald's, Durham, being second with 65 points. Holy Trinity, Darlington, had scored 1,440 points, but did not wish to compete this year. Mr. Adam Deas headed the list of peal ringers for the year, having scored 14, Mr. W. H. Barber and Mr. John Anderson being second with 12 each, and 11 members have rung their first peal. The total number of peals rung during the year was 21, which was a considerable decrease on last year.

The framed certificates gained by the four towers under the Sunday ringing scheme were presented to the belfry representatives by Bishop Wood.

The officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mr. E. E. Ferry, Newcastle; secretary, Mr. G. S. Taylor, Sunderland; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland; editorial secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Newcastle; auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird, Newcastle; vice-presidents—Northern District, Mr. E. A. Hern, North Shields; Southern District, Mr. Alfred Cates, Darlington; Eastern District, Mr. E. Burnett, West Hartlepool; Western District, Mr. W. F. Pattison, Chester-le-Street; West Tyne District (secretary), Mr. H. B. Taylor, Walbottle; Wednesday Guild (secretary), Mr. G. Siddie, Chester-le-Street.

The association meetings for the year were arranged as follows: Pre-Lent, Wylam-on-Tyne; pre-Whitsun, Bishop Auckland; summer meeting, Hexham; annual festival, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

After the meeting short touches were rung on the bells of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's Churches, and at 6 o'clock about 20 members negotiated the almost endless steps of the Cathedral tower and kept the bells going in Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Oxford until about 8 p.m.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church on Sunday morning, October 13th, with bells half-muffled for a memorial service to the 5th Leicestershire Regiment, 1,259 Stedman Towers in 52 mins.: H. F. Stubbs 1, C. Ballard 2, D. S. Collins 3, J. Tawell 4, J. Saddington 5, J. Holman (Sheffield) 6, J. Hutchby 7, Colin Harrison (conductor) 8, E. Reader 9, A. Harrod 10.

ANCIENT BELLS AT WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.**A COMPROMISE ON PRESERVATION.**

A member of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council (Major J. H. B. Hesse) has done a further useful piece of work in advising the Washington, Sussex, Church authorities with regard to the restoration of the bells, and by appearing at the Consistory Court to support the application for the faculty. The Court was held in the church by the Chancellor of the Diocese (Mr. Kenneth MacMorrán), the application being for permission to recast one bell (the tenor, by Richard Eldridge, 1608), and to add a new one to make six, or three to make a ring of eight.

The Chancellor had intimated to the Vicar that he was prepared to allow the petition, and, except so far as the recasting of the bell, he did not want to raise difficulties over other matters. He asked if they had considered repairing the wood frame, instead of using iron.

Major J. H. B. Hesse, giving evidence, said he recommended the use of an iron frame for the hanging of the bells. The timber was in a very bad state, and, if repaired, would only last for a few years before it would have to come out. The iron frame would be a support for the tower and would bind all the walls together and be much better for the going of the bells.

The Chancellor said he thought it would be better if oak or teak were used, but Major Hesse pointed out that wood was liable to shrink. The Chancellor said he never insisted on wood if the parishioners desired metal, but wood was, in his view, more seemly.

Replying to Mr. Philip Johnson (architect), upon whose advice and experience the Chancellor said he was able to count, Major Hesse explained the technical details of the iron frame, and said the present wood one was pretty rotten. The existing frame might go for a few years with five bells.

The Chancellor then asked about the bell it was proposed to recast and inquired why they should not have a new bell.

Major Hesse said it was a question of funds, and the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. S. Patrick) remarked that the difference would be between £40 and £50. Major Hesse said the bell was extremely poor, and he thought it was cracked.

The Chancellor said the problem was whether they thought he ought to allow this 1608 bell to disappear in order that the parish might save £50. That was a difficult question to answer.

After consulting with Mr. Johnson, the Chancellor suggested that the founders might cut out the inscription on the bell and that could be preserved in the church and the rest of the metal could then be recast.

This compromise was agreed to by Major Hesse, the Vicar and Sir Eustace Betcher (churchwarden).

The Chancellor remarked that there were certain bells he should not allow to be touched, but there would be an order for the faculty to be granted in terms proposed, except that the inscription on the bell specified must be cut out and returned to the church for preservation. He hoped the Parochial Council would accept that.

The bells which the Chancellor said he would not allow to be touched are presumably two pre-Reformation bells, probably by a Sussex founder, of the early fourteenth century, and, as such, are priceless antiquarian possessions.

DISS RINGER MARRIED.

An interesting wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Diss, on Saturday last, when Mr. Albert G. Harrison was married to Miss Daisy Pigg. The Rector of Diss officiated at the ceremony, which was fully choral. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. William Harrison acted as best man.

After the service the bells were 'fired' and three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung. During the afternoon, while the happy couple were leaving for London, the grand-toned ring, referred to by certain of the fraternity as 'the peal with four tenors,' was set going to Double Norwich, the local company being assisted by Messrs. Poppy (Stoke Ash) and Berry (Thornham Magna). Mr. Arthur Leeder, who participated in the ringing immediately following the wedding, was unable to take part in the peal.

The bridegroom is a much respected member of the local company and is well known for his ringing activities in Norfolk and Suffolk, being a 'go anywhere' enthusiast, whose genial manner and reliability has won him the esteem of all. As a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild, he has rung during the last three years upwards of 50 peals on from five to ten bells in a variety of methods, including Superlative Surprise.

Members of both Guilds join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Harrison a long and happy life together.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Bury St. Edmunds District was held on Saturday, September 28th, when the following towers were represented: Ipswich, Cambridge, Lavenham, Sudbury, Stowmarket, Newmarket, Mildenhall, Elvedon, Long Melford, Sible Hedingham, Chevington and Hessett. Ringing commenced at the Norman Tower with Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, followed by Cambridge, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's Church.

LADIES' GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WOKINGHAM.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday. There were about 30 present, including the president of the Central Council (Canon G. F. Coleridge) and the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). All Saints' bells were kept going in various methods till 5 o'clock, when all adjourned to the Church Hall and enjoyed a good tea, provided by Miss Robinson and Miss Walker. The ladies were successful, after much persuasion, in getting Canon Coleridge to address the meeting. After a few words of welcome to the visitors, he expressed pleasure at seeing so many youthful members of both sexes, who, he said, 'could teach the older hands a good deal.' He also referred to the women filling the gaps during the war and was thankful to notice that they were sufficiently interested to continue this duty to the Mother Church (applause).

After passing a vote of thanks to the ladies who so kindly provided tea, members were reminded of the stall in the corner where one could make purchases, the proceeds to go to the St. Laurence's Bell Fund.

Mr. Charles Denyer rendered valuable help to the Wokingham ladies in 'acting' as auctioneer (without a license!), and there is reason to believe the result was very satisfactory.

The men were then given permission to return to the tower whilst the ladies' business meeting was in progress. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Old Woking in February, 1930. Just before the service the Rev. B. Long entered the belfry to extend a welcome to the Ladies' Guild.

St. Paul's bells were available from 7.30 and were put to very good use. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Binfield, Caversham, Crowthorne, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Hawley, Hillingdon, Maidenhead, Worplesdon and local towers.

The secretary would like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank all who assisted to make this meeting such a success.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**AN ADMIRAL RINGS BOB ROYAL.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Leatherhead. Originally the meeting had been planned for Epsom, but the bells there were not available on the date selected, and, by the kindness of the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge and the band, Leatherhead was offered as an alternative. A company of just over 20 assembled and got in some excellent practice. Some six-bell men got touches on eight and eight-bell ringers got practice on ten, so that the afternoon and evening were productive of good work. The usual service was dispensed with on account of the Vicar's other engagements, but Mr. Coleridge was able to join the ringers at their meeting, which followed tea in the Institute, and over which the District Ringing Master (Mr. A. Harman) presided.

Admiral T. P. Walker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and expressed appreciation of the help given in connection with the meeting by the Leatherhead band, and particularly by Mr. Arthur Dean.—Mr. Alan Pink (district secretary) seconded, and the Vicar, in replying, said the Guild were always welcome at Leatherhead.

The little business that there was to be done was quickly transacted, and the ringers returned to the tower, where there was uninterrupted practice for nearly three hours. Among the methods rung were Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, Double Norwich Major, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major, not the least interesting performance being that Admiral Walker rang his first courses of Bob Royal on an inside bell.

The visitors present during the day included the Surrey veteran, Mr. David Wright, of St. Peter's, Croydon, Messrs. J. Bennett and A. W. Coles (London), and ringers from Cobham, Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Dorking, Newdigate, Chertsey, Guildford (St. Nicolas') and Woking. Only five had notified their intention of being present, but 22 sat down to the substantial meat tea. Either the caterer has been let into the secret of producing the proverbial 'rabbit' from the apparently empty hat, or else he has had previous experience of the ringers' customary failing. Anyhow, there was no lack of fare at the tea table.

RINGERS' HELP FOR READING BELLS.

On Saturday, October 5th, the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual meeting was held at Pangbourne.

After the routine business had been settled, the Chairman (the Rev. H. C. Wilder, R.D.) called the attention of those present to the big scheme at St. Laurence's, Reading, and suggested that as the branch was a Berks County branch, a generous grant should be made from the branch funds. The sum of £5 5s. was thereupon voted, the towers in the branch also promising to contribute.

Good use was made of the fine little peal of six (by Rudhall), Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise being successfully brought round.

HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

SALREHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's on Sunday, October 13th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, T. Booth 2, W. Hoad (conductor) 3, F. Morgan 4, G. King 5, G. Mills 6, T. Hoad 7, A. Hoad 8. After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. Morgan 1, T. Hoad 2, G. King 3, W. Hoad 4, E. Mills 5, G. Mills (conductor) 6, T. Booth 7, A. Hoad 8.

BULKINGTON.—At St. James' Church, on October 13th, in 25 mins., 720 Bob Minor, on the occasion of the harvest festival: J. Warden 1, H. F. Ashley 2, A. J. Hinde (conductor) 3, A. Meek 4, H. F. Perkins 5, C. Neale 6.

CEATHAM.—At St. Mary's Church for harvest festival on Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: H. Springate 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Hogarth 3, F. Belsey 4, S. Shellock (conductor) 5, W. Beaumont 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—At the Church of All Saints on Sunday, October 13th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Carter 1, A. Haswell 2, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 3, J. Draycott 4, Miss D. E. Lewis 5, H. Harris 6, J. E. Moreton 7, J. Gibbons 8. Longest length for 1st and 2nd. First quarter in method 'inside' for 6th.

STOCKPORT.—On Sunday, October 13th, at the Church of St. George (Heavily), for the harvest festival evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters: C. E. Tompkinson 1, E. Goddard 2, W. Jackson 3, H. Menkin 4, F. Twigg 5, H. Ashton 6, H. Jackson 7, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 8, P. Laffin 9, T. Beaver 10.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church on October 13th (harvest festival), for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: W. Scott 1, W. Chambers 2, C. Taylor (Carisbrooke) 3, W. Scott, jun., 4, A. D. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. H. G. Scott 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 51 mins.: H. Barton (conductor) 1, W. Scott 2, W. Scott, jun., 3, H. A. Phillips 4, A. D. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, W. H. G. Scott 8.

WEST DERBY, LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday morning, October 13th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: B. Holmes 1, W. Hargreaves 2, J. Brown 3, R. Harvey 4, A. Hancock 5, H. Hancock (conductor) 6. Rung for harvest festival. First quarter-peal by all except ringers of 2nd and 3rd, and first quarter-peal by a local band at this church. An attempt for a second quarter-peal of three methods in the evening unfortunately came to grief at the end of 720 Kent Treble Bob after 25 minutes.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—At All Saints' Church, on October 6th, for evening service on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Doubles in 45 mins. (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Canon W. C. Baker 1, A. Pratt (conductor) 2, W. Mayes 3, H. Sherman 4, H. Slater 5, A. Hunt (first quarter-peal) 6.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church on Sunday, October 6th, for the harvest festival after the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. T. E. Curtis (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Quintin 2, C. Pearce 3, L. Batting 4, E. W. Smith 5, E. Crocker 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, C. Osgood 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Smith and C. Poole.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On October 6th, for harvest thanksgiving, before the evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Clark 1, E. Holloway 2, W. Ballard 3, W. Ford 4, R. Frankum 5, H. Punter 6, G. Parsons (conductor) 7, J. Frankum 8. Also after the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. Frankum 1, H. Punter 2, W. Ballard 3, W. Ford 4, R. Frankum 5, E. Holloway 6, G. Parsons (conductor) 7, J. Ilman 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Thursday, October 3rd, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): A. Cutmore 1, H. G. Miles (conductor) 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, H. Dyas 4, C. F. Winney 5, E. E. Welham 6, E. R. Mackrill 7, E. G. Garrard 8, W. E. Judd 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Oct. 29th and St Magnus' on the 24th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, Saturday, October 19th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting, 5 o'clock to 6.30. A postcard? thanks.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Rd., S.W.6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly advise us.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock, important business. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Bail, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Doncaster and District Society will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available early. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in Church Hall at 1/6 each. Will members please try and pay outstanding subscriptions previous to or at this meeting, so that books can be made up?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southern Div., Yorkshire Association; P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., Doncaster and District Society.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury on October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Catash Inn 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., F. Rigby, Preston Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 19th. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst, Saturday, October 19th, from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting, 5, in Church Room.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, Bath.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead on Saturday, October 19th, postponed.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bicker on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7—Business: Yearly list of meetings.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, October 19th. Church of St. Helen (8 bells) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting will be arranged.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne, Winchester, Hants.

SALISBURY.—St. Martin's Church.—The peal of 8 bells which are being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston will be reopened on Saturday, October 19th. Service at 6 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing during the rest of the evening. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The autumn meeting of the above branch will take place at Weston-under-Penyard on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea kindly given by the Rector. Buses, frequent, pass the church.—John Clark, Fern Lea, Chase Road, Ross.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—The peal of five, rehung with new fittings in new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, October 20th, at 3 p.m. Bells available during the evening. Tea (1s. per head), after the service.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, October 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Service 6. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Friday, October 18th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 26th. Tower opened at

3 p.m. followed by service at Cathedral at 4 p.m. After service a tea, supplied by the Association, will be served in the Temperance Cafe, Rochester Bridge. The business meeting will take place after tea, at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Members intending to be present must please notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, October 22nd.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Rd., Gillingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 23rd. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stow on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, October 23rd. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, will be reserved only for those who notify me by Monday, October 21st, not later.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, October 26th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (8) and St. John's (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. Hunter's Cafe. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by 24th inst. The proposed joint meeting at West Hartlepool with Eastern District cannot be arranged.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiseyhampton on Saturday, October 26th (dedication of the bells). Service 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, 22nd? All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Sunderland, Saturday, October 26th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church, 2.30. Bells of the three churches available. Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by October 24th.—F. Robson, H. Tyson, Joint Dis. Secs.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—Dedication of the peal of 6 (treble recast and all rebung in new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston) will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting after. Anyone requiring tea must please notify me by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) open at 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, and business meeting at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. R.S.V.P. to L. G. Tanner, Branch Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gosport, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15, followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wed., 23rd? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Rd., Portsmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brigstock, on Saturday, October 26th. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should advise me by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford St., Thrapston.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, October 26th. 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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham district.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, embracing the three "Stonhams," viz: Earl Stonham (5), Stonham Parva (5), Stonham Aspal (10). Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at Brewers' Arms, Stonham Parva, 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. It is proposed to ring at Stonham Parva first; reason for this will become apparent when business comes on. Please help by attending. Names for tea (1/- each) by Thursday, Oct. 24th, to W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Nuthall, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Husbands Bosworth, on Oct. 26th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northampton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly notify me by 22nd those intending to be present.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Warfield, on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. for those who notify me not later than Oct. 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stamford, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) of All Saints' and St. Martin's Churches will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. at All Saints', followed by tea and business meeting at Barton's Cafe, St. Mary's Street. It is hoped we may have a good attendance. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 23rd.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milton, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Frampton, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday, October 22nd?—John Phillips, The School House, Butterwick, Nr. Boston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Owslebury, by invitation of the Vicar, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) from 2.30, service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea by October 24th. All welcome.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle, Bradford, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Collingbourne Kingston, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Any ringers who require tea provided, kindly notify the Secretary before October 23rd.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon P. H. Collins. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District) will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, please notify, by October 29th, Mr. J. H. Hunnisett, 56, Altenburg Avenue, West Ealing.—W. H. Hollier and J. Herbert, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting in Jubilee Room. Nominations for district officers for ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, October 29th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 (Preacher, Rev. T. Wellard, B.D.). Tea at Lyons', 5.30 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 5th from Messrs. C. J. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Choquet, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rushton, E. F. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a musical service; St. Magnus', 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a lecture on the history of the church, by the Rector; St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn.

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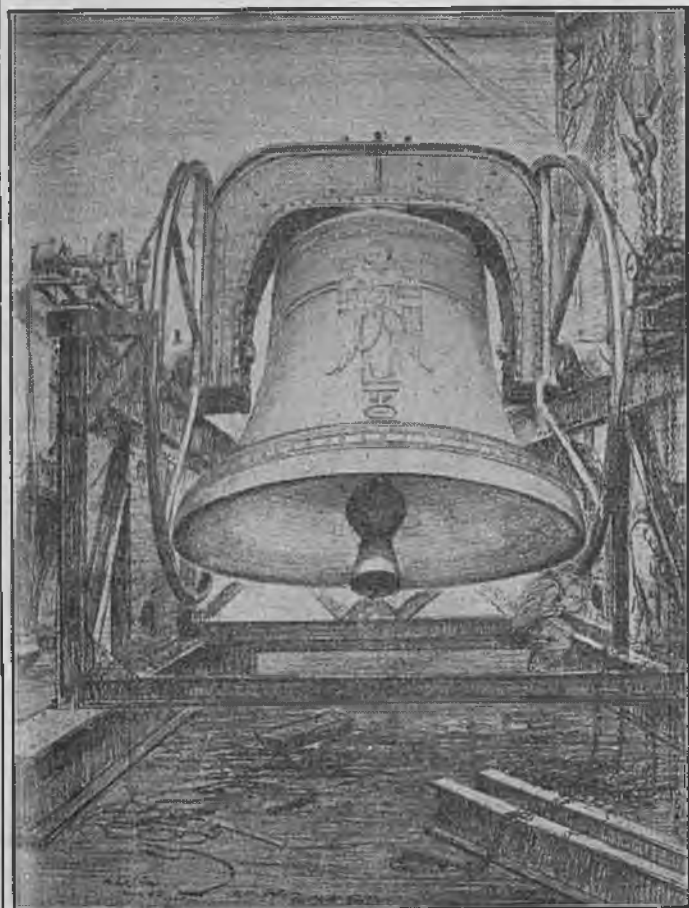
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RINGING CONTESTS.

Competitions in connection with Church bell ringing are responsible for very divergent views among the ringing fraternity. Some there are who look upon them as entirely retrograde from the point of view of belfry reform and not to be countenanced; others hold that they are of considerable value in cultivating good ringing and therefore should be encouraged; while in between these two extremes there are a variety of opinions. In the bad old days ringing contests led to all sorts of disgraceful proceedings in connection with the belfry, and were not infrequently promoted by some 'sporting' publican who saw in them a means of benefiting his own business. But at that time ringing and ringers were generally looked upon as something apart from the Church—the belfry was almost entirely dissociated from it. It was to remove the evils that had grown up in this and other directions that ringing associations were first formed by men who wished to see the belfry used with proper reverence and the art of change ringing extended and raised to a higher plane. It was not unnatural that the reformers should put in the forefront of their programme the abolition of competitions, and in the rules of some of them to-day are still to be found regulations prohibiting members from taking part in competitive ringing. In the Devon Guild, for example, a member is liable to immediate exclusion for a breach of this rule.

Conditions, however, have vastly changed since the days when such rules were first thought desirable. The belfries are now recognised as a part of the Church and are treated as such; the ringers are co-workers in the Church and men of high repute. Ringing competitions in these days are of a different character and, where they are promoted among change ringers, it is entirely with a view to improving the ability of the ringers themselves, and so raising the standard of the service which they render to the Church. Several competitions take place each year in different parts of the country on these lines and wherever they are held the clergy are to be found supporting them. The Barnsley and District Society have recently completed one of the closest contests in the history of ringing, for on the first occasion three teams tied on points, and comparatively few faults separated the first and second teams when they tried for the second time to settle the destination of the shield. At the Church where the tie was 'rung off,' the incumbent not only welcomed the contestants, but eulogised the good which such competitions did by improving the skill of the ringers in their craft. And, looked at from this point of view, with all the old evils associated with prize ringing eradicated, who shall say that these contests do any harm

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or degrade the belfry or the calling of the ringer? Everything depends upon the spirit in which the ringing is undertaken and, given the right spirit, we can see nothing more objectionable in this than in a choir contest.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*GEORGE A. BAKER Treble	JOHN C. ADAMS 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	*FRANCIS BROTHERTON 8
WILLIAM A. COOPER 3	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 9
JOHN PERRY 4	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	WALTER FARLEY 11
ROBERT PICKERING 6	*HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. PICKERING.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late chief constable of Wolverhampton (Mr. David Webster), who was interred at Wolverhampton Cemetery on this date. First peal as conductor on twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6039 CHANGES;

FRANK SIMMONDS Treble	FRANK PONTING 6
FRANK COLE 2	LESLIE BARRY 7
HUBERT SCRIVENS 3	THOMAS WITTS 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER 9
TRAVERS PRITCHARD 5	TOM PRICE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday peal for the ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

CHRISTOPHER HICK Treble	*ARTHUR T. DUTTON 6
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	WALTER R. HUGHES 7
SIDNEY ELTON 3	GILBERT HARDING 8
ALFRED ADAMS 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	*WILLIAM WALKER Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Taylor and Co. All the above are regular service ringers at this church.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*MISS JESSE M. MELVILLE Treble	FRANK JENNINGS 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 7
NORMAN ELLIOTT 3	WALTER CLAYDON 8
*KENNETH SNELLING 4	ALFRED J. BULL 9
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	DANIEL COOPER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALRY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Treble Ten.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS, THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
*GEORGE B. COLE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
CHARLES H. KIPPEN 3	DANIEL COOPER 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	ERNEST BRETT 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal on ten bells. A birthday peal for the tenor man, and a farewell peal to Mr. Madgwick, who is leaving for Huddersfield.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING Treble	GORDON W. CHECKITTS ... 6
HARRY PRICE 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN ... 7
JAMES HEMMING 3	*HECTOR G. BIRD 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS 9
WILLIAM SHORT 5	†GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob Royal on tower bells. This was the 450th peal by the conductor, who has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

KENSINGTON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 6
HENRY G. MILES 2	E. RALPH MACKRILL ... 7
ALBERT V. SELBY 3	WILLIAM E. JUDD 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH 9
ROBERT A. FARDON ... 5	HARRY FOLKARD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by HENRY G. MILES

Rung to welcome the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Edwin Brook-Jackson, to the Vicarage of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington. The collation and induction took place on Monday, October 14th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	L. WILLIAM JACOBS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	PERCY HARRISON 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	*SAMUEL BAKER 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 3	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 7
*THOMAS W. CATFELL ... 4	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY

* First peal in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
FREDERICK G. COLE 2	*JOHN R. RODWELL 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
CANON G. H. RIDOUT ... 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for Canon G. H. Ridout, of Johannesburg. It was his first peal of Major on tower bells. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding, which took place on October 15th, 1881.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*REGINALD HAYDEN Treble	†HARRY M. WHITE 5
†FREDERICK BIRD 2	WALTER W. TUCKER ... 6
†FREDERICK SPRINGHAM ... 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
†REV. FRANK W. LANE ... 4	*HENRY A. WACEY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BIRD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal away from the treble. First peal on the bells since they were rehung and retuned in August, 1928. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band since 1884. Also rung as a compliment to Mr. Philip Springham, this being his 24th year as steepkeeper.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST PARLMEY Treble	THOMAS JAMES 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	WILLIAM HEWITT 6
*THOMAS MARSH 3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 7
JOHN W. JEFFERIES 4	*HENRY MARSH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. JEFFERIES.

* First peal. The tenor ringer (a Guardsman) was home on leave. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. St. Albans Wells, who was inducted at this church on October 1st.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	PERCY J. JERVIS 5
*MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6
*MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
HERBERT HAIGH 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford, and first attempt.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN E. RANGLES 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... 7
JAMES ALDMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

All the above are local ringers, except the ringer of treble and conductor, who hail from Chester.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

Mrs. Rupert Richardson	Treble	James Bennett	...	5
George R. Pye	...	Albert W. Coles	...	6
Ernest J. Butler	...	* Robert Richardson	...	7
Charles T. Coles	...	William Pye	...	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by William Pye.

* First peal in the method.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Harry Sear	...	Walter Sear	...	5
Harry V. Sear	...	Joseph Marks	...	6
* Frederick Vickers, Jun.	3	William F. Smith	...	7
Ephraim Lathall	...	Ernest W. Smith	...	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Sear.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on attaining his majority. Ringers of 4th and 7th hail from Newport Pagnell.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

James Parr	...	Isaac Whalley	...	5
* John Cavannagh	...	Willie Aaron	...	6
Thomas Howarth	...	Richard Bolderstone	...	7
Arthur Lord	...	Laurence J. Williams	...	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by L. J. Williams.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Ringers of 3rd and 5th from Oswaldtwistle, 4th and 7th Rishton, remainder from Church.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* William A. Wood	...	Samuel E. Taylor	...	5
George Kenward	...	William J. Walker	...	6
Ernest J. Dobbie	...	William Spice	...	7
† William J. Wood	...	Edward H. Spice	...	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Edward H. Spice.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the harvest festival.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, 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 24 cwt.

Albert E. Norman	...	Morris J. Morris	...	5
George F. Garrison	...	Fred Price	...	6
George F. Swann	...	William Davies	...	7
Frederick W. Rishworth	4	Bertram G. Leedham	...	Tenor

Conducted by George F. Swann.

Rung after the service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and dedication of the memorial screen to the late Canon Burnard and his wife, and was a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Walter R. Farrow	...	William B. Duncan	...	5
William J. Wasey	...	George Bailey	...	6
George Mayers	...	Charles E. Lovett	...	7
Nolan Golden	...	William Clover	...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

Herbert Fulcher	...	George Gower	...	5
Frederick R. Borrett	...	Russell Riches	...	6
Charles Baker	...	Ernest Whiting	...	7
George Howlett	...	Walter Barrett	...	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE CHESTER
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

G. Ronald Edwards	...	Thomas Hammond	...	5
William Bibby	...	Herbert Ludkin	...	6
Lester L. Gray	...	George R. Newton	...	7
James C. E. Simpson	...	Edward Caunce	...	Tenor

Conducted by G. R. Newton.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. G. Benson's One-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Leonard Nelves	...	Ernest T. Allaway	...	5
Bruce P. Chew	...	John W. Davis	...	6
John Austin	...	William Bishop	...	7
George Wilks	...	* Albert E. Bishop	...	Tenor

Conducted by John Austin.

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

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Harry Baker	...	Thomas E. Sone	...	5
Mrs. H. Baker	...	James Bassett	...	6
James W. Knight	...	William Ashdown	...	7
Charles H. Sone	...	Albert Relfe	...	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights (339). Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Richard E. Jones	...	William Fernley	...	5
Ernest Bennett	...	James Fernley, Sen.	...	6
James Fernley, Jun.	...	Tom Wilde	...	7
Peter Lavlin	...	John W. Hartley	...	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Tom Wilde.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

DRAYTON, BEEKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JACK HONEY Treble	JOHN NOBES 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
FREDERICK MESSENGER 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
CANON G. H. RIDOUT 4	*NELSON SARGENT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal on eight bells. Specially arranged for Canon G. H. Ridout, who is on a visit from South Africa.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(St. Sidwell's Branch.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	ALFRED MONKLEY 5
WILLIAM HOWE 2	GEORGE BETTS 6
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 3	ARTHUR TRUMAN 7
TOM G. BARTLETT 4	ARTHUR GOAD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	*EDWIN F. PIKE 5
RONALD BULLEN 2	*ERNEST BRETT 6
*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3	CECIL PIPE 7
*FREDERICK DIGBY 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* Elected members previous to starting. First peal in the method on the bells, and rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GAMLINGAY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.)

THOMAS BARTRAM Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
STANLEY WALLIS 2	SIDNEY FOSKETT 5
PERCY BONNETT 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBC RICKETTS Treble	*RONALD G. BECK 4
ALEX. EVANS 2	ERIC C. WADMAN 5
HERBERT W. PEARCE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* 100th peal.

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On Saturday, October 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

HARRY CARTER Treble	MOSES BILLINGS 4
*MRS. J. BRAY 2	CHARLES CLAYDON 5
*FRANK LORD 3	*JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Walling, of Scunthorpe.

FRANT, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Oxford, and Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
ALAN BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. E. and R. T. Lambert.

PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Primrose Surprise and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung as a farewell to Miss Jutson, who is entering a Church Army Training College on November 1st. The ringer of the tenor was made a life member of the Guild before starting.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Tanner's Pleasure, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Killamarsh, Violet, Kent, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

*W. WATERHOUSE Treble	*F. JACKSON 4
T. LATIMER 2	J. GUY 5
J. W. T. HOLGATE 3	S. HELLIWELL Tenor

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

* First peal of Minor. This peal was arranged for Mr. Latimer (a former ringer at this tower), who was on a visit from Aysgarth, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Guy, who is 75 years of age.

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

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ARTHUR F. WARREN ... Treble	FREDERICK S. TUBB 4
BERTRAM TUBB 2	HERBERT J. ELDERD 5
FREDERICK CHERITT 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Barker. All are members of the local band except H. J. Eldred, who hails from Barnet.

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

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS J. FOWLER 1 <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE MARTIN 4
WILLIAM J. NORTON 2	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
HARRY WINGROVE 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. William Welsford and Miss May Flatt, niece of Mr. Alfred Hill, for many years the popular keeper of Cookham Lock.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

GEORGE SLACK 1 <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 4
ALBERT THOMAS 2	JESSE BAYLEY 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY 3	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

This peal was arranged for Eng. G. Slack, SS. 'Runic,' and Eng. F. H. Crawley, SS. 'Euripides,' of the White Star Line, who were on leave after a trip to Australia.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Witnessed by JACK WALLING and GEOFFREY BRAY.

SILVER END, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT 33, VALENTINE WAY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN 1-2	GEORGE WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal rung in the parish of Silver End.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sutton-on-Hull on Saturday, October 12th, and was attended by upwards of 40 members and friends, representing towers at Beverley, Goole, Hovingbrough, Hull, Kirkella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Withernsea, and the local company. The bells, a handy ring of six, were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. A sumptuous tea was provided at Hill Farm by Mr. and Mrs. L. Rodwell, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar, the Rev. B. M. Challoner, presiding.

Four new members were elected: Messrs. J. Maurice Dixon, T. Shoppard and Cecil W. H. Tomlinson, of Withernsea, and Mr. A. Botham, of Beverley Minster.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley in December. A vote of condolence was passed with the Vicar of Howden, the Rev. A. Waring, on the sad calamity that has overtaken his noble church, and the sympathy of ringers go out to him and the people of Howden on the painful misfortune that has befallen them.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. L. Rodwell for their excellent catering; also to the local company for their efficient arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT HEDON, YORKS.

EAST RIDING GETS A NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

An impressive service was held at St. Augustine's Parish Church, Hedon, Yorkshire, on Thursday, October 17th. It was a thanksgiving for the inauguration of the peal of eight bells, and the service included the dedication of two new trebles and the rededication of the original six bells after recasting. The service was largely attended. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to West, in E flat, and the anthem, 'Send out Thy light' (Gounod), was rendered, immediately after which the dedication of the bells by the Ven. J. Malet Lambert (Archdeacon of the East Riding) took place. The bells were rung for two minutes, during which time the vast congregation remained standing, with who knows what thoughts of thankfulness and joy at the splendid result of their labours for their beautiful parish church. The hymn before the sermon was taken from Lord Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' sung to the tune 'Warrington,' by the Rev. R. Harrison, and in which the bells as well as the congregation took their part very appropriately. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung after verses 1 and 2 for the two new bells, three 'whole pulls and stand' after verses 3 and 4 for the six old bells, and four 'whole pulls and stand' after the last verse for the full peal. The introduction of the bells was most effective.

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, who chose for his text 1 Cor. xiv. 8, 'For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?' He spoke of the way in which church bells were woven into the life history of the churches and the countryside. They were, he said, part of their very being. They gave tongue for joy after weddings, they tolled for death, were sounded after Trafalgar, after Waterloo, and after the Armistice. The people of Hedon had done well in completing the noble work of restoring the bells. They could be proud and thankful. It was not only a matter of parochial achievement, but something of greater importance, a matter of promise to a wider circle. He spoke of the glorious treasure of the church of Hedon, and of the ancient borough, almost unique in England. It had stood for eight or nine hundred years, and must continue the history of its strange, compelling memorable past. The achievement of the restoration of the church and the glorious bells was an object lesson. Around the countryside they could see the ruins of many mediæval castles, mere heaps of stones, crumbling away. Still the churches stood to mark the remaining need for men to seek the presence of God. Never was there a time when there was a greater need for this. Man was suffering from intoxication of his own mechanical achievement. He bent the forces of Nature to his will, and it was impossible to say what would be the outcome. There must be a spiritual power to guard mankind aright. Education could go far, but it could not touch the hearts and wills of men. The perennial answer was from these houses of God.

Archdeacon Lambert concluded with the wish and the prayer that the sound of the bells of Hedon Church would go out to 'Ring out the false, ring in the true,' and be instrumental in doing a great work for the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

The hymn after the sermon had been specially written by Col. R. Hall for this service, and he was also the compiler of a delightful souvenir of the service, which was presented to the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. M. Ainslie, M.A., Rural Dean of South Holderness, the organist, choristers and ringers, to mark a great occasion in the history of the church.

The bells are a fine ring by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the tenor weighing 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. The two trebles were given by the late Col. W. Lambert White, C.B., and Mrs. Lambert White. Col. White saw the full peal of eight bells before they were raised to their position in the tower, but to the regret of the people of Hedon he did not live to hear them ring. He was a most generous benefactor to the church in which he and his family had worshipped for so many years.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—Elizabeth White, 1929.

2.—William Lambert White, 1929.

3.—Eustace Roper, Richard Gibson, Churchwardens, 1776.

4.—Wind Them and Bring Them, and I will Ring for Them. 1637.

5, 6 and 7.—William and Philip Wightman made mee, 1686. The gift of Charles Duncomb to the Corporation of Hedon in Yorkshire.

Tenor.—The gift of Charles Duncomb to the Corporation of Hedon in Yorkshire, 1687, S.S. Ebor.

The initials S.S. are those of Samuel Smith, a bell founder of York. William and Philip Wightman were bell founders in London (1682-1702). Sir Charles Duncomb was one of the two members of Parliament representing the borough of Hedon. He was elected in 1685. The six old bells have now the added inscription: 'Recast, 1929.'

The following ringers took part in the ceremony: Messrs. G. F. Williams, J. H. Howell, G. T. Miller, G. Dowling, J. H. Chamberlain, W. Hobson, A. B. Cook, J. P. Fidler, E. Wood, A. E. West and L. Rodwell, and were afterwards kindly entertained to supper by Mr. G. W. Drescher, churchwarden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SHIPBOURNE'S NOISY BELFRY.

The autumn meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Shipbourne on Saturday, October 5th, and was attended by about 50 members, this being a record number for a meeting at a six-bell tower. Members were present from Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Leigh, East Peckham, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Ightham, Chislehurst, Plaxtol, East Grinstead, Godstone, Hartfield, Mayfield and the local band. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Schrieber), who is an honorary member of the association, and who gave an excellent address, in which he traced the history of the bells from the earliest date. The local organist presided at the organ and the service was very hearty throughout. Mr. T. E. Marriott, one of the churchwardens, was present. After the service the members were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar in the Church Room, and, although more members turned up than had been anticipated, the caterers were equal to the occasion.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. T. E. Marriott. One new non-resident life member was elected.

The Chairman said that no doubt the members had noticed that the bells were very noisy in the ringing chamber and asked for suggestions to remedy this.

These were forthcoming, and it is hoped something will be done in the near future. The reverend gentleman also mentioned that they, as churchmen, had heard that the Bishop of Rochester had issued an appeal for £50,000 to build churches in those parts of the diocese that had sprung up in recent years, and he suggested that as these churches would require at least one bell each, the association might consider the question of providing some bells for these new churches.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service, and entertaining the members to tea, to the organist for his services, and to Mr. Marriott for his attendance, were passed, and the members adjourned to the tower.

LOST CLAPPER STOPS PEAL.

At Longstanton on Saturday, October 12th, an attempt for a spliced peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major unfortunately came to grief, the sixth clapper dropping out after ringing ten courses with excellent striking, the band being Miss V. Shorter 1, F. J. Cook 2, G. E. Crisp 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, T. R. Dennis 5, F. Warrington 6, C. W. Cook 7, A. G. Rivers 8. If successful, this would have been the first peal of Spliced Major for Ely Diocesan Association.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL SOUTHBY. 'A FINE OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN.'

Mr. Samuel Southby, known to many of the older London ringers, passed away recently in his sleep.

'Mr. Southby,' writes Mr. Challis Winney, 'was a Sunday service ringer some ten years ago at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and also at St. Mary Abbots and St. Andrew's, Wells Street. He belonged to the refined "fine old English gentleman" type. Mr. Taffender, I think, called his last peal, Stedman Caters, at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, some years since. Mr. Southby was at one time butler to Lord Ormonde, at Kilkenny Castle, Ireland, and was practised in his profession. I remember on one occasion a person diligently attempting to pour out whisky with the cork remaining in bottle, when Southby gracefully called his attention to the oversight. Mr. Southby was a clever boxer, and once stood up in two rounds against Peter Jackson. If he had lasted another he would have won a prize, but Peter floored him next round. Mr. Southby's doctor had told him his end might come at any moment, but he preferred to die in harness. He was taken down to Tenterden and buried there where his son resides. May he rest in peace.'

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The autumn meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Wombourn on Saturday, September 28th, the weather being delightful. After ringing in the afternoon in various methods, a short service was held, at which the Rev. H. L. Langley (Vicar) officiated, and gave a very interesting address. A capital tea was laid in the Church Institute, kindly provided by the local ringers, when about 80 members and friends were present. The Vicar, who presided, gave the assembly a warm welcome, and asked why they had not been coming more often, it being ten years since the last visit! He, however, hoped they would visit Wombourn again in the near future.

An appeal on behalf of the church repairs fund was made by the Rev. C. H. Barker, and the result was that a useful amount was handed over to the Vicar, the latter expressing his surprise and delight.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, use of bells, etc., to Mr. England for presiding at the organ; to the local ringers for the splendid tea; and to the ladies for preparing and serving the same, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker and carried with acclamation.

Handbells were brought into use, and a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the 'Old Boys,' while the 'Sedgley Juniors' delighted the audience with tunes and the 'rising' and 'falling' of a ring of eight.

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PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild, arranged for Collingbourne, is now to be held at Burbage on the same date at the time advertised.

'On the 25th October, 1731, here was Rung that Mysterious Peal called Stedman Tripples, the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers in England, though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other Methods of Tripples, as being every bell a like course, was perfectly discovered by Tho. Melchior, who first completed the Peal of Perfect Stedman Tripples with only two Doubles, and no alteration, the extent being 5,040 changes.'

This is the preamble to the record of the first peal of Stedman Tripples, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. An opposition company at St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich, disputed the truth of the peal, and claimed as the first, the 5,040 which they rang on December 6th in the same year. Indeed, so high did feeling run that according to the 'Norwich Daily Press' attempts were made to stop the peal at St. Michael's, but the interrupters were prevented by the people who had assembled to hear the peal, 'and were sent to their home to their shame with bloody noses.'

The first peal of Stedman Caters out of London was rung at Birmingham on October 25th, 1790.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung for the first time on October 26th, 1822, at Wakefield, by nine local ringers, with Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, which peal, says the old record, 'will be a standing laurel to the Society for ages to come.'

The first double-handed handbell peal that was ever rung was accomplished at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811. It was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

November 1st is the fortieth anniversary of the first peal by the Middlesex Association, which was rung at Tottenham. The method was Bob Major, and the ringers were Messrs. H. A. Barnett, J. Waghorn, jun., T. C. Grove, A. Fox, G. B. Lucas (who was composer and conductor), J. Barker, J. Waghorn, sen., and W. Pye English. Although this peal was rung so long ago, seven at least of the hand are still living. Whether the other ringer, Mr. A. Fox, is still alive, is not known to our correspondent.

NORTON, STAFFS. BELL RESTORATION. GENEROSITY OF NEIGHBOURING PARISH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the North Staffs Association held at Biddulph on Saturday, October 12th, an envelope containing the sum of £5 12s. 6d. was placed in my hands by the Vicar towards the recasting of the six bells at our church at Norton, this being the result of two 'retiring' collections (morning and evening) at Biddulph Church, and the Vicars assures me that the ordinary collections did not suffer one iota in consequence. Now, for the congregation of a church five miles away, upon whom Norton has no direct ecclesiastical claims whatever, we think this generosity on the part of the Biddulph people is unique, for we have never heard of anything similar occurring before. The Norton people are deeply grateful for this timely help.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

BROMSGROVE BELLS.

THEIR HISTORY AND SOME EARLY PEALS.

The bells at the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, where a peal was rung last Saturday, have a long history. When bells were first placed in the tower is unknown, but mention is made of them in 1691. In 1695 the five bells were recast into six, but they could have been only a poor lot, for in 1701 the whole ring was recast by A. Rudhall, of Gloucester. Three bells were again recast (the present 6th, 8th and tenor) in 1773, and two more added to make eight, by Thomas Rudhall. In 1790 the seventh was recast, and in 1815 a subscription list was opened for adding two more bells, which were provided in the following year, when the existing eight were rehung. There was a general restoration of the bells in 1871, when the reopening was attended by ringers from Worcester, Birmingham, and other towns. As a ring, the bells went on for over fifty years without serious attention, except the recasting of the eighth in 1887, and they were rehung in 1927 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tenor is about 18 cwt. in E flat.

Made eight in 1773, the first recorded peal on the bells was on December 31st, 1787, when 'a compleat peal of Bob Major, 10,192 changes,' was rung in 6 hrs. 33 mins. In December, 1788, a peal of 12,000 Bob Major (of which the composition is preserved) was



ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST CHURCH, BROMSGROVE.

rung. The first peal on the ten bells was rung in the year of the augmentation, this being a peal of 5,160 Grandsire Royal in December, 1816. In August, 1817, a peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung.

It was at Bromsgrove that the Worcestershire Association's first peal was rung, and many other 'firsts in the method' by the association have been rung there.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Purchased by subscription, 1816. J. Lawrence, of Whitford, first subscriber.

2.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1816.

3.—Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester, Founder, 1773.

(Continued in next column.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE SUGGESTED RULES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The proposals which you have printed form so mild a revolution that one would hope that they will be acceptable to most of us. There is, however, one detail which, if not remedied, will make them ineffective.

The two months' notice required for proposals will not allow these to be published in time for discussion at the meetings which nearly every society holds on Easter Monday. On the other hand, it will be too long to allow of any proposals then made to be put on the agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting.

Would it not be best to fix, say, ten weeks' notice for individual proposals, and, say, six weeks for proposals, and especially for amendments, made by the societies? The effect of this would be that private proposals would, as now, form the normal agenda, which could be published some ten days before Easter. Then on Easter Monday the societies would be expected to review these proposals, and would have opportunity of adding to them, or amending them, for the final agenda to be published some ten days later. Such a time table would, I think, meet all requirements, and should satisfy everyone.

Mr. Edwards seems to have set himself a big proposition. He has first of all to prove that 'certainty of continuity' is possible in this changing world, even among change ringers. Then, that it is desirable. Most people would say that it means the worst kind of stagnation. He then has to prove that annual elections would affect the continuity at all. He has not done this yet, and I for one think it would have the opposite effect. The only people who would be lost would be the 'duds,' and they are no good on committees, even if they get there. Last and biggest, would be the effort to prove that the present constitution affords even the least 'certainty of continuity.' The way the Nomenclature Committee was treated was hardly an example of 'continuity.'

H. DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

PRINCE'S GIFT FOR BELLS.

POOR NORFOLK PARISH'S APPEAL.

The Prince of Wales has headed the subscription list for the addition of two bells to the present four at Great Massingham Church, near King's Lynn. Canon C. M. McAnally, the Rector, is anxious to get these two trebles into the tower, and the parishioners, as far as they are able, are giving him their support, but the parish is a purely agricultural one; there is no 'squire,' and the farmers have no money. The Rector is, therefore, obliged to go outside the parish with his appeal.

Some years ago the belfry was in a terrible state of repair. The woodwork was crumbling, and the three bells then in the steeple were badly cracked. Canon McAnally raised sufficient money to recast these old bells and add another, which were put into an iron frame made for a ring of six, so that only the bells themselves are now required. The sum of about £145 is wanted, and when this is raised the work will be put into the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., who carried out the previous restoration. There are a number of young men in the parish to whom bellringing would be likely to appeal, and it would provide them with some occupation on Sunday.

Here is an opportunity for ringers, particularly those in East Anglia, to lend a helping hand, and contributions should be sent to Canon McAnally, Great Massingham Rectory, King's Lynn. The subscriptions at present received are as follows: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales £25, the Earl of Leicester £25 5s., Lord Fermoy £10, Marchioness Cholmondeley £22 2s., Countess Stratford £22, the Rector £5, Major J. H. B. Hesse £1.

(Continued from previous column.)

4.—T. (a bell) R., 1773. When you us ring,
We'll sweetly sing.

5.—God Prosper This Parish. A. (a bell) R. 1701.

6.—John Waugh, Vicar. T. (a bell) R. 1773.

7.—Rev. Dr. Wingfield, Vicar. Wm. Ward, Thomas Greening,
Thos. Wright, Joseph Gabb, Churchwardens, 1816. T.
Mears, of London, Fecit.

8.—(Old inscription before recasting.) John Cromwell, Richard Wilks, Danl. Harris, Thomas Taylor, Churchwardens, 1773.
(Present inscription.) Barwell, Founder, Birmingham. This bell was recast and the whole peal rehung A.D. 1887 at the sole cost of Edmund Hartland, Senior Churchwarden. Laus Deo.

9.—The Rev. Thos. Fountain, Vicar; Jno. Aishmore, C. Wright, I. Badger and R. Wilkes, Wardens, 1790.

Tenor.—I to the Church the Living Call,

And to the Grave do Summon All: 1773.

There is also a 'ting-tang' dated 1816.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION'S JOINT MEETING WITH DONCASTER SOCIETY.

A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Doncaster and District Society was held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, when members were present from Doncaster, Conisborough, Sprotborough, the Cathedral and St. Marie's, Sheffield, Wath, Darfield, Pontefract and Fishlake. A short service was held, at which the Vicar, the Rev. Pierce Price, officiated, and gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors. The service was also brightened by the attendance of the organist and choir, and whose services were highly appreciated. Tea was served in the New Church Hall, a building erected mostly by voluntary labour, and which will long stand as an example of what can be done by an energetic Vicar and a few loyal churchworkers.

At the business meeting the Vicar was voted to the chair, and one new member (Mr. R. Thompson, of Doncaster) was elected.

It was decided to join with the Sheffield and District Society and the Doncaster and District Society and hold the next meeting at All Saints', Sheffield, on December 14th, and to invite the Barnsley and District Society.

It was decided to place on record the best thanks of the association to Mr. S. F. Palmer and his co-workers on the committee for the very able manner in which the association dinner had this year been arranged, and for the work which had been done to make everyone comfortable and happy at this gathering.—Mr. Palmer replied on behalf of the committee, and said it was very gratifying to know that the efforts they had made were appreciated. All they desired was to send every visitor home satisfied, and then they would come again and bring others along.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, organist and choir, and to the ladies for the excellent tea were heartily carried and acknowledged by the Vicar and Mr. G. Clark (churchwarden).

A collection on behalf of the funds for the Church Hall realised 12s. 1d., and for which the Vicar sincerely thanked all present.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting held at Coleshill on Saturday last was well attended by members from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Fillongley, Exhall, Leamington, Nuneaton, Smethwick and Stoke, together with the local band and friends from Erdington and King's Norton.

The bells of the Parish Church (which is an imposing edifice commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country) were raised during the afternoon and kept going to various methods until five o'clock, when a halt was called for tea. This was served in a cosy room at the Town Hall by ladies of the parish. When the excellent fare provided had been disposed of, the business meeting began.

Mr. F. W. Perrens was voted to the chair. The place for the January quarterly meeting had to be decided. Both Leamington and Nuneaton were proposed and seconded, and upon a vote being taken the majority were in favour of Nuneaton. Arley was decided upon for the November meeting, and Newbold-on-Avon for the December one.

Mr. J. White proposed and Mr. J. Hunt seconded that the December meeting be held on the second Saturday instead of the third owing to its proximity to Christmas.—This was carried unanimously.

Six new ringing members were elected, two from Leamington and four from Brinklow.

Mr. A. Wilkerson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local band for having everything in readiness in the tower, and to the ladies for the tea they had provided.—This was seconded and carried unanimously, Mr. Charles Dale suitably responding.

The members then returned to the tower, where ringing was resumed until 7 p.m., when a service in the church caused the bells to be silent.

Most of the standard methods up to London Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

BELLRINGING TALK TO ROTARIANS.

The members of the Birmingham Rotary Club, at their weekly luncheon at the Queen's Hotel, on October 14th, were entertained by a 'talk' on 'Church Bells and Change Ringing' by Rotafian William A. Clark, F.R.P.S., and a demonstration on handbells given by members of St. Martin's Guild, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master), the illustrations being on six, eight, ten and twelve bells.

Mr. Clark, in his talk, briefly traced the history of bells and ringing, and referred to some of the curious inscriptions to be found on bells in the churches in the Midlands. His tribute to the bellringers was that they were downright good fellows, the true yeomen of England, who devoted the whole of their physical and mental strength to the craft.

The talk and the ringing were followed with intense interest by the Rotarians.

THE DESTRUCTION OF HOWDEN BELLS.

We have to acknowledge a donation of 2s. 6d. from Mr. D. C. Mears, Offley, in response to the appeal for the restoration of Howden Church tower and bells, made by the Vicar of Howden in our last issue. This donation has been forwarded to the Rev. A. Waring.

A large sum will be needed to carry out the restoration, and any help that can be given by ringers will be gratefully received. Contributions should be sent direct to the Vicar of Howden.

When the restoration is taken in hand, one of the first difficulties will be the removal of the three remaining bells which hang precariously in the blackened ruin of the tower.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY'S CONTEST.

THREE TEAMS DECIDE A TIE.

The contest for the Barnsley and District Society's challenge shield and prizes, which took place on August 31st and resulted in three bands tying for first place—an unprecedented occurrence—was rung again on Saturday, October 12th, when the three teams met at Crofton to decide the destination of the shield and the prize-winners. The draw for order of ringing was: 1, Wath-on-Dearne; 2, Shelley; 3, Sandal. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by each band, and at the conclusion of the ringing about forty ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea.

Subsequently the judge (Mr. W. Idle) gave his decision as follows: Wath-on-Dearne, 124 faults, 10 penalties, total 134; Shelley, 80 faults, 5 penalties, total 85; Sandal, 125 faults, no penalties, total 125. Shelley, therefore, were the winners, and will hold the shield for the next year. They also took the first prizes, a pair of hair brushes in leather case for each of the team. Sandal gained the second prizes, a cruet stand each, and Wath-on-Dearne the third, a double-bladed penknife each. These third prizes were not originally provided, but the judge had decided to give them himself, as the teams had rung so closely together so many times, and, he thought, whoever was third ought to get a prize.

Needless to say, Mr. Idle was warmly thanked by all for his generous gift, which was very much appreciated.

The Rector's wife, Mrs. Brownrigg, very kindly presented the shield and prizes with appropriate words.

A short business meeting was held, and among other things it was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Sandal on Saturday, November 9th. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Brownrigg, the churchwardens and local band, and all who had helped to make the meeting a success, was replied to by the Rector in very kindly terms, in the course of which he stated that, in his opinion, such contests, conducted in the way in which that one had been, were bound to improve the quality of the ringing for services, and in consequence should have the support of the clergy wherever there are bells.

Thus terminated a very pleasant day.

DEATH OF A PAIGNTON RINGER.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. J. S. Collings, of Paignton, Devon, which took place suddenly on Saturday, October 12th. Deceased had been in ill-health for nearly two years. He was vergar at the Parish Church for some time, but his health compelled him to resign.

He had been associated with the Paignton ringers for many years. When the Paignton band joined the Devon Guild, he was very keen, and quickly acquired the art of change ringing. Not only was he a great help to his band, but rendered invaluable service as instructor to the Brixham company.

The funeral took place on Wednesday of last week, the Rev. R. D. Mills officiating. There were considerably over a hundred sympathisers in the church; six of deceased brother ringers acted as bearers: F. Allwood, C. Boyce, A. L. Pope, F. E. Parnell, C. F. Austen and H. J. Hole. Mr. F. J. Laxton (branch chairman) and Messrs. A. C. Taylor and F. Hayden (Brixham) represented the Devon Guild. The coffin was draped with the flag of the British Legion, of which deceased had been an active member. Amongst the many beautiful wreaths were tributes from the gardeners of the Paignton U.D.C.; the British Legion; his brother ringers, Paignton; and the Brixham band.

In the evening, with the bells muffled, the 'whole pull and stand' was perfectly struck 56 times, representing the fifty-six years of deceased's age, followed by 504 Grandsire Triples. Those who took part were Messrs. Laxton, Gover, Huxley, Lewis, Austen, Pope, Parnell, Boyce and Hole.

A UNIQUE 720.

On Sunday, October 20th, at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung for evening service by a band which consisted of the unusual combination of a father and two daughters and a father and two sons. The composition of the band was as follows: Geo. Battle 1, Miss Marjorie Cooke 2, Miss Elsie Cooke 3, W. Battle 4, W. J. Battle 5, John Cooke 6.

The 720 was conducted by J. Cooke, and this is the first occasion in which such a family combination has taken part in a 720 in the district.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

PEAK DISTRICT'S ENCOURAGING MEETING.

An enjoyable meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Darley Dale on Saturday. About 20 ringers were present from Bakewell, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Derby, Dore, Eyam, Hope, Matlock and Ripley. The bells, a nice going peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.), were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going until well into the evening, some well-struck touches of Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman and Grand-sire Triples being brought round. A substantial tea at a nearby inn was provided about 5.30, at which the Rector of Darley (the Rev. R. Griffiths) presided.

A short business meeting followed, the Rector being in the chair, supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam), Mr. W. Wallace (Derby), hon. treasurer, and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore), hon. district secretary.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting, if possible, at Baslow (six bells) on November 16th, and it was decided to make Cambridge Minor the method for special attention at that meeting, and Double Norwich the method for the next eight-bell meeting. Some good advice regarding methods of practice and assistance of learners was given by Mr. W. Wallace, who also made an appeal for a more generous support of 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and the local company was responded to by the former in an eloquent little address, in which he referred to the message of the bells, their part in rejoicing and sorrow in the life of the Church, the definite mission of the ringers as a part of the Church, entailing labour and sacrifice, and of his appreciation of the work being done by the Midland Counties and like societies.

Mr. G. H. Paulson also responded on behalf of the Darley ringers, extending a welcome to those present. A few plain courses of Grand-sire Triples and Caters on the handbells followed; and Messrs. A. G. and W. Wallace and F. H. Bennett afterwards entertained those present with a little tune playing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DISTRICT MASTER.

A most successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 12th. The bells pealed forth shortly after 3 p.m., with Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Ringing Master) in charge. Standard methods were practised during the meeting. A service from the 'Ringers' Manual' was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Cole Skeane (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. G. Bradley. Dr. Nicholl presided at the organ and led the singing.

Afterwards the company, which numbered 50, adjourned to the Church Hall, where they were entertained to tea by the Vicar and his wardens. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. Etherington and Mr. A. Forman (churchwardens), Mr. F. Goodfellow, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. J. Herbert.

The Vicar gave the association a most hearty welcome, and said what a great pleasure it was to meet the members at his church, and, above all, to listen to the hearty way they sang at the service.

At the business meeting which followed, attention was called to the joint meeting with the London County Association and North South-west Diocesan Guild (South District), to take place at St. Mary's, Ealing, on November 2nd, details of which appear in 'The Ringing World' notices.

The hon. secretary made an appeal on behalf of the fund for the erection of a memorial tablet to the late District Ringing Master, and the sum of £1 5s. was collected.

Mr. Tom Beadle, who was assisted to the meeting by his two sons, received a hearty welcome.

At the request of the Vicar, Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Goodfellow, J. A. Trollope, R. A. Pardon, J. Herbert and E. S. Turner.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and his wardens for their kind hospitality, which was greatly appreciated by the company. Thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service, to the curate who assisted, to the organist (Dr. Nicholl), to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. J. Lovill), and Miss K. Bradford and her assistants for attending to the company's needs, and, last but not least, to the energetic hon. secretary and hon. treasurer of the local band, viz., Messrs. E. A. Morris and R. Halsey respectively.

The tower was again visited and ringing indulged in till 9 p.m.

A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, on Friday, October 18th (St. Luke's Day), 1,259 Grandsire Caters composed by Cornelius Charge, of Auckland, New Zealand: T. Langdon 1, T. Bennet 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, W. Rushton 4, C. F. Winney 5, F. G. Newman 6, A. A. Hughes 7, E. Fenn 8, H. Langdon (conductor) 9, F. W. H. Sargison 10. This quarter-peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pennington Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes. Both the Rector and Mrs. Pennington Bickford are good friends to the Exercise and to London ringers in particular.

SUDDEN DEATH OF EDENBRIDGE RINGER.

It is with deep regret we record the death, which took place suddenly, on Saturday, October 12th, of Edwin Colbron.

The deceased was born at Staplehurst, Kent, nearly 45 years ago, but moved to Edenbridge. As a lad he joined the Royal Artillery and served 12 years with the colours. At the outbreak of war he at once volunteered, and was sent to France in September, 1914. After the Armistice, he settled down in Edenbridge, learnt to handle a bell, and took up change ringing. His first peal was rung in 1921. He was quite safe in all standard methods.

He was also a member of the local town band.

The funeral took place on Thursday, October 17th, amidst general tokens of sympathy and respect. Most of the ringers and members of the band were present, and a large number of his fellow-workmen from the tanyard also attended.

In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 mins. by: W. Leigh, sen., 1, E. Leigh 2, G. Malyan 3, R. Jenner 4, H. Leigh 5, J. Heasman 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

The deceased is the third member of the Edenbridge Parish Church ringers to pass away within three months.

THE BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Subscriptions to the above fund up to Saturday, October 19th, have been as follows: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, £3 3s.; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, £20; Rev. H. C. Wilder, £3 3s.; Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, £1 1s.; Rev. H. Law James, £1 1s.; Rev. E. Banks James, 10s.; Rev. E. C. Freeman, 10s.; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 10s.; Mrs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, £20; Miss Charles, £1; Miss I. D. Humfrey, 10s.; Miss M. M. Webb, 2s. 6d.; Miss M. C. West, £5; Ladies' Guild Meeting, £1 1s. 9d.; American tea, Miss A. H. Walker and Miss V. Robinson, £6 7s. 6d.; Messrs. A. N. Robinson, £1; J. A. Dart, £1; E. Bishop, £3 3s.; Admiral T. P. Walker, £1 1s.; Messrs. B. E. Dunbar, Kilburn, £1 1s.; R. T. Hibbert, 10s. 6d.; F. Dentry, 10s. 6d.; G. N. Price, 10s.; W. T. Cockerill, 5s.; W. Bradley, 5s.; W. Story, 5s.; E. Morris, 5s.; J. Monk, 5s.; A. W. Davis, 5s.; G. Faulkner, 2s. 6d.; O.D.G., Bradford Deansy Branch, £5 5s.; O.D.G., Vale of the White Horse Branch, £2; E. Ferrebee, 5s.; Caversham ringers, £2 2s.; Shaw ringers, 10s.; East Hsley ringers, £1; Sandhurst ringers, 10s.; Hughenden ringers, £1; Buckingham ringers, 8s.; Maids Moreton ringers, 5s.; Churchill ringers, 5s.; Wokingham, St. Paul's ringers, 10s.; Cropredy ringers, 6s.; Laughton ringers, 5s. Mr. D. Hancox, 1s.; total, £89 0s. 3d.

With sincere thanks to all who have subscribed, and with optimistic dreams of the other half coming soon,—Yours, etc.,

69, York Road, Reading.

R. T. HIBBERT.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District was held at Upham on Saturday, October 12th. The bells (six) were available during the afternoon and evening. Tea and business meeting took place at the Brushmaker's Arms, the Rector of Upham presiding, supported by Mr. G. Williams (vice-president), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), and Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, and members from Titchfield, Bishop's Waltham, Shedfield, North Stoneham, King's Somborne, Hursley, Portsmouth, Winchester, and the local band.

The Rector of Upham was elected an hon. member, and Canon Ridout a compounding member.

The methods rung on the tower bells were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire, Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding. The annual meeting is fixed for January 18th at Southampton, notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL OF CINQUES AT LINCOLN.

At the Lincoln Cathedral on Thursday, October 17th, at the usual weekly practice by the service ringers, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,306 changes) in 1 hr. 1 min., being the first quarter-peal upon the bells and by the band: John Walden 1, Harold Marcon 2, Charles McGuinness 3, George Flintham 4, George Chester 5, H. Leslie Pask 6, Tom Pyle 7, Charles H. Chester 8, John A. Freeman (conductor) 9, Stanford J. Wolfe 10, Harold Walker 11, Arthur Marcon 12.

POPULAR SOUTH LONDON RECTOR.

FAREWELL QUARTER-PEAL.

At St. Leonard's Parish Church, Streatham, on Monday, October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: John Lee 1, Miss E. Harcastle 2, W. Essery 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. H. Rumley 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. G. Gray 8. Rung as a farewell to Rev. Canon E. Brook-Jackson, Rector of Streatham, whose induction as Vicar of St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, took place the same evening.

A peal of welcome to his new parish was rung at St. Mary Abbot's on Saturday.

A TOUR IN YORKSHIRE.

AND A PEAL AT RIPON CATHEDRAL.

On Saturday, October 5th, a party of ten members of the Doncaster and District Society had a day's outing among some Yorkshire towers. The programme included visits to Knaresborough, Tadcaster, Selby Abbey and a peal of Royal at Ripon Cathedral as the main objective.

A start was made from Doncaster at 9.30 a.m., the weather being ideal. The first stop was made at Ferrybridge, owing to a deflated tyre, which event was certainly not on the programme. After a delay of 15 minutes the journey was resumed and Knaresborough was reached at 11.20 a.m. Mr. Lee greeted the party and piloted them to the belfry, where the beautiful peal of eight were soon raised. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Little Bob were rung. There was no time allowed to visit the various places of interest, such as 'Mother Shipton's Cave' and 'The Dropping Well' in this interesting old-world town, and after a too short stay of 50 minutes the party proceeded to Ripon.

The first interesting event on arrival at Ripon was 'Knife and Fork Surprise' at the Granville Hotel. After an excellent lunch the bells of the Cathedral were raised after everything had been prepared by Mr. F. Tingle, of the Cathedral Society. The bells came in for a good deal of adverse criticism. The tone is poor and one cannot hear the trebles in the ringing chamber. A process of 'Taylorising' would certainly improve them. Bob Royal was the method chosen for the peal, and the band were instructed to finish the peal by 4.40 so that the bells could be chimed for 5 o'clock evensong. The peal went steadily on until at 4.40 p.m. 'Ted' called a 'wrong' hob in the right place, which brought the bells into the plain course. A minute afterwards a knock came at the belfry door as a signal that the bells must stop. The ringing had been so good throughout the peal that 'Ted' decided to finish it, come what may. At 4.44 p.m. the bells ran round, and 'That's all' and 'Stand' were called. The door was opened to admit the verger, who had come up to chime for service. An offer by the band to ring the full peal for service was declined on the ground that it was usual for the two trebles to be chimed from 4.45 until 4.50 p.m., and then for the third to be chimed from 4.50 to 4.55 p.m. The first part of this ceremony was performed by two of the band, who rang as many changes as is possible on two bells in the short time available. At 4.55 the remaining seven bells were lowered in peal in 'double quick' time, so that the clock could chime the hour. The band desire to extend their apologies to the Dean of Ripon for overstaying their welcome by four minutes, and hope he was put to no inconvenience by reason of their belated completion of a splendid peal.

Rain commenced to fall as the bus left Ripon, and it was soon pouring down. Tadcaster was the next place of call, and at 6 o'clock the bus drew up outside the church. Mr. Hicks and several of the local band greeted the visitors and explained that there could be no ringing, as it was not permitted after 6 p.m. This was to be expected, as, according to programme, the party should have arrived at Tadcaster at 5.15 p.m. Before recommencing the journey the visitors sampled the product for which Tadcaster is noted.

Selby Abbey was reached in pouring rain at 7.30, and Messrs. F. Cryer and W. A. Hall welcomed the visitors. The magnificent ring of ten were soon going to Stedman Caters. In the first course a quick bell went in slow and stayed there, effectively putting 'paid' to the first attempt. At the second attempt three well-struck courses were rung. These were followed by a touch of Treble Bob Royal and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. Selby Abbey and its beautiful bells were regretfully left behind at 8.45 p.m., and Doncaster reached an hour later.

During the last stage of the homeward journey a hearty vote of thanks to the organiser of the tour, Mr. J. E. Cawser, was carried with acclamation.

The party desire to thank the Dean of Ripon, the 'Abbot' of Selby Abbey (an old friend of ringers) and the incumbents at Knaresborough and Tadcaster for granting the use of their bells, and also Messrs. Lee, Tingle, Hicks, Cryer and Hall for kindly making local arrangements. The towers represented at the outing were Arksey, Conisborough, Doncaster, Tickhill, Rotherham, Ravenfield, Gainsborough and Lincoln Cathedral.

H. W.

MR. TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £9 4s.; 'One of Tom's Boys,' £1 1s.; A Friend, Isleworth, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Lee, 2s.; P. Skevington, 5s.; total £10 14s. 6d. Donations gratefully received on behalf of this fund by William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, October 20th, after harvest thanksgiving at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: Harry Warnett, sen., 1, W. James 2, J. J. Lamb 3, J. Bennett 4, F. W. Thornton 5, P.C. C. Davies 6, G. H. Daynes 7, W. H. Daynes 8. Conducted by Churchwarden G. H. Daynes.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Sunday, October 20th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 38 mins.: R. Aylett 1, E. H. Spice 2, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 3, W. E. Spice 4, G. Kenward 5, W. Spice 6, G. H. Spice 7, W. H. Spice 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, October 13th, on the occasion of harvest festival for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: W. Leigh, sen., 1, E. Leigh 2, H. Leigh 3, R. Jenner 4, G. Malyan 5, J. Heasman 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8. For evening service, 1,200 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Heasman (conductor) 1, W. Leigh 2, E. Leigh 3, R. Jenner 4, H. Leigh 5, E. Seal (Hever) 6, J. W. Steddy 7, G. Malyan 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—For harvest festival, October 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. G. Bunch 1, S. J. Riddell 2, A. T. Hearmon 3, H. Tice 4, G. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, A. E. Hearmon 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: A. Worsfold (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss G. Norris (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 2, H. Markwell 3, B. Collison 4, W. Collison 5, S. H. Green 6, A. Richardson (conductor) 7, A. Mayes 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, October 6th, at St. Mary's Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, H. W. Bond 3, J. Hope (conductor) 4, A. King 5, W. H. Hayward 6, J. Smith 7, A. E. W. Smith 8. Ringers of 3rd and 6th hail from Cirencester, 8th from Christ Church, Swindon.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, October 6th, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: E. F. James 1, G. F. James 2, A. James 3, T. Knight 4, P. J. Spice 5, E. Mounter 6, G. Huxley (conductor) 7, G. Letchford 8. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

STAFFORD.—On Sunday, September 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Warri- low 1, F. Wigan 2, F. T. Hayle 3, G. Booth 4, R. Warri- low 5, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Evans 8. Rung for harvest festival.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sunday, September 22nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Dr. E. L. Taylor 1, W. Turley 2, S. Comber (first quarter inside) 3, P. Turley (conductor) 4, H. V. Baker 5, H. D. Ford 6, H. J. Ford 7, F. Paige 8. The above are all Sunday service ringers.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday morning, September 22nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. W. Pugsley 1, R. J. Baldry 2, W. J. Rundle 3, E. W. Marsh 4, G. Godard 5, W. J. Richards 6, J. Wood- ley (conductor) 7, S. Symons 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. George-in-the-East, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering, in 45 mins.: F. Palmer (first quarter) 1, J. Prior (first quarter) 2, H. Rowe 3, E. Butler 4, W. Glover (conductor) 5, A. Leonard 6, A. Barrett 7, H. Ball (first quarter) 8.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Hursley on Saturday, a fair number of ringers being present from various towers, namely, Winchester, North Stoneham, Titchfield, Southampton, Romsey and King's Somborne. After ringing in various methods, a service was conducted by the Rev. Husband, who gave a short address on 'Self Sacrifice.' He considered all church bellringers were performing a duty which was, to a certain extent, self-sacrifice.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, to which twenty-two sat down, and at the business meeting which followed, votes of thanks were tendered to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service. Handbell ringing terminated the meeting, and the ringers adjourned to the tower for further touches, which brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on October 29th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 26th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. followed by service at Cathedral at 4 p.m. After service a tea, supplied by the Association, will be served in the Temperance Cafe, Rochester Bridge. The business meeting will take place after tea, at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stow on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiseyhampton on Saturday, October 26th (dedication of the bells). Service 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

MAISEYHAMPTON, GLOS.—Dedication of the peal of 6 (treble recast and all rebung in new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston) will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting after.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Sunderland, Saturday, October 26th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church, 2.30. Bells of the three churches available. Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute 5 p.m.—F. Robson, H. Tyson, Joint Dis. Secs.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Uphill, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) open at 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, and business meeting at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. R.S.V.P. to L. G. Tanner, Branch Sec., 51, Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gosport, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Rd., Portsmouth.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, October 26th. 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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Debenham district.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th, embracing the three "Stonhams," viz: Earl Stonham (5), Stonham Parva (5), Stonham Aspal (10). Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at Brewers' Arms, Stonham Parva, 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. It is proposed to ring at Stonham Parva first; reason for this will become apparent when business comes on. Please help by attending.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Est. 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Nuthall, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Warfield, on Saturday, October 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stamford, on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Bells (6) of All Saints' and St. Martin's Churches will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. at All Saints', followed by tea and business meeting at Barton's Cafe, St. Mary's Street. It is hoped we may have a good attendance. All ringers welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Owsbury, by invitation of the Vicar, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) from 2.30, service at 4. Tea at 4.30. All welcome.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Rd., Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the branch will be held at Burbage (instead of Collingbourne Kingston), on Saturday, Oct. 26th. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn (annual) meeting will be held at Witney, to-morrow (Saturday) Oct. 26th.—W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The quarterley meeting of the above will be held at Frampton, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—John Phillips, The School House, Butterwick, Nr. Boston.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Whitchurch to-morrow (Saturday), Oct. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting in Belfry 5. Tea (1/- each) at 5.45.—Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon P. H. Collins. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

A **JOINT MEETING** of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District) will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, please notify, by October 29th, Mr. J. H. Hunnisett, 56, Altenburg Avenue, West Ealing.—W. H. Hollier and J. Herbert, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting in Jubilee Room. Nominations for district officers for ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting. Those requiring tea please notify by Tuesday, October 29th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Deeping St. James on Saturday, November 2nd. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. A meeting will be held at Burslem, on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. E. Gater, 36, Rushton Road, Cobridge, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, before October 30th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on November 2nd. For tea, please advise Mr. R. Reece, Old Hall, Barlborough, as early as possible. A kind welcome extended to all ringers and friends.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Seend, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Heckington, on Saturday, November 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea (1/9 each) 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, Banks Lane, Heckington, by the Tuesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Good bus service from Sleaford.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30-8.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than October 29th.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—Fred Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 (Preacher, Rev. T. Wellard, B.D.). Tea at Lyons', 5.30 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is requested, and all ringers will be welcomed.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual district meeting at Braintree, Saturday, November 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Vestry Hall at 5. Tea will be provided free to all who give notice to C. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree, not later than Friday, November 8th. All ringers will be welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 to 9 p.m.—W. Arnold, Holt St., Earls Colne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A business meeting to follow. Good attendance requested. Further particulars in next week's issue. Good bus service from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. to 9. Service 5. Tea (6d.) 5.30. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 6th. Please make an effort.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held at Bulwell, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. till 8.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, London, W.C., on Saturday, November 9th. Bells available from 2.30.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Howes' Cafe, next the church, at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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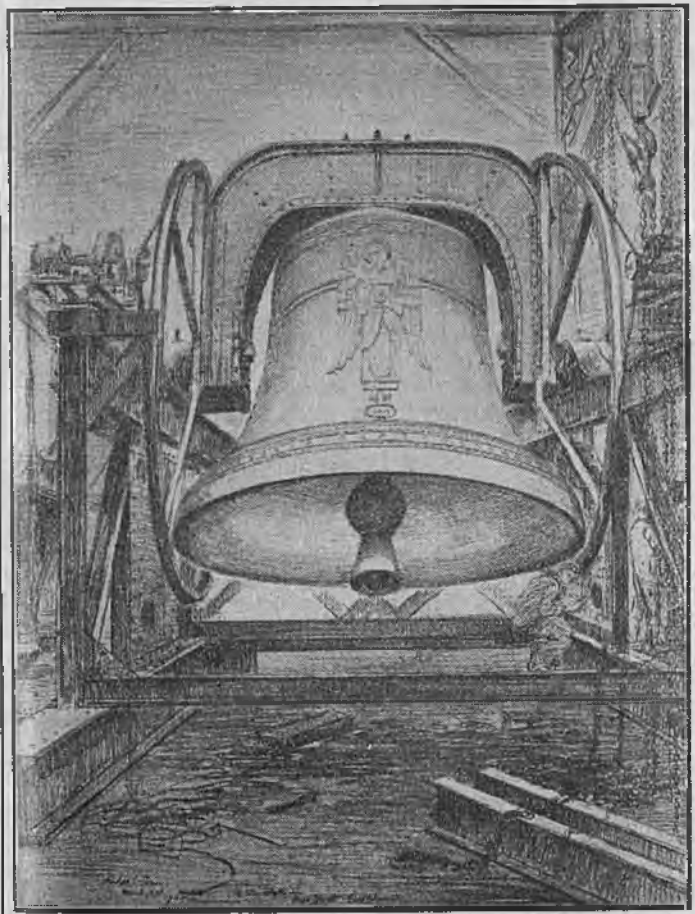
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Even modern facts are soon lost sight of, and instances constantly crop up, for example, of claims to 'first performances' on bells, which prove to be untenable. It is hardly to be expected, perhaps, that ringers of this generation should be fully acquainted with all that happened even in the generation that preceded it, although everything of note that has happened in the last half century is on record in the pages of the various ringing journals. The difficulty, of course, is that the precise information required is not, nine times out of ten, to be found, because no one knows where to look for it. There can be no doubt that many claims have from time to time been made, which could not be upheld if tested, but which have never been disputed merely because the earlier records have been lost sight of. The most important of these, obviously, relate to peals, and it might be well, before matters get any worse, if something could be done with a view to bringing to light all available information.

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sulted and which would settle most of the questions of priority of claims. There are in many belfries, of course, records of the peals rung, but by far the larger number have no such records, and it would be a step towards the preservation of local information if something on the lines roughly sketched out could be generally adopted.

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ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	* JOHN NOBES 6
EDGAR HUMFREY 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
* MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	HAROLD HUMFREY 8
MRS. A. E. LOCK 4	* PERCY DYKE 9
JACK HONEY 5	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 6
* WILLIAM W. T. DANIELLS 2	* EDWARD JOHN BERRY ... 7
JOHN AUSTIN 3	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 4	SIDNEY PALMER 9
ERNEST BISHOP 5	WILLIAM A. BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. PATES.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First attempt for Stedman Caters. W. T. Pates hails from Cheltenham, J. Austin from Gloucester, H. J. Balcombe and R. G. Rice from Harwell, Berks.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	JOHN W. CUNDALL 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 9
WILLIAM BARTON 5	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Broadley. Also a birthday peal for Mr. Thos. Maude, and rung on the 38th anniversary of Mr. J. W. Cundall's wedding day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 2	CHARLES FRANKLIN 6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	WILLIAM J. FAIRBEARD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

W. J. Fairbeard was elected a member of the R.M. and D.G. previous to starting. Quickest peal on the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH BRADLEY Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes; it was also a birthday compliment to L. W. G. Morris.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

FRANK A. TURNER Treble	*LENNARD PRYKE 5
FREDERICK F. MORLOCK ... 2	LAWRENCE POULSON 6
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 3	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS

* First peal on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY LACY Treble	HARRY KIRBY 5
JOHN W. RAWSON 2	JOSEPH CADLE 6
GEORGE BUTLER 3	WALTER FERN 7
ALFRED UNDERWOOD ... 4	*CHARLES FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FERN.

* First peal and proposed members before starting. † First peal on both bell.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY MULLARD Treble	THOMAS ADAMS 5
RAYMOND WOOD 2	MAURICE SMITHER 6
THOMAS ATTWELL 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	*GILBERT JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

* First peal and first attempt.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. J. WHEWELL Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
THOMAS HOWARTH 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
ISAAC WHALLEY 3	†WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
*LEONARD SCHOLES 4	LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Ben Fielden, who was chorister at the above church for 48 years.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
*GEORGE E. CLODE 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

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

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	FRANK G. RINGE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	*GEORGE HAYDEN 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	GEORGE DAWSON Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY Treble	ROBERT WALKER 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Arranged for Mr. T. H. Reeves, of Birmingham.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM HILLMAN Treble	THOMAS BURTENSHAW ... 5
FREDERICK CRIPPS 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	KRITH HART 7
WALTER CHARMAN 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN ... Treble	FREDERICK G. COLE ... 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 2	REGINALD BROWN ... 6
HARRY BADGER ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	OWEN H. GILES ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. In this composition the 2nd is never above 4th's place at a course end.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADLINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	* HARRY HOVERD ... 5
WILLIAM BOND ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Major on an inside bell.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

SIDNEY ROCHESTER ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSER ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	JOSEPH LADLEY ... 7
SIDNEY CARTER ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung after meeting short for Caters. This peal was arranged to enable the conductor to fulfil a promise made unconsciously two years ago. Believed to be the first Major on the bells.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WALTER ARNOLD ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
JOHN C. NEWMAN ... 2	FREDERICK FLUDDER ... 6
* P. C. CHARLES ELLIOTT ... 3	LESLIE J. CLARK ... 7
GEORGE HAYWARD ... 4	CHARLES BUTTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Major.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM SMITH ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
CHARLES W. COOPER ... 4	* JOSEPH OLIVER ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward F. Mitchell, also in honour of the twenty-third anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenfield.

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DORKING, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CEALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 5
GEORGE N. PRICE ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
HARRY R. PASMORE ... 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

WORCESTER VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. HENRY WRIGHT ... Treble	T. KELHAM DRACON ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	FRED COTTON ... 6
C. HENRY WEBB ... 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to commemorate the feast of dedication of the church. First peal in this variation (which has no bobs) on the bells and by all except the conductor.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 3).

Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. J. R. KING ... Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
GEORGE FREEBREY ... 2	CHARLES SMITH ... 6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... 4	JOSEPH BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

The ringers wish to thank Mr. Geo. Bailey for having everything ready.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	JOHN PERRY ... 5
JOSEPH PIGOTT ... 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 7
SYDNEY ELTON ... 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. F. Mitchell, Wolverhampton, and to Miss Annie Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, Lowmoor, Bradford, on the attainment of her 21st birthday.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

* THOMAS BARKER ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 5
† JACK CHARNOCK ... 2	ARTHUR HARTLEY ... 6
HERMON NELSON ... 3	EDWARD DAWSON ... 7
EDWARD B. COXHEAD ... 4	ALFRED BLOGG ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by E. DAWSON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the 19th anniversary of the bells, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble, 2nd, and 7th, who attained their majority on the 6th, 12th and 27th respectively. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church. The band were entertained to tea afterwards by the above-mentioned ringers.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	HERBERT FULCHER 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	GEORGE GOWER 6
STANLEY COPLING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
JAMES ELDRIDGE 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by T. Lockwood.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK SHEMMING Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4
RAY GRANT 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ARTHUR COOK 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

WEST HAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Alnwick, London, Wells, York, Cambridge and Ipswich.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2	JOHN MOULE 5
EDWARD D. SMITH 3	ALFRED PRIOR Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob Doubles and 21 six-scores of Grand-sire. Tenor 15 cwt.

CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE Treble	JOHN BLEBY 4
*THOMAS BETTISON 2	JOHN W. ENGLAND 5
*WILSON ALLIN, SEN. 3	†CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE Tenor

Conducted by J. W. ENGLAND.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung on the 73rd anniversary of the birth of the late Mrs. M. E. Heathcote, mother of the tenor ringer, who expressed a wish previous to her death for a peal to be rung on this day. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Bettison, and to the eldest daughter of Mr. C. J. Partridge, who attained her majority on Saturday, October 19th.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

VERNEY COOPER Treble	PERCY BONNETT 4
PEARL INSKIP 2	LEONARD TURNER 5
FRANK TYSOE 3	JOHN POTTER Tenor

Conducted by J. POTTER.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Newington (late district secretary of the above association), who was married on the previous Saturday. It was also a farewell peal, as Mr. Newington is leaving Bedford to reside at Peterborough.

BRINHAM.—At the Parish Church, on September 17th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 7 different callings): W. G. Hayden 1, W. A. Jury 2, S. J. Hazlewood 3, H. D. Newman (Minchinhampton, Glos) 4, A. C. Taylor (conductor) 5, R. J. Young 6.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
RAY GRANT 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ALFRED ADAMS Treble	EDGAR T. SMITH 4
CHRISTOPHER HICK 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD 5
THOMAS J. ELTON 3	SIDNEY ELTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the tenor ringer. First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells and by the society.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT LACK Treble	HARRY PETTIT 4
GEORGE PARKER 2	HARRY WOODING 5
†ERNEST WOODING 3	THOMAS WISE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal and first attempt.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, and Bob Doubles and eighteen 120's of Grandsire.

WILLIAM STOCK Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 4
JOHN POTTER 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
PERCY BONNETT 3	*GEORGE MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 44th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV., London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
*ALFRED B. KING 2	*WILLIAM A. WOODS 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. ABLITT.

* First peal in seven different methods of Treble Bob.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS Treble	HENRY WALLACE 4
*MISS NORA WELCH 2	*JOHN WEICH 5
GEORGE H. CARTER 3	BARNARD PAYMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PAYMORE.

* First peal.

RIBCHESTER, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfred.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	*RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 4
WILLIE AARON 2	FREDERICK HINDLE 5
JOHN CAVANNAGH 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells after rehanging and tuning by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The band take this opportunity to thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgha,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of London and York and three of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE HOLME Treble	HENRY CARNWELL 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

* First peal. Ringers of 4th and 5th, for whom this was arranged, have now rung in peals ranging from 1 to 7 methods. First Surprise peal on the bells.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*W. JOHN YOUNG Treble	JAMES F. HATCHLEY 4
FRANK J. HAZZARD 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
†HARRY ANDREWS 3	*RICHARD STUCKEY Tenor

Conducted by H. ANDREWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles and first peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Friday, October 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At No. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ROBERT ANDERSON 7-8

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELERY OF THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	FREDERICK PAGE 7-8
*HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	*WILLIAM JACKSON 9-10
ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6	PETER LAFLIN 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERLEY. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire: TOM WILDE (Hyde).

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells in the county and by the association. First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' by all except the conductor. First of Cinques as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. E. LANHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE WHITING 1-2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5-6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3-4	ERNEST E. LANHAM 7-8

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN

First peal on handbells by all.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT REVISITED AFTER 15 YEARS.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Gosport on Saturday last, it being 15 years since the Guild last met there, and over 30 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ryde, Shedfield, Titchfield and Wickham, visitors from Beaconsfield, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon).

The bells were available during the afternoon, and at 4.30 the Guild's service was held in the church, the Vicar kindly officiating and giving the address. An excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting was held, Col. A. de W. Kitecat being voted to the chair. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. Woods (Bramshott) and Capt. A. R. W. Woods, R.N. (Alverstoke), who were both indisposed.

The Vicar of Gosport was, subject to his consent, elected an hon. member, and G. Jurd (Gosport) a ringing member.

It was decided, after a vote, to hold the annual district meeting at Alverstoke on January 27th, 1930. It was also resolved that the secretary should send a letter of sympathy to Canon G. Landon (Alverstoke) in his recent loss by the death of his daughter.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the organist for kindly officiating at the organ. In reply, the Chairman, on behalf of the Vicar, welcomed the members to Gosport that day, and hoped that it would not be another 15 years before they came again.

The Secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) thanked the chairman for his kind remarks, and also those who had been mentioned in the votes of thanks.

At the conclusion of the meeting another visit was paid to the tower, and, although the bells are somewhat difficult for strangers to handle, some very good touches were brought round in methods ranging to Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

A meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely Branch was held at Melbourn on Saturday, ringers being present from Barley, Bourn, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Newton, Royston, Sawston, Stapleford and Trumpington, as well as members of the local band. Tea was provided at the Rose Inn, where about 20 ringers and friends sat down. At the conclusion of the tea a short business meeting was held, Mr. A. E. Austin being elected as chairman. Owing to the absence of the district secretary, Mr. F. Warrington, the minutes of the previous meeting could not be read.

There were two propositions for the place of the next meeting, namely, Trumpington and Fulbourn, and on being put to the vote Trumpington was selected, the meeting to be held on November 23rd.

A suggestion was made that it would be better to arrange a programme of meetings and dates for a complete year, instead of the present method of arranging at one meeting the place and date of the next meeting. After some discussion, it was resolved that the committee for the archdeaconry should be asked to arrange such a programme for the ensuing year.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. J. W. Ward for arranging for the tea, and to the chairman for presiding at the meeting.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Ipswich Surprise, some of the Surprise methods being spliced.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT STAMFORD.

An enjoyable meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Stamford on Saturday last, about 25 ringers and friends being present. The bells of All Saints', a musical peal of six, were set going about 3 p.m. to a variety of methods, including London Surprise. The good-going peal of six at St. Martin's was also available during the afternoon and evening, and at this church the bells were rung half-muffled before service, owing to a funeral having taken place the same afternoon of a well-known churchman of this parish.

A short service was held at All Saints' Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Peacock) officiated, and gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and also a very interesting address on bells from early times. Tea was served at Ye Olde Barn Cafe, 19 sitting down to the excellent tea provided.

At the business meeting, the Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) took the chair, and three new members from Stamford were elected.

The next meeting being the annual meeting of the branch, it was decided to hold a meeting at Grantham.—A vote of thanks to the Vicars of All Saints' and St. Martin's for the use of the bells, also to the Rev. C. A. Peacock and his organist for making the necessary arrangements for the service, was passed.

Ringings was continued at both churches until about 9 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The last quarterly meeting of this association for the year was held at Llantrisant, Glam., on Saturday. The bells, a light, good-going ring of eight, were off early in the afternoon, and kept going in various methods until 4.30, when service was held in the church, the Vicar (Rev. D. H. Simon) officiating, assisted by Canon David, of Llantwit Major, who gave a most interesting address.

Following the service, about 60 sat down to a bountiful tea, which had been laid in the church rooms, and graciously provided by the two churchwardens.

Before tea was finished, the Canon had to leave, and was thanked by the Vicar for his address. This was endorsed by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), and the Canon, in reply, said that it was a great pleasure to him to do all he could for ringers, and hoped the members would once more visit Llantwit Major before the year was out. He mentioned that the first bells he ever heard were those of Llantrisant, his home being in the adjoining parish of Pendoylan.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which mention was made that Pentre bells had now been placed on ball bearings and were going well, and an invitation was also given to anyone to pay a visit to the tower, where there would be a welcome.

The place for the next quarterly meeting was left over until the annual meeting, which is to be held at St. Woolos', Newport, on December 26th.

Mention was made that the first peal of Stedman Caters had been rung on Llandaff Cathedral bells by members of this association, and the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks. The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Whitchurch on Saturday, October 26th, and was attended by about 25 ringers from Wellington, Wem, Moreton Corbet, Prees, Shrewsbury, Market Drayton, Alberbury, Crewe, Marbury, and the local company. The bells, a ring of eight, with tenor 20 cwt., cast by Rudhall in 1715, were raised shortly after three o'clock, and were kept going till 5.30.

A short meeting was then held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. F. A. Barnett. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Shrewsbury in January.

There was no other business before the meeting, and the members adjourned to a nearby cafe for tea, after which they kept the bells going until eight o'clock.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT STREATHAM.**

A successful meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, October 19th, at Streatham. Proceedings were to commence at 3, and at 2.55 there was a good Stedman band in attendance at St. Leonard's Church, but no ringing could be done for a short time owing to a christening ceremony which was taking place. Cambridge was rung as an opening touch. Other humbler methods followed, including Grandsire for beginners. Members and friends continued to arrive, and by service time some 30 odd people were in or out of the not by any means large ringing chamber. Choral evensong at five o'clock, at which the Rural Dean gave an inspiring address, was followed by tea at Streatham Hall, 28 sitting down to a nicely prepared meal, the arrangements for which were kindly made by Mr. J. Chapman, of St. Leonard's.

The business meeting followed, and the usual routine items were soon disposed of. An appeal was made for Mr. T. Beadle, of Isleworth, a very old member of the district, which resulted in the sum of £1 being subscribed, to be handed to Mr. Hollier (Middlesex) for his fund.

The ringers then turned their attention again to ringing. The Master (Mr. Mance) took the major portion of the company to Immanuel Church for London Surprise, etc., whilst the secretary took charge of a novices' party, who first revisited St. Leonard's and rang three good touches, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Major, and afterwards went on to join the main body. Ringing in various methods was kept up till nine o'clock, by which time some of the out-residents (having to go twenty miles or so) had left. During the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to the incumbents for the use of the two 'eights' available, to the Rural Dean, the organist and choir, and to Mr. J. Chapman and his merry men who arranged things so admirably.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A small but energetic company met at Warfield on Saturday last for an East Berks and South Bucks Branch practice meeting, and after a few touches enjoyed a most interesting address by the Vicar, which included some history of the older bells of this church.

Then an excellent tea followed, at the Vicar's invitation, in the Brownlow Hall, a very up-to-date structure with clubroom, billiard room and library attached.

Afterwards the tower was again visited, chiefly for spade work, until all had been satisfied.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

We desire to thank the many ringers who have responded to our request, in the notice at the head of this column. We hope that those who have not yet been able to send the picture of their church and information about the bells will kindly do so.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are restoring the ring of five bells in the ancient tower of Rugby Parish Church. It is of interest to note that Rugby Parish Church is unique in possessing two peals of bells, there being a ringing peal of eight, with tenor 25 cwt., in the other tower of the same church.

In connection with the Students' Mission Campaign, two Cambridge undergraduates visited Kington Magna early in September. During two days spent in the village they became interested in ringing, and have since both joined the Cambridge University Guild.

Several veterans took part on Saturday at Bradford in a peal of Treble Ten, which was rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Broadley, one of Yorkshire's 'grand old men,' on his 70th birthday, as a birthday peal for Mr. Tom Maude, whose interest in ringing and ringers has been maintained through many years, and also as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Cundall on the 38th anniversary of his wedding. Many happy returns of the day was the wish extended to the trio.

We are happy to record that after seven weeks' illness, Mr. Walter Perkins, of Irthlingborough, Northants, is on the road to recovery, and hopes to be at work again in a fortnight's time.

To-day is the anniversary of the opening of the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral, which took place in 1878.

The first 'name' peal on record was rung by a band all with the Christian name of William. There were eleven of them (two to the tenor), all members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, in a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on November 3rd, 1796, the conductor being William Shipway.

The bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, which were heard over the ether on Sunday evening, have been associated with change ringing almost from the earliest days, and as long ago as November 5th, 1725, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there.

What is believed to be the first peal of Superlative Surprise on record was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on November 5th, 1821.

Because of the nearness of a church, which interfered with his Sunday tennis, the High Sheriff of Somerset has had his rating assessment reduced on appeal. He stated that it was impossible to play tennis on Sunday evenings, as the people in church could look through the church windows across his lawn and watch the play; also that the church bells were rather trying.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Treble Ten at Heddington on October 18th, was connected with Trafalgar and not the Norman Conquest. It should have been Nelson Elliott.

The asterisk in the report of the peal of Treble Bob Royal at Bromsgrove should have been against the name of the ringer of the 7th instead of the 8th.

MR. TOM BEADLE FUND.

Previously acknowledged £10 14s. 6d., collected at the Streatham meeting of the London County Association (per Mr. J. Herbert) £1, Mr. F. Corke 2s. 6d., Mr. F. T. Hoad 2s. 6d., Mr. G. Thompson (Tunbridge Wells) 2s., Mr. J. Idle (Dewsbury) 2s.; total £12 3s. 6d. Further donations will be gratefully received on behalf of this fund by Mr. Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Clacton, W.I.

HEDON CHURCH AND ITS BELLS.



Hedon, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, possesses a very fine church, and a noble tower, in which, as recorded in our last issue, a ring of eight bells has just been installed and dedicated.

Originally there were five bells there, cast in 1686 and 1687, and, from their inscriptions, they appear to have been presented, not to the church, but to the Corporation of Hedon. The tenor was cast in 1687 by Samuel Smith, a bell founder of York, the bell being the gift of Sir Charles Duncomb, one of the two members of Parliament for the borough. The fourth bell was cast in the same year, presumably at the same foundry, and bore the unusual inscription, 'Wind Them and Bring Them and I will Ring for Them.'

The other three bells of the five were cast by William and Philip Wightman, of London, and were also the gift of Sir Charles Duncomb. A treble was added to make a ring of six in 1776, and the whole of the bells have now been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and two trebles added, the gift of Col. and Mrs. Lambert White, making a fine ring of eight, with a tenor of 17½ cwt. The inscriptions on the old bells have been reproduced on the new, and each bears in addition the words, 'Recast, 1929.'

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS' JOINT MEETING.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Sunderland on Saturday last. The ringers began to meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2.30 p.m., and the bells were soon going merrily to touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. By four o'clock the belfry was full of ringers, so a party 'took off' for Holy Trinity Church, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. At 5 p.m. all ringers wended their way to St. Ignatius' Institute for tea, but owing to some mistake the victuals had been sent to the wrong place. After a good deal of hurrying and scurrying, however, the ringers sat down at 6 p.m. to a most substantial meal.

Afterwards, a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. E. Burnett (vice-president of the Eastern District), supported by the Rev. G. H. J. Baily, Vicar of St. Ignatius' Church. Votes of thanks were given to the clergy of the respective churches for the use of the bells, Mr. Baily replying for the incumbents, and saying what a great pleasure it was for him to be at the meeting. He was always ready to grant the use of the bells at any time, and wished all success to all belfries.

Mr. Pattison, of Houghton-le-Spring, moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for helping at tea, and this, naturally, was carried with acclamation.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at West Hartlepool in conjunction with the Southern District on Saturday, December 7th.

After the meeting, St. Ignatius' Church was visited, where touches of Kent, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung, and it was pleasing to know that one or two learners had their first touches at this meeting. Ringing finished at 8, and all agreed that it had been a very successful and happy gathering.

DEATH OF BRISTOL RINGER.

A LOSS TO SS. PHILIP AND JACOB'S GUILD.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death, at the age of 58 years, of Mr. Isaac Long, of Stapleton, Bristol, who passed away on Sunday, October 20th, after an illness lasting less than a week. Up to a few days before his death, deceased took part regularly in the Sunday and practice ringing at St. Nicholas' Church and at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church. Of the Guild at the latter church he was a valued member.

Mr. Long began ringing at Stapleton Church 40 years ago, and continued there until the St. Nicholas' Guild was formed some ten years later by Mr. Fred May, with whom he rang many peals, including the first peal of Erin Caters in the country. After the St. Nicholas' Guild was disbanded, deceased joined the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild, and has been one of its keenest members for the past 11 years, ringing about 16 peals. He rang about a hundred peals altogether, from Triples to Royal, the methods including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Forward, Erin, and Double Norwich, and most of them were rung at the heavy end.

The funeral took place amidst many tokens of sympathy and respect, on Wednesday, October 23rd, at Ridgeway Cemetery, the service having previously been held at Stapleton Church. Most of deceased's fellow-ringers and many ringers from other churches were present, and his employers (Messrs. R. Wilkins and Sons, builders), for whom deceased was foreman, were also present. The handbells were rung at the graveside by four members of SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild: Miss A. Brown 1-2, F. E. Tyler 3-4, E. J. Brown 5-6, F. W. Wade 7-8, and an attempt was made for a muffled peal of Stedman Triples at St. Philip's, but unfortunately this failed after nearly two hours' ringing. However, on Sunday evening, October 27th, prior to the service, a muffled quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by: Miss A. Brown 1, P. C. Williams 2, F. W. Wade 3, W. C. Hunter 4, F. Skidmore 5, G. S. Wiltshire 6, H. T. Howell 7, E. J. Brown (conductor) 8. This was followed by the whole pull and stand 58 times.

Mr. Long's presence at St. Philip's will be greatly missed, not only for his ability, which was considerable, but for his excellent company.

LADY RINGER WEDDED.

The wedding took place at Chiddingfold Church on Saturday, October 26th, of one of the lady ringers of the band, Miss Dorothy Attwell (daughter of Mr. T. Attwell, himself an old ringer at this picturesque Surrey village). The bridegroom was Mr. Frank Harris, until lately also a ringer. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by her ringing sister, Miss Mabel Attwell, as bridesmaid. The service was choral, Mr. E. Howard being at the organ. Owing to serious illness near the church, the tower bells could not be rung, but touches on handbells were rung by Messrs. J. P. Pelloe, A. J. Bartlett, M. Smither and G. Luff, who with other ringers formed an archway with handbells, under which the bride and bridegroom passed as they left the church. The ringers' present to Miss Attwell was a biscuit barrel suitably inscribed.

CONGREGATION STAY TO HEAR BELLS RUNG.

RECTOR'S NOVEL STEP TO INTEREST PARISHIONERS.

On Sunday, October 20th, members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild from Highclere and Woolton Hill were invited by the Rector of Burghclere (the Rev. Canon Medlicott) to ring the bells after evening service, the object being to enlighten the people of Burghclere in the art of change ringing.

The Rector preached a sermon on bells and change ringing, and asked the congregation to stay and listen to the ringing.

Burghclere church bells (a light ring of six) were for some time in a very bad state, and very little ringing was, or could be, done with them. However, funds were raised, and the bells now have been rehung with new fittings, including ball bearings, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The result is that the bells go perfectly.

Twelve members from the two towers mentioned took this opportunity of ringing at Burghclere, and some good touches of Doubles and Minor were brought round. Several of the local ringers were also present, and it is hoped they will make good use of the bells. Thanks were accorded to the Rector for the opportunity provided to ring the bells.

THE FIRST PEAL OF MAXIMUS IN HANTS.

SOME PERSONAL NOTES.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Winchester on Saturday was in the nature of a gathering of the clans. Hampshire, Surrey, Kent, London, Essex, Somerset and Worcestershire were represented in the band, and it is not unworthy of note that in this first peal of Maximus ever rung in the county of Hampshire were two association Masters (Winchester and Portsmouth, and Middlesex), four association general secretaries (Middlesex, Guildford, Bath and Wells and Surrey), and a Winchester and Portsmouth District secretary.

Mr. William Pye, who celebrated with this performance the 40th anniversary of his first peal—and his fortieth year of peal ringing has been marked by achievements greater than any in his wonderful career—added yet another to the still expanding list of twelve-bell towers in which he has rung a peal, while, among the 'novices' in the peal was Mr. George Williams, who, it may be recalled, first rang at Winchester Cathedral as long ago as the year 1873! He and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith took part in the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells—the first in Hampshire and by the Winchester Guild—just thirty years ago, and, master and pupil, they also rang together in the first peals of Cambridge and London Surprise Major in the county and by the Guild, both well over thirty years ago. They also shared in the first peal of Stedman Cinques in the county and by the Guild, and their participation in last Saturday's peal was thus a happy culmination of a long association.

Mr. Sidney T. Holt, of Worcester, stepped into the band at the last moment to fill a breach caused by illness, and this brilliant young ringer proved his worth. He had never before struck a blow in Cambridge Maximus, and he rang almost without a trip from start to finish.

To these personal notes must be added the thanks of the band to the Dean for granting the use of the bells, and especially to the genial Dean's verger (Mr. J. W. Elkins), who made all the local arrangements, was there to welcome the ringers, and, at the close, was the first to enter the belfry to congratulate the band upon having rung a fine peal. Mr. Wilfred Andrews, the leader of the Cathedral ringers, was away on holiday and unable to be present to greet the visitors, but he sent his good wishes, which were much appreciated.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED.

A most successful meeting was held at Biddulph. There was a very good attendance, over 40 members being present from Bucknall, Norton, Burslem, Brown Edge, Uttoxeter, Swynerton, Cheadle and Kingsley. The chief event of the afternoon was the unveiling of a beautiful marble peal tablet recording the first Surprise peal in seven methods on the bells. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. S. Myers Bridge), who, after congratulating the ringers on their performance, said how much he appreciated the services which the ringers rendered. He then charged the wardens with the care of the tablet.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, the conductor of the peal, replying, said that the placing of such a tablet in the belfry was not only a distinct ornament but it would stand for a long time recording to the generations of ringers to follow the performance of the present-day ringers, and so encourage them to keep ringing up to a high standard.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, and was presided over by the Vicar, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to the Biddulph ringers for so kindly providing the tea and giving the association such a hearty welcome.

A very unique event took place immediately after tea, when the Vicar announced that he had great pleasure in handing over to Mr. Wheeldon the sum of £5 12s. towards the Norton bell restoration scheme. This sum was the result of a retiring collection at both morning and evening services at Biddulph Church on the previous Sunday.

The gift was much appreciated by all present.

The tower was afterwards again visited, and some good practice was put in, some of the ringers trying their hand at Double Surprise Minor, and others at Kent, Oxford, and other Treble Bob methods. Opportunity is again taken of thanking the Vicar and Biddulph ringers for entertaining the visitors so well.

BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS.

At Beenham, Berks, on October 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 40 mins., as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Bidmedd, foreman at this church for 15 years, and a ringer over 40 years: F. Wigmore 1, W. Churchill 2, E. Richardson 3, F. Churchill (first quarter) 4, A. Arlott (conductor) 5, B. Churchill 6.

At Rickmansworth, on Saturday, October 24th, to mark the birthday of Mr. Freeborn, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) by: J. H. R. Freeborn 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, S. H. Hoare 3, G. M. Kilby 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, M. Hibbert 6, F. Smith 7, C. C. Mayne 8. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. Hoare and Smith and on the bells.

LANCASHIRE'S BELLS.

DISAPPEARANCE OF RUDHALL'S CASTINGS.

'The Church Bells of Lancashire: Epilogue,' was the subject of a lecture, by Mr. F. H. Cheetham, at the opening meeting of the winter session of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society. It was in substance, says the 'Manchester City News,' a summary of his papers on the church bells of Lancashire read before the society a few years ago, in which he dealt separately and in some detail with the bells in the six Hundreds constituting the county. Dealing now with Lancashire as a whole, Mr. Cheetham said that there were only twenty-two bells which could with certainty be assigned to a date earlier than 1550. Of these only four were dated, and two of the four belonged to the sixteenth century.

The oldest was the bell at Cloughton dated 1296, and the next one at St. Michael-on-Wyre dated 1458. But there were five or six bells which could be assigned to the fourteenth century, and a like number to the fifteenth century. There were only six dated bells belonging to the period 1550-1600, but when we come to the seventeenth century the number is much larger, some thirty-four dated bells of that period still remaining.

Of these, seven came from the Wigan Foundry, held successively by John, Geoffrey, and William Scott. Mr. Cheetham spoke at some length of the Wigan bell founders, both of the Scotts in the seventeenth, and the Ashtons of the eighteenth century. One of William Scott's bells, dated 1666, still hangs in Chetham's Hospital, Manchester.

Only three of Ralph Ashton's bells now survive in Lancashire, but there are over a score by his successor, Luke Ashton, ranging in date from 1723 to 1758. In all there were about 265 bells of eighteenth-century date in the county at the close of the war, of which 189 were cast in the Rudhall Foundry at Gloucester, but during the last ten years a number of these had been recast.

LOSS OF RUDHALL'S BELLS DEPLORED.

The disappearance of the older Rudhall bells, said the lecturer, was greatly to be deplored, and even more so the melting down of a bell dated 1685 in north Lancashire.

Mr. Cheetham drew attention to the recommendations of the Central Council for the Care of Churches as respects church bells, and said that in spite of these recommendations Diocesan Advisory Committees in different parts of the country still allowed old bells to be recast without insisting on the retention of the original inscriptions. The Central Council had endorsed the memorandum drawn up in 1923 by a conference between the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, in which it was agreed as a general principle that 'in case of recasting, the enrichment and inscription should be reproduced on the bell in facsimile,' and the new bell should be dated and the fact of its recasting added.

It was also agreed that bells cast by famous founders, such as Abraham Rudhall, should receive special care, probably the same as bells of pre-Reformation date. The Manchester Advisory Committee had, however, allowed the cathedral bells, which included six by Abraham Rudhall dated 1706, to be recast without regard to these recommendations, and the same thing had occurred at Eccles Parish Church, at Leyland, and at Sacred Trinity, Salford, where Rudhall bells, dated respectively 1709, 1722, and 1748, had been melted down.

DEATH OF A LINCOLN RINGER.

MEMBER OF CATHEDRAL COMPANY FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS.

By the death of Mr. Isaac Vickers, there has been lost to the Cathedral company one of the oldest ringers in the city of Lincoln. It is only as recently as last September that, after a period of over 54 years with a local engineering firm as a toolsmith, Mr. Vickers retired and looked forward to a quiet enjoyment of leisure in his declining years, but it was destined not to be so. After a very short illness he passed away at the age of 76 years on October 23rd, and was carried to his last resting place on Saturday, followed by several of his fellow-ringers and workmen. A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques (1,323 changes) was rung on the Cathedral bells in one hour and four minutes in the evening by the following: George Flintham 1, Harold Marcon 2, Charles McGuinness 3, George Chester 4, Lewis Snell 5, Leslie Pack 6, Tom Pyle 7, Fredk. W. Stokes 8, John A. Freeman (conductor) 9, Stanford J. Wolfe 10, John Walden 11, Rupert Richardson 12.

Mr. Vickers was one of the old school of ringers, who in his early days considered it an achievement if a band could be got together able to ring the plain methods. He was always ready to give a helping hand, and when the old North Lincolnshire Association was formed in 1884 his name was found amongst the first list of members and as one of its instructors. He rang several peals, conducting a few, and looked with pleasure upon ringing his first peal of Stedman at an advanced age. He was enrolled a member of the Cathedral company in 1882, and acted as treasurer and conductor for many years, finally succeeding to the office of Master in 1913, a position he held at the time of his death. He was a man with a strong disposition, with a straightforward character in all his doings, and a staunch churchman.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**THE APPROACHING JUBILEE.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday last. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon, and service was held in the church, the association form being used. The Rev. Father Winton officiated, and gave an interesting address.

Service over, the company adjourned to the Church Hall, there to partake of tea, provided by the Rector (Rev. E. A. Morgan), who, at the conclusion of the meal, welcomed the association to Beckenham, and deplored the lack of recruits to the Exercise.

Mr. F. W. Thornton moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his generous hospitality in entertaining the members to tea; to Father Winton for conducting the service and giving his address; to Mr. W. Smith for making the arrangements for the meeting; and to the ladies for helping at table.—This was carried with applause.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. A report of the year's work, read by the district secretary, was adopted.

One ringer was elected as practising member of the association, and the election of four members previous to peals was confirmed.

The retiring secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) was re-elected, and the retiring representatives (Messrs. I. Emery and E. Barnett, jun.) were nominated for a further term of office, but on receipt of an intimation that Mr. Emery did not seek re-election, the nomination was altered to E. Barnett, jun., and W. Smith, and this was carried.

Chislehurst was chosen as the place for the January meeting without dissentient vote.

Then followed 'any other business,' which, as usual, was the most productive of speech of any item on the agenda.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries mentioned the 'Helmore Testimonial Fund,' and hoped that the Lewisham District would exert itself to obtain a much better result. This idea was developed by other speakers, notably Mr. F. W. Richardson, and it was finally agreed to make a collection among those present to swell the fund. The result was the gratifying sum of £2 2s. 6d.

The next business to engage attention was the arrangements to be made for the next annual general meeting, which would mark the association's jubilee. It was suggested that the meeting be held, if possible, in the same place as, and on the exact anniversary of the inaugural meeting. The district representatives undertook to convey the members' wishes to the general committee on the occasion of its next meeting. The Chairman suggested that it would be a happy thought to endeavour to secure the presence of the Dean of Canterbury (Dr. H. R. L. Sheppard) on this occasion—an expression of opinion endorsed by all those present.

Mr. A. E. H. Hodges, churchwarden of St. George's, was elected an hon. member of the association, at his own request. (Oh! that others would profit by this example!)

The secretary was instructed to write to Mr. I. Emery, regretfully accepting his withdrawal from office, and expressing a wish for his speedy and complete recovery from his present indisposition.

This concluded a successful meeting, the members regaling themselves with handbells, notification of a serious illness near the church preventing further use of the tower bells.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CARY DEANERY CHAIRMAN LEAVING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Cary Deanery Branch was held at North Cadbury on Saturday, October 19th. The towers represented were Swindon, Bristol, Babey, Bruton, Ditchat, Templecombe, Buckhorn Weston, West Pennard, Evercreech, Castle Cary, North Cheriton, Mere, Zeals, Barton St. David, North Cadbury and Kingston Magna. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. R. Molene) officiated. Tea was partaken of in the Catash Inn, and thoroughly enjoyed by the large company, after which the business meeting followed, Preb. D. M. Ross being voted to take the chair. The agenda was a small one.

The chairman informed the members that the next meeting would be at Evercreech in January.

Preb. Ross then announced to the meeting that he would be leaving the Cary Deanery in a short time to take the living of Claverton, near Bath, and therefore he would be resigning from the office of president. He had always thoroughly enjoyed the meetings whilst at Cary, and would be sorry to go.

Mr. R. Whitehead thanked Preb. Ross for his kind help at all their meetings in the past, and said how sorry they all were to hear he was leaving them.

The Rev. E. S. G. Lock, Master of the association, also thanked Preb. Ross for his past services, but hoped he would not be lost to the association, as he was sure the towers around Bath would give him a hearty welcome.

Preb. D. M. Ross proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in welcoming the ringers, and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and the ladies who waited at the tea tables.—This was seconded by Mr. R. Lock and carried. The party then returned to the tower, where touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Bob Minor and Stedman concluded a splendid meeting, thoroughly enjoyed by the large company present.

THE FIRST PEAL AT GAMLINGAY.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—The peal at Gamlingay, Cambridgeshire, on September 28th last, is not the first on the bells, as believed by the band to be.

The first peal at Gamlingay was rung on December 11th, 1897, and was a peal of Minor in seven methods, viz., 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. The ringers were Edgar Tingey, Isaac Hills, William J. Barker, Charles Chasty, Charles W. Clarke and Frank Hull. It was conducted by C. W. Clarke, and the tenor was then believed to be about 23 cwt. With the exception of Mr. Clarke, none of the above band figure in the peal records of today. Mr. Clarke at that period was one of the most prolific peal scorers, especially on six bells, and it is quite possible he holds the record on that number of bells.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Liverpool.

HOW TWO PEALS WERE LEFT BEHIND.

The following is the story of two peals and how they were not rung. Four ringers from Crawley and a friend arranged to spend a ringing week-end in Wiltshire, with Devizes as headquarters. A peal of Double Norwich was to have been attempted at Melksham on the Saturday afternoon, October 19th, and a peal of Superlative at Devizes (St. John's) on the following afternoon. Most of the party journeyed by car, and the rest by train. All met safely at Devizes, where a substantial and much-needed dinner was demolished in a ringer-like manner, after which a start was made for Melksham. Here the visitors were met by the doughty Mr. Joseph T. Dyke and two other gentlemen. An amusing interlude was provided before the peal by two cats fighting in a tree. This proved a bad omen, as, after 20 minutes of Double Norwich on these glorious bells, the 2nd rope ungratefully broke. Circumstances not permitting of a second start, Mr. Dyke kindly offered to get the use of Keevil bells, which he did. At this church, with its peal of six bells (tenor about 22 cwt.) and long draught, 720 Cambridge Surprise was successfully brought round by: Robert Swift 1, Kenneth Snelling 2, Bernard H. Wells 3, Nelson Elliott 4, Joseph T. Dyke 5, Oliver Sippets (conductor) 6. It is believed to be the first time these bells have been rung to a Surprise method. After tea, farewell was said to Mr. Dyke, and the party returned to Devizes for the night. On Sunday morning an hour's ringing was enjoyed on these fine bells for morning service, the methods rung being Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples. Here it was learned that these bells were not available for the peal, but Mr. Hillier had procured Bishop Cannings bells instead. The party were unable to admire the scenery owing to the torrential rain, but they could, and did, admire these magnificent bells. With the assistance of Messrs. Hillier, Andrews and West, an attempt was again made on Double Norwich, but after an hour and ten minutes' good ringing the bells neatly ran round. (The culprits shall remain anonymous.) So, reluctantly, the company returned to Devizes, where, after tea, ringing was indulged in at St. Mary's. Then farewells were said, and homeward they wended their ways, eventually arriving in the small hours of Monday morning. The party would like to thank the various gentlemen who met them and arranged for the towers, especially he who drove them there in his car, and, last but not least, the hostess, Mrs. Swift, all of whom it is hoped to meet again at some future date to retrieve the peals left behind.

H. B. W.

A FAREWELL.

At the Parish Church, Arksey, Yorks, for evensong, on Sunday, October 20th, 1,092 Grandsire Triples in 33 mins.: F. Garner 1, H. Arrand 2, E. Cooper (conductor) 3, C. F. Otter 4, Joseph McCluskey 5, James McCluskey 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysouth 8. Rung as farewell to C. F. Otter, who is leaving to join the Royal Air Force.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, for evening service, on October 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes): E. R. Mackrill 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, P. L. Miles 3, J. A. Dart 4, C. F. Winner 5, E. E. Welham 6, A. Weddington 7, A. Cutmore 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (odd hobs): Dr. E. L. Taylor, Sevenoaks (first quarter-peal as conductor) 1, G. Malyan 2, W. Leigh 3, R. Jenner 4, H. Leigh 5, J. Heasman 6, J. W. Steddy 7, W. Leigh, jun., 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Sunday, October 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, J. E. Churchill 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, P. E. Clark 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, E. Harris 7, H. Belcher (conductor) 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,290 changes): H. W. H. Strickland 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, H. A. Barnett 3, J. Thomas (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

PENDLETON RINGERS ON TOUR.

The Pendleton, Lancs., ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, October 5th, and, with one exception, assembled at 2 o'clock to board a 14-seater bound for Blackburn and Whalley. Two other ringers—one from West Didsbury and the other from Middleton—made up a full load. The exception mentioned above was officiating as best man at a wedding, and was, therefore, excused. Passing through Bolton, where Bolton Wanderers were entertaining Aston Villa to a leather-chasing contest, the charabanc swung out on the road to Blackburn, with rugged looking moorland stretching away on either side. A halt was made to 'replenish radiators,' and shortly afterwards the party passed through Darwen and into Blackburn, where Mr. A. Tomlinson met them outside Blackburn Cathedral, to conduct them to the tower. Here Mr. W. E. Wilson had everything in readiness for a start. The period allowed here was from 3.30 to 4.15. Mr. Tomlinson having arranged to time the movements to suit both the ringers' convenience and a service which was to be held at Whalley later on. Two or three young Pendleton visitors had the pleasure of ringing their first course of Bob Royal at Blackburn, at the second attempt, the first being their first try at ten-bell ringing. Everyone having had a pull, Mr. Wilson pointed out one or two interesting peal tablets, and gave a short description of tower and bells. After thanking him for his trouble and courtesy, the company made a hasty exit to the bus. Mr. Tomlinson, with his inexorable watch, which someone said was double-gearred when it went at all, soon had the party on the Whalley road, and pointed out that, had they come on a clear summer's day, they could have seen from that road some of the loveliest scenery of the famous Ribblesdale. Even on a misty day, tending to rain, they saw enough to convince them that he was not exaggerating. Arrived at Whalley Church, near the Abbey ruins, the reason for Mr. Tomlinson's strict time table was discovered. A diocesan Sunday School festival was in progress, the Bishop of Blackburn being present, and there was just the clear half-hour for ringing before the festival service. Stedman, Bob Major and Kent were rung in that time, and opinions were unanimous as to the lovely tone of these bells. The tenor, especially, has a mellow stroke that seems to pour out. Even the hardened anti-Simpsonite, who had to hear them both outside as well as in, seemed to be converted, at least temporarily. 'Owd' Sam 'niver did hear 'owt like 'em afore.' Tea had been arranged at a neighbouring cafe, to follow immediately upon the ringing, but Mr. Tomlinson 'wangled' a quarter-hour for a visit to the remains of the old Abbey while daylight lasted. A visit well repays the few coppers charged for admission. Several acres in extent, even in ruins the place is a fine example of the skill and workmanship of the old monks who designed and built them. One can only imagine what they must have looked like when standing complete, and contemplate the ultimate end of all the works of man, no matter how well ordered.

A meat tea, which was a most excellent one, put everyone in a good humour. W. H. S. remarking that these were about the only courses ends you could really bring round with 'inward' satisfaction. A cabinet gramophone discoursed 'Ever so goosey' in a style that lunched those moss-grown feelings acquired in the Abbey ruins. 'Old Sam' moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Tomlinson for his time table arrangements, which had secured a ring at Whalley when the chances were against it, owing to the Sunday School festival, and added a rider thanking the Pendleton secretary, Mr. H. Greenhalgh, for his part in the arrangements. This having been carried, Mr. Tomlinson increased the debt to him by suggesting that, as one could not view the lovely scenery at Whalley in pitch darkness, they should divert the homeward route and make a call at Oswaldtwistle (newcomers are allowed two shots at this ward), where a meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancs Association was in progress. This was agreed to, and soon the 'old bus' was on its way through Accrington to Oswaldtwistle, where a somewhat poor meeting gave the party a hearty welcome, via Mr. Isaac Whalley, who put the visitors in possession of the ropes immediately. In a few minutes a touch of Stedman Triples had come smartly home, followed by a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major, and another of Bob Major, in which a local lady and a local lad took part.

By this time it was raining violently outside, and it was decided to make tracks for Manchester shortly, but before leaving the Vicar of Oswaldtwistle invited them to come again, and even went so far as to offer the bells for a record peal attempt. This sudden offer was not accepted on the spot, as no one seemed willing to start just at the moment. On the way home someone suggested a call at the Mason's Arms, to see if the mason was still working, one supposes. The younger element, who had been regaling the party with all sorts of songs on the road, including drinking songs, now had a lemon apiece, whilst the rest had some bird 'seed.' 'Old Sam,' it is hoped, will see this joke. Manchester was reached at 10.30, and all agreed they had had a good time. They wish to thank all those who contributed to a very happy outing.

P. L.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday evening, October 2nd, for harvest festival service, 1,456 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 52 mins.: W. Sturges 1, J. C. Dean 2, H. Hoare 3, W. R. Parker 4, J. B. Howes 5, W. H. Anstin 6, W. Atterbury 7, W. J. Dove (conductor) 8.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On October 6th, for harvest festival evensong at St. Peter's Church, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Osborne 1, R. Dear 2, C. Lovell 3, E. Waters 4, C. Forfitt 5, S. Andrews 6, A. Davis (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Chandler 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday evening, October 6th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. Little, jun., 1, W. Stead 2, A. Reeve 3, W. Little, sen., 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, C. A. Hughes 6, H. A. Edwards (conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8. First quarter by ringer of treble, and first of Grandsire 'inside' by ringer of 4th.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 6th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: A. J. Woolley (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Walker (first quarter-peal on a bob bell) 2, S. Hughes 3, T. Tudor 4, A. M. Hickman 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, J. Hall 8.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, October 6th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: H. Lacey 1, H. Kirby 2, W. Johnson 3, G. Butler 4, W. Fern (conductor) 5, V. Saddington 6, T. Hill, sen., 7, J. Salmon 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Sunday, October 6th, at St. Wulfram's Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 53 mins.: W. G. Thorpe 1, J. Royce 2, E. Nidd 3, H. Thorpe 4, F. Proctor 5, P. Turner 6, A. W. Ward (Bottesford) 7, S. Proctor (conductor) 8. T. H. Hall 9, R. Pick 10.

PEERING, ESSEX.—For harvest festival on Sunday, October 6th, for early celebration, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, C. J. Rogers 2, J. C. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, L. Clark 5, F. Fludder 6. For Matins, 1,056 Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, C. J. Rogers 3, G. Hayward 4, J. Elliott 5, F. Fludder 6, L. Clark 7, C. Button 8. For evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Elliott 7, the rest as before.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, September 29th, for the harvest festival, 719 Grandsire Caters: F. B. Yates 1, C. Webb 2, J. Withers, sen., 3, J. Turner 4, H. Williams 5, H. Stanley 6, J. Eaton 7, G. E. Fearn 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, J. Betterton 10. Also 575 Grandsire Caters: F. B. Yates 1, H. Fearn 2, C. Webb 3, H. Williams 4, W. H. Moore 5, A. Downs 6, H. Stanley 7, G. E. Fearn 8, A. Chambers (conductor) 9, J. Betterton 10.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At the Church of All Saints on Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 50 mins.: E. Eldridge 1, J. Eldridge 2, W. Taylor 3, G. Martin (conductor) 4, W. Walker 5, G. Gilbert 6, A. Walker 7, H. Baldwin 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church on Sunday evening, October 6th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: W. Little, jun. (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Stead 2, A. Reeve 3, W. Little, sen. (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, C. A. Hughes 6, H. A. Edwards (conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on October 6th (for harvest festival) in 44 mins.: A. Stevens 1, W. E. Butler 2, H. Worsfold 3, E. J. Goater 4, J. Phillips 5, W. C. Parker 6, G. Beeby (conductor) 7, P. W. Smith 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: C. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, C. J. Tricker 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, R. Martin 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, H. Gash 8. First quarter-peal away from the tenor by ringer of the treble.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, September 29th, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Single Oxford and 540 of Plain Bob): Mrs. Laxton 1, W. Wilkinson 2, F. Harwood 3, F. Dewey 4, H. Harper 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 changes of Oxford Treble Bob: Mrs. Harper 1, H. Harper 2, F. Harwood 3, W. Wilkinson 4, W. Houghton 5, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 6.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sunday, September 29th, at St. Peter's Church, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins.: J. T. Godwin 1, G. T. White 2, Miss N. G. Williams (Weston, Bath) 3, W. J. Simons 4, R. Hayward 5, F. C. Bengier (conductor) 6, W. J. Bengier 7, J. W. Smith 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 29th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 55 mins.: W. Smith 1, John Saddington 2, C. Rollard 3, Ernest Cartwright 4, J. Grundy 5, J. Towell 6, J. Sear (Bletchley) 7, Colin Harrison 8, E. Reader (conductor) 9, A. Harrod 10.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, September 29th, for harvest thanksgiving service evensong, 720 changes of Oxford Bob Minor: P. Humphrey 1, W. Wilson 2, B. Lowman 3, H. Gibbard 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, J. H. Musson 6. Also 360 Single Court after service.

LIVERPOOL.—At All Saints' Church, Childwall, for harvest festival, Sunday morning, September 29th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Lyddieth 1, E. Gittins 2, F. C. Thomas 3, J. Bonstead 4, W. Davies 5, C. I. Davies (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 5th from Messrs. C. J. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Choct, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rushton, E. F. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a musical service; St. Magnus', 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a lecture on the history of the church, by the Rector; St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon P. H. Collins. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

A JOINT MEETING of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (South and West District) and London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (South District) will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, November 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Hollier and J. Herbert, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5 (Preacher, Rev. T. Wellard, B.D.). Tea at Lyons', 5.30 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Seale on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting in Jubilee Room. Nominations for district officers for ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Deeping St. James on Saturday, November 2nd. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, on November 2nd. For tea, please advise Mr. R. Reece, Old Hall, Barlborough, as early as possible. A kind welcome extended to all ringers and friends.—R. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Seend, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Heckington, on Saturday, November 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea (1/9 each) 5 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Good bus service from Sleaford.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bughill, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30-8.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—Fred Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Arvil St., Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is requested, and all ringers will be welcomed.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker to-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 7th and 21st, the Coffee Pot on the 12th at 8 p.m. (election of officers), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th at 8 p.m., *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Wallasey on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The East Norfolk Branch meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, Nov. 9th; the West Norfolk Branch meeting at King's Lynn on Saturday, Nov. 16th; the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Diss on Saturday, Nov. 23rd; the North Norfolk Branch meeting at Norwich on Saturday, Nov. 30th, for the election of

officers and committees to the above respective branches. Particulars later on.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the East Norfolk Branch will be held in the Priory Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 3.30 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (12) of St. Nicholas' Church will be available. Members please support this first branch meeting by attending.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual district meeting at Braintree, Saturday, November 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Vestry Hall at 5. Tea will be provided free to all who give notice to C. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree, not later than Friday, November 8th. All ringers will be welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 to 9 p.m.—W. Arnold, Holt St., Earls Colne.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, November 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A business meeting to follow. Good attendance requested. Further particulars in next week's issue. Good bus service from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. to 9. Service 5. Tea (6d.) 5.30. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 6th. Please make an effort.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held at Bulwell, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. till 8.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, London, W.C., on Saturday, November 9th. Bells available from 2.30.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting arranged for Weedon on Saturday, Nov. 9th, is unavoidably cancelled. Next meeting, Daventry, Dec. 14th. Further particulars of W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. R. Ashforth, Gamston, Retford, before Nov. 6th. A presentation will be made to the late secretary. Good attendance requested. Good bus service from all directions.—R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. Smith, 1, Black Bull Cottage, Broughton, near Preston, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 6th? — F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Madresfield on Nov. 9th. Service at 4 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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Oadby on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Lancashire Café at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Thursday, Nov. 7th?—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester. (Please note change of address.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, Nov. 9th. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. Come and try this grand ring of eight. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

BIRKENHEAD.—St. Mary's Church.—After a silence of many years, this peal of six bells, rehung by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, in a new metal frame with modern fittings, will be re-opened on Mayor's Sunday, Nov. 10th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Howes' Cafe, next the church, at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of Vicar) in the Vicarage, and business meeting. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 12th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Shalford on Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers for 1930 must be made at this meeting. Please send numbers for tea to me by Monday, Nov. 11th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Caythorpe (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open 2 p.m. Good train and bus service between Grantham and Lincoln. Notification for tea to Harold Mareon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, fol-

lowed by tea and meeting in the School. Notice for tea to be sent in not later than Wednesday, Nov. 14th, to Mr. A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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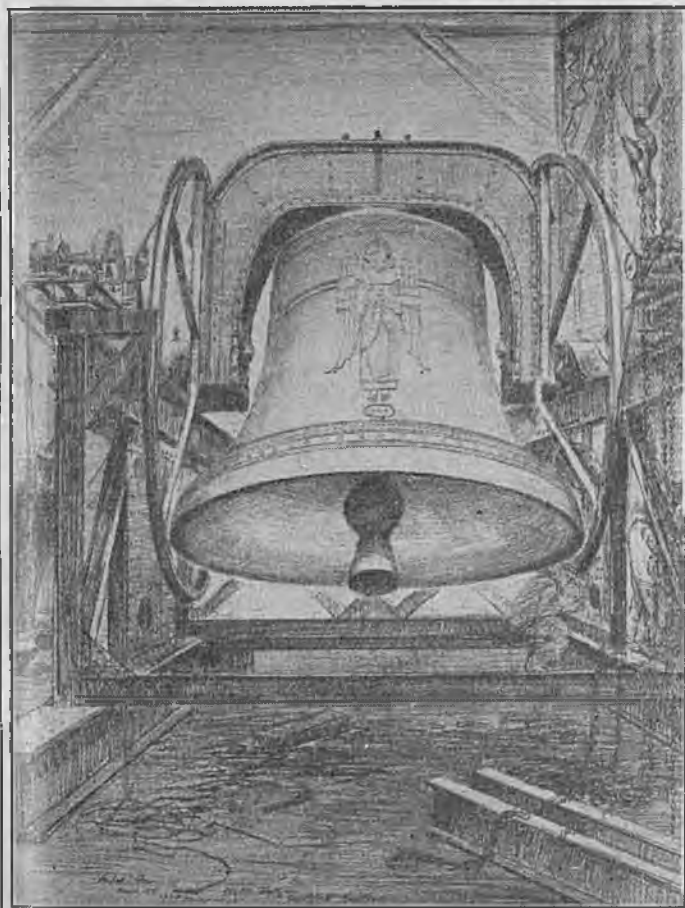
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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
JOHN P. TARTON 2	F. HECTOR BENNETT 6
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
* NORMAN C. LEWIS 4	WILLIAM H. WAIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal. This was the conductor's 500th peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

* S. PARRY Treble	S. W. DUNN 5
H. HAMAR 2	G. STAFF 6
W. STAFF 3	J. H. C. MASSEY 7
J. B. SHAW 4	A. SIDEBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by G. STAFF.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method.
First peal in the method by a local band, all being service ringers at the above church. Also first peal in the method on the bells since they were rehung. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. R. E. Elliot), who closed his ministry on this date.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HOBERT JONES Treble	JOHN J. PRICE 5
ALBERT E. JONES 2	WILLIAM R. NASH 6
ROBERT H. JONES 3	FRANCIS EVANS 7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 4	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILFRED FULLWOOD Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	* WILLIAM H. LOWE 6
HARRY HILL 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
JOHN PRICE 4	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for the festivals of All Saints and All Souls. Quarterly peal for the Guild. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the towerkeeper, Mr. B. Fullwood, for having everything in readiness.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* JAMES INGHAM Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS

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

SUTTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENVILTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

FRANK JENNINGS Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	AMES W. CLARK 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY 7
CANON G. H. RIDOUT ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Arranged as a farewell peal to Canon Ridout, who is sailing on the 9th inst. for Johannesburg. First peal on the bells for 14 years. They have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
JOHN JAGGER 3	PERCY HARRISON 7
EDWIN H. STONELEY ... 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal was arranged for Mr. John Jagger, it being 50 years since he rang his first peal at the above church. He received the hearty congratulations of the band upon this jubilee. Rung after meeting one short for Caters.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS ELIZABETH FOULK Treble	† FRANK COXON 5
* FREDERICK BROWN 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
HENRY FLETCHER 3	JACK BAILEY 7
GEORGE FREEBRY 4	PERCY H. TATE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.

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

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, TURBROOK,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
ERNEST JONES 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7
* LESTER L. GREY 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

* GEORGE B. COLE Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	* DANIEL COOPER 6
* WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 4	* CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWITT.

* First peal in the method.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY BARRELL Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2	WALTER BARRETT 6
GEORGE HOWLETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Composed by STR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KEITH HART 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

CROWLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
* THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
CYRIL TANSSELL 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
DENNIS R. MORRIS 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal in a Treble Bob method.

KING'S NORTON (BY GALBY), LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 6
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 7
JOSIAH MORRIS 4	A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor

Arranged by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on these historic bells since the Leicester Scholars rang one on June 4th, 1816.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 5
HARRY HAYNES 2	* HARRY SQUIRES 6
ARTHUR W. WARD 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
ARTHUR MACKBEARS 4	† JOHN H. BRANSTON Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate the 704th anniversary of the church; also the 7th anniversary of the restoration and reopening of the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY OVERTON Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
HAROLD EDWARDS 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

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

This is the 50th peal which the ringers of 2nd and 5th have rung together.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 5
* ALAN M. HICKMAN 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
WALTER LONGMAN 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major away from the treble. The band were afterwards kindly entertained to tea by the local ringers. This peal and the peal of Double Norwich at Market Drayton were arranged for Mr. R. Sperring, of Chester.

MARSHFIELD.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, 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 18 cwt.

* ROLAND FLETCHER Treble	HENRY WOODHAM 5
* FREDERICK J. BEAZER 2	JESSE H. BEAZER 6
* CHARLES HARDING 3	GEORGE ROBINSON 7
ELI BEAZER 4	ROBERT SWIFT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ROBINSON.

* First peal and first attempt. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal. Rung as a 40th anniversary compliment to Mr. George Robinson.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

CECIL NICE... .. Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 5
*ROBERT SWIFT 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
†GEORGE OLLIVER 3	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

WYCHBOLD, NEAR DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM KINGS... .. Treble	CHARLES SMITH... .. 4
CHARLES HARRISON 2	WALTER RAXTER 5
JOHN NEAL 3	*HUBERT SPARKS... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. RAXTER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. It is also believed to be the first peal rung on these bells and conducted by one of the local band.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS C. WALTERS... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE 4
ALEXANDER COLEY 2	THOMAS E. READ 5
EDWARD WHITLOCK 3	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. GREEN.

The quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. William French and Miss Lily Thurlow, who is a regular ringer at this church, also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer's daughter.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES Treble	*WILFRED STEVENSON 4
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	JOHN WORTH 5
FRANK L. RONAN 3	†JACK WACMSLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal inside. † First peal of Minor. All the band are from Christ Church, Macclesfield, and their thanks are expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 31, 1929, 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, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
SIDNEY CARTER 2	GEORGE H. CARTER 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to W. S. Lawrence, the beloved only son of W. H. Lawrence, who met his death under tragic circumstances, and who was interred at Little Munden on the above date.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR MOSELEY Treble	GEORGE GREEN 4
JOHN NEAL 2	WALTER RAXTER... .. 5
*ARTHUR BARTON 3	HUBERT SPARKS Tenor

Conducted by W. RAXTER.

* First peal.

MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's with different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK L. RONAN... .. Treble	JACK TIPPER 4
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	JOHN WORTH 5
WILFRED STEVENSON... .. 3	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. Rung on the eve of the Christ Church Day School's Festival by 'old boys' of the schools.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Chester, Munden, Newcastle, Alnwick, Beverley, Surfleet.

ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. Treble	JOHN MOULE 4
ALFRED PRIOR 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

PERCY RICHARDS Treble	WILLIAM GIBBS... .. 4
*HARRY PERRINS... .. 2	†SAMUEL THOMPSON 5
SIDNEY THOMPSON 3	JOHN BASS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BASS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with a bob bell. Believed to be the first local peal on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

SANDY, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN AND BEDS ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Woodbine, three 720's Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM C. FOX... .. Treble	TOM BARTRAM 4
FRED C. GINN 2	ARTHUR J. GINN 5
CHARLES J. BALL 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First 720 of Woodbine for 2nd and 5th ringers.

WATH, NEAR RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*EDWARD HUDSON Treble	JOHN HARRISON 4
HERBERT E. PICKERING 2	ROBERT LANCASTER 5
HENRY CLAYTON 3	FRED E. ADDISON Tenor

Conducted by FRED E. ADDISON.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band. Treble ringer belongs to Sharrow, and the rest to Tadcaster.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 7-8
FRANK E. PERVIN... .. 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	*MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

Referee: F. WALKER.

* 100th peal of Stedman Cinques and 200th peal of Stedman. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Walker for their hospitality after the peal.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT 1-2	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 5-6
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Witness: W. J. MAYHEW.

* First peal of Oxford Major on handbells. Rung on the 118th anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on handbells at Sheffield.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At 3, BELL STREET

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN 1-2	GEORGE WIFFEN... .. 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE... .. 3-4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Witness: PERCY GREEN.

First peal as conductor on handbells.

A SALISBURY RESTORATION.

A fresh chapter in the history of St. Martin's, Salisbury, began with the reopening of the peal of eight bells, which took place on Saturday evening, October 19th, when a special service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. N. Wilson, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Plaxton (curate). Among the congregation were the St. Martin's churchwardens, Mr. C. S. Hibberd and Mr. B. Jenkins, Rev. F. L. Edwards, general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Rev. C. Phillips, secretary of the Wimborne Branch, Mr. F. W. Romaine, secretary of the Salisbury Branch, and Mr. R. Dove, who represented the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, to whom the work of rehangng the bells on ball bearings and overhauling of frame and fittings had been entrusted. The work has been carried out in a most thorough manner, and the go of the bells is now excellent.

In the course of his address the Rector made special mention of the 7th bell, which is the oldest one of the peal, and bears the inscription, 'Be Moe and Loly to Heare the word of God,' and is dated I.W., 1582. The inscription on the tenor is, 'Call a Solemne Asseble, Gather the People. I.W., 1624.'

After the service the bells were set going in various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major, etc., until about 9 p.m., when they were lowered in peal, bringing to a close a very pleasant gathering.

Ringers were present from Bournemouth, Branksome, Poole, Ringwood, Wimborne, Corfe Mullen, Shrewton, Dinton, Broadchalke, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Beddington, Croydon, and the local band, etc.

A WEST COUNTRY APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Readers of 'The Ringing World,' or, at least, a number of them, are aware that the Church of St. George (Wilton), Taunton, can boast of a talented band of ringers, having recently rung seven and ten different Surprise Minor methods in peals. The Vicar and Church authorities, recognising this, decided, after being appealed to by the ringers, to increase the ring to eight and rehang the whole in a new frame and fittings. A faculty has been obtained, and the order placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The local band, to give the job impetus, guaranteed to give one of the new trebles complete with fittings, the cost of which is about £50. Towards this they are subscribing half, viz., £25, which everyone will agree is a handsome donation. They now make an appeal to ringers generally for financial help. There are doubtless many ringers who would be willing to assist a band that are doing all they possibly can to help themselves. Any contributions sent will be duly acknowledged by Mr. S. G. Coles, 3, Holly Terrace, Staplegrave, Taunton, or by yours truly, 5, Florence Terrace, Bishop's Hull, Taunton. J. HUNT.

MRS. G. W. FLETCHER'S 200 PEALS.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (formerly Miss E. K. Parker) rang her 200th peal recently, fittingly enough for the Ladies' Guild, of which she has been the hon. secretary since its formation. The following is the list of her peals:—

	Tower	Conducted	Handbells	Conducted
Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus ...	1	—	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Maximus ...	2	—	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	1	—	—	—
Little Bob Maximus ...	1	—	—	—
Stedman Cinques ...	8	2	4	—
Grandsire Cinques ...	—	—	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal ...	2	—	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	—	—	2	—
Plain Bob Royal ...	1	—	4	—
Forward Royal ...	1	—	—	—
Spliced Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters ...	—	—	1	—
Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Caters ...	—	—	1	—
Stedman Caters ...	7	6	6	—
Grandsire Caters ...	—	—	8	—
Spliced London, Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise ...	1	—	—	—
London Surprise Major ...	24	14	—	—
Bristol Surprise Major ...	12	4	—	—
Superlative Surprise Major ...	25	16	—	—
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	6	2	—	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	8	7	—	—
Gloucester Surprise Major ...	1	1	—	—
New Gloucester Surprise Major ...	1	—	—	—
Norfolk Surprise Major ...	1	—	—	—
Cumberland Delight Major ...	1	1	—	—
Canterbury Pleasure Major ...	—	—	1	—
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	7	1	—	—
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	—	—	3	—
Plain Bob Major ...	2	1	8	—
Little Bob Major ...	—	—	2	—
Double Bob Major ...	—	—	1	—
Stedman Triples ...	30	19	1	—
Grandsire Triples ...	4	2	8	1
Minor (seven methods) ...	1	—	—	—
Totals ...	148	76	52	1

WELCOME TO NEW INCUMBENT.

At Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, Devon, on Friday, October 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., as a welcome to the Rev. R. Carnegie Knox, who was instituted and inducted to the living of Emmanuel the same day: J. C. Pook 1, T. G. Myers 2, W. J. Richards 3, G. Godard 4, R. J. Baldry 5, W. Wannacott 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, F. Baldry (first quarter-peal) 8. This quarter-peal was rung after an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples had failed.

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DEATH OF AN OLD YORKSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the demise of Mr. Frank C. Willey, a member of the All Saints' Church company, Sheffield, whose death took place suddenly on October 29th, at the age of 72 years. As chorister and ringer he was connected with All Saints' for an uninterrupted period of 50 years, being steepickeeper and conductor for most of that time. Joining the Yorkshire Association in 1881, he was a vigorous worker in the interests of change ringing. He had occupied the position of vice-president of the association, which he had also represented on the Central Council. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and had rung 24 peals.

Mr. Willey was a very well-known member of the Druids Friendly Society, of which he was a lodge secretary for some years. Of breezy, generous disposition, Mr. Willey was always a welcome visitor in any gathering. Unfortunately, 'Frank' was a victim of a paralytic attack three years ago, which rendered him almost unable to talk or walk. He partially recovered from this, but a further attack resulted in death.

The interment took place on Saturday, November 2nd, at Burngreave Cemetery, being preceded by a service at All Saints' Church, at which the Rev. G. H. Staveley (Vicar) officiated. 'Jesu, Lover of my soul,' and 'Abide with me,' two favourite hymns, were feelingly sung by a large gathering of friends and churchworkers. The following representative ringers were present, in addition to many others: Rev. C. C. Marshall (president, Yorks Association), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorks Association), Mr. G. Lewis (vice-president, Southern District), Mr. F. Clarke (hon. secretary, Southern District), Mr. R. Harrison (president, Sheffield and District Society), Mr. R. Harrison, jun. (hon. secretary, Sheffield and District Society), Mr. J. Lewis Cockey (Midland Counties Association), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley and District Society), Mr. A. Gledstone (Doncaster and District Society), Mr. J. A. Dixon and Mr. W. Bugar (St. Marie's), Mr. J. Thorpe and Mr. S. F. Palmer (Cathedral), Mr. S. Briggs (Rotherham), Mr. J. R. Brearley (Bolsterstone). A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside, and also touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob on the tower bells, deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect.

Mr. Willey leaves a son and two daughters to mourn their loss, his wife having predeceased him about five years ago.

The bells of St. Marie's R.C. Church, Sheffield, were rung for evening service on Sunday, November 3rd, with the clappers half-muffled as a token of sympathy and respect to the late Mr. Frank Willey, who was a past officer in the Sheffield District Society of Change Ringers.

A JOINT AFFAIR.**A HAPPY GATHERING AT EALING.**

On Saturday last the Southern District of the London County Association were at Ealing, the guests of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, South and West District, there being the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, and, in the evening, those of Christ Church, at the disposal of the company. Ringing commenced soon after three, and various methods were rung previous to a service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. J. Sharp), during which he gave a lesson-address on the Beatitudes—most appropriate and helpful. The singing was well rendered, Mr. H. J. Dawson presiding at the organ. Tea, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Hunnisett, was served in St. Mary's Church House, presided over by the Vicar, where a party of about 40 sat down to a substantial repast. After tea, Mr. J. A. Trollope, hon. treasurer, Middlesex South and West District, welcomed the London County men and ladies to Ealing, saying that this was a unique occasion, and one which they, as officers of the Middlesex Association, were very pleased to be able to take part in, as promoting good fellowship among the different societies. Skimming back a hundred years or so, he recalled the fact that the London County, then the St. James' Society, was mainly the outcome of a quarrel between Annable and Holt, and he sketched the progress of that society till the present. He hoped and was sure these gatherings did no end of good.

Mr. Mance, District Master, L.C.A., responded, thanking the Middlesex men for the splendid welcome extended to them, and hoped that meetings of this nature would continue. The hon. secretary, Mr. J. Herbert, L.C.A., also spoke in support, as well as Mr. A. D. Barker, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by Mr. W. J. Hollier, hon. secretary, Middlesex, for the use of the bells, for the service, and for presiding at the tea, also to the organist for his services, to which the Vicar responded in a few words, having, he said, grasped long since what benefits could accrue from such mixed gatherings.

He was then forced by an engagement to leave, doing so amidst applause. A course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on handbells by F. Goodfellow (Middlesex), J. A. Trollope (Middlesex), G. H. Cross (London), J. Herbert (London), E. S. Turner (Middlesex), and W. Wilson (Middlesex). A vote of thanks was returned to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunnisett and their helpers for the excellent arrangements made for tea, which was provided in Mr. and Mrs. 'Jim's' own inimitable way. The two towers were then visited, and ringing was carried on until nine o'clock. During the day the standard methods, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise and Rounds, were rung.

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Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are informed that the bells at St. Mary's Church, Birkenhead, are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Chester at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow. The reopening was previously announced to take place on Sunday. A gudgeon of the tenor bell at Irthlingborough is at present broken, and ringing is therefore suspended for a time.

We hear of peals coming to grief in many different ways, but it is not often a young Rook gets into the belfry and upsets a peal, as was the case a short time ago at a pretty little village in the Midlands. Perhaps, writes our correspondent, Mr. G., of England, will explain, as he nearly wrung its neck. The gentleman wanted to play tennis near the tower.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Winchester was Albert W. Coles.

Ringers throughout the country will join us in extending greetings to Canon G. F. Coleridge, who celebrates his birthday on Sunday.

One of the earliest peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung by the Society of Cumberland Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on November 10th, 1766.

On November 13th, 1797, a peal of 5,003 Stedman Caters was rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields. This church formerly had a ring of twelve bells, which were destroyed in a fire, but there are now only eight in the tower.

November 13th is also the anniversary of a peal of 10,080 New Treble Bob Major (Kent) rung at Huddersfield in the year 1820. It is recorded on a board in the belfry, and in addition to the usual particulars it preserves the figures of the peal. Four of the ringers in this peal took part eleven years later in the 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major at Ellam. Ten men, however, shared in this peal. At that time it was the greatest length composed in the method.

Ninety years ago next Wednesday, William Rock Small was born at Wednesbury. This famous old Black Country ringer lived to the advanced age of 85 years.

The first 'Charles' peal was rung at Bristol on November 13th, 1895. The method was Grandsire Triples.

'TO KEEP SOBRIETY.'

Here is another variation of 'Belfry Rules' in the old days. They are to be seen painted on a board on the south side of the tower of Fowey Church, Cornwall:—

Hark, how the chirping treble sings most clear,

An Covering Tom comes rowling in the rear.

We ring the quick to church, the dead to grave,

Good is our use, such usage let us have.

Now up on end at stay, come let us see

What laws are best to keep sobriety.

To Swear or curse or in a Cholerick mood

To strike or quarrel, though he draw no blood,

To wear a hat or spur, to o're turn a bell,

Or by unskifful handling marrs a Peal,

Such shall pay sixpence for each single crime,

'Twill make him cautious 'gainst another time.

What forfeitures are due as here it is exprest,

Here is a box to take the same whereby "have Transgrest,"

And we the whole society of Ringers do agree

To use the same in love and unity.

DEATH OF MR. EDGAR PEMBERTON. MEMBER OF A FAMOUS IPSWICH COMPANY.

Death has removed another veteran ringer, whose name was famous in the Exercise at the end of last century. Mr. Edgar Pemberton, one of the last survivors of the celebrated Ipswich band, passed away at his residence, 41, Bramford Lane, Ipswich, on Thursday, October 31st, at the age of 78 years. He had long been an invalid—a victim of arthritis—but his interest in ringing remained to the end, although he had not been able to get up into the belfry for some years.

Mr. Pemberton was one of a band who made ringing history at Ipswich, where he became a member of the band at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, when it was reorganised in 1876. He rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, on May 22nd, 1878, the band being George Newson, Thomas Sadler, David Stockwood, William Coppage, Edwin Gibbs, William Baron, Edgar Pemberton and George Isley. On March 1st, 1881, Mr. Pemberton rang the eleventh to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, the



The late Mr. Edgar Pemberton.

first peal on the twelve bells at St. Mary-le-Tower Church. It was rung at the third attempt. This peal was the beginning of a series of achievements extending over many years, and in all he rang in 270 peals, including the first peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques in Suffolk; the first peals of Double Norwich Major, Royal and Maximus, and the first of Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus in the county. The Cambridge Maximus was the first peal in the method ever rung, and in this, as in all the Surprise peals in which he took part, Mr. Pemberton rang the treble. In 1880 he rang in peals of 7,296 and 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major at Debenham, and he also rang in an 8,896 in the same method at Rochester Row, Westminster. He took part in a 10,178 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Ufford in 1894, but he was not in the 16,608 at Debenham in 1892, although he was in two previous attempts for it at that tower, and in two others at Leiston. In each of the latter they rang over 10,000 changes and broke down. When, eventually, the peal was rung, Mr. Pemberton, whose trade was that of a carpenter, was working at Bury St. Edmunds, and was unable to take part. In long lengths of Double Norwich, Mr. Pemberton rang 6,608, 8,064 and 10,080. Thus he had a great share in the ringing which the Suffolk men of those days—men like Daniel Prentice, William Ireland, James Motts, and William Catchpole, and the enthusiasts who comprised their band—made memorable.

Mr. Pemberton's peals were as follow: Kent Treble Bob Maximus 38, Oxford Treble Bob Maximus 3, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 2, Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus 3, Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 25, Grandsire Cinques 3, Kent Treble Bob Royal 11, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 3, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Royal 6, Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 18, Grandsire Caters 7, Kent Treble Bob Major 23, Oxford Treble Bob Major 17, Bob Major 2, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 38, Superlative Surprise Major 9, Cambridge Surprise Major 9, London Surprise Major 4, Stedman Triples 26, Grandsire Triples 17, Plain Bob Triples 1, Minor 2.

The funeral took place at St. Mary-le-Tower Church on Monday, and much sympathy has been expressed with the widow, son and daughter in their bereavement.

Mr. Robert Brundle is now the sole survivor of St. Mary-le-Tower Society as reconstructed in 1876, and is still on the active list.

YOUNG MILFORD RINGERS' PROGRESS.

At Milford-on-Sea, Hants, on Thursday, October 31st, to celebrate the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells, known as the Rev. C. E. Matthews' memorial bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: L. Parker 1, G. Preston 2, J. Knight 3, K. Desham 4, G. Scragg 5, B. Mogg 6, G. Parker 7, A. Knapp 8. The ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 only began to learn in November last, when Mr. G. Preston was appointed as instructor to the Milford band. Ringers of 2, 4 and 5 belong to Christchurch, the rest to Milford.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On Wednesday, October 23rd, 1,024 Kent Treble Bob: S. Helliwell 1, Miss C. Wade 2, H. G. Grimwood 3, F. Blackith 4, Frank Blackith 5, F. Jackson 6, N. Redshaw 7, L. Morris 8.

BELLS THAT SAMUEL PEPYS HEARD. MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION VISIT ST. OLAVE'S

A very enjoyable meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last, at the famous Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City, where, some 250 years ago, Samuel Pepys was called to service by some of the bells that are now part of a pretty octave. The back five were cast at Whitechapel in 1662; the present third at the same foundry in 1694. It was therefore fitting that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank should have the work of retuning this old peal of six and adding two trebles, which that firm did right well only a few months ago. The back six form the earliest of London's ringing peals, with the exception of the five bells at St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield. The latter peal are not at present in a ringable condition, so that the honour of possessing the oldest ringing peal remains with St. Olave's.

Last Saturday's meeting was attended by some 50 ringers, who made good use of the bells. Rounds for the beginners present, Grandsire and Stedman for the more advanced, and London and Bristol for the budding experts, was the order of the day, and thus all were served. It was a great pleasure to see Mr. Joseph Wagborn present, and taking part in the ringing at the advanced age of 86.

The address at the service was given by the Rector (Rev. T. Wellard, D.D.), who reminded ringers of the service they did for the church. The bells in this church had done great service in the past, he said, and had been rung for the coronation of many English Kings and Queens. He made reference to the fact that Samuel Pepys, who lived close by the church, and who was buried there in 1703, had listened to these bells, and had probably received inspiration from them.

Of the business done at the meeting, mention might be made that it was arranged to hold the next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on December 7th.

A sum of £3 3s. was voted to the fund opened on behalf of Mr. T. Beadle, one of the founders of the association, and sometime Master and vice-president of the South and West District. It was pointed out that this was an urgent matter, and as such might be dealt with at this meeting, rather than awaiting the district annual meeting in January or February next. The members present unanimously agreed that the sum be paid over to the treasurer of the fund, and that the matter should come up for confirmation at the annual meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells; to the organist who had very kindly assisted at the service; and to Mr. H. T. Wilson, the tower-keeper, for his unfailing help in making the meeting a pleasant one.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. MID-WEEK MEETING OF CENTRAL DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Central Division took place at Henfield on Wednesday, October 23rd, and the experiment of holding the gathering on a Wednesday instead of Saturday was completely justified by the result, as shown by the large and representative attendance. This much the hon. secretary is very pleased to learn, but feels compelled to complain of the lack of consideration shown by some members to those who are extending hospitality, to say nothing of the time and trouble taken in organising the meeting. The total number expected at this meeting, according to returns, totalled only about a dozen.

The tower was open at 2.30 for ringing, which continued till 4.30, when those present, over fifty in number, adjourned to an excellent tea provided by the kindness of Canon R. J. Lea (the Vicar of Henfield) and Mrs. Lea. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Canon Lea, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman). Mr. Keith Hart acted for the secretary, who was unable to be present.

The business was of the usual routine nature, and the following were elected members: William Morey, Eric Morey, Frank King, Harold Trower, Ronald Childs, of the Henfield Branch. The election of Messrs. Alfred Ballard, Stoney Stanton, Redvers F. Elkington, Anstey, Leicester, Ronald H. Dove, Thornton Heath, and F. Wilford, Northampton, as non-resident members, was confirmed.

At the conclusion of the meeting a vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Lea, proposed by Mr. Rickman, was enthusiastically carried.

The service which followed was conducted by Canon Lea, who, in the course of a striking address, drew attention to the influence exerted by the age-long atmosphere of worship that pervaded the ancient parish churches of England, such as the one in which they were then worshipping, with its six centuries of existence.

After service, ringing was continued, methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise being rung.

The following towers were represented: Bolney, Bosham, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas', The Good Shepherd), Chichester, Crawley, Heene, Henfield, Lewes (Southover), Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Sanford, Shorham, Steyning and Warnham.

The local company are fortunate in possessing a group of keen, young probationers, and they have a capital peal of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

MAISEYHAMPTON BELLS RESTORED.

RINGERS' MEETING AT THE REOPENING.

A very successful meeting of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Maiseyhampton on Saturday, October 26th, on the occasion of the dedication of the new fifth bell and the rededication of the other five bells. The peal was originally cast in 1708 by Abraham Rudhall, but the tenor was recast in 1825 by John Rudhall.

The Church of St. Mary was well filled for the service, which commenced with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' The lessons were read by the Rev. Canon Jones, Vicar of Fairford, a member of the association.

The bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, and were then rung for a few minutes by the local ringers. The sermon was preached by the Bishop, who gave a very interesting address dealing with bells and their uses. During the singing of the last hymn a collection was taken in aid of the bell fund.

The bells were then open for ringing, and between 30 and 40 ringers were present from Cirencester, Witcomb, Sydenham, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, Tetbury, Lechlade, South Cerney, Prestbury, Burford, Fairford, Elkstone, Coln St. Aldwyns and Croydon. Two very welcome visitors were Mr. Wilfred Andrews, of Winchester Cathedral, and Mr. Frank W. Perrins, of Coventry.

The branch secretary (Mr. F. J. Lewis) did his best to see that everyone had a pull. Tea was served in the Village Hall, and was presided over by the Rev. A. M. Coode, the branch chairman, but as he had to leave early, Mr. F. Edwards took the chair for the business part of the meeting, at which Cirencester was chosen for the annual meeting in January.



MAISEYHAMPTON CHURCH.

Mr. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. H. Peach) for granting permission to hold the meeting, and to the local ringers and their wives who provided the tea. He also congratulated Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, on the excellent work they had done. Mr. F. E. Collins, who had hung the bells, replied on behalf of the firm.

A short time was then spent with the handbells, and the tower was again visited and the bells kept going till about 8.30. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The fifth bell has been recast and the whole peal of six rehung with new fittings and ball bearings. The firm and the bell hanger are to be congratulated on the splendid work they have done. The new bell fits in perfectly with the other five, and all the ringers were unanimous in saying that the 'go' of the bells was perfect, one ringer remarking that this would be the place to go for a record peal of Minor.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—God preserve the Church. A. R., 1708.

2.—God save the Queen and Church. A. R., 1708.

3.—Abra Rudhall cast us all, 1708.

4.—Prosperity to all our benefactors. A. R., 1708.

5.—Peace and good neighbourhood. A. R., 1708. Recast in 1929.

Tenor.—W. Foreshaw and R. Miller, Churchwardens, 1825. John Rudhall, fecit.

The weight of the tenor is 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

CARISBROOKE, I.O.W.—On Thursday, October 3rd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,288 changes) from Holt's Original: W. Johnson 1, W. Legge 2, A. Drake 3, F. Priddle 4, W. Scott 5, W. Chambers 6, H. Barton (conductor) 7, B. Sibbick 8.

A NEW RING OF EIGHT FOR SHROPSHIRE.

CLAVERTLEY BELLS AUGMENTED AND REHUNG.

An important event in the history of Claverley, Shropshire, was enacted when the Lord Bishop of Hereford (Dr. M. Linton Smith) dedicated the restored and augmented ring of eight bells. A very large congregation, perhaps a record for the parish in point of numbers, attended and reverently participated in the beautiful service of dedication, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. P. Guy).

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of the influence of bells, and the important part they had always played in English village life. From the earliest time, he said, the bell had been used as a means of gathering Christian people together for worship; indeed, so much was it a Christian institution that Mahomet forbade the ringing of bells in Moslem cities. In certain religions, when the worshipper entered the temple, he rang a bell to call the attention of his god to the prayer he wished to offer. But it was not God that needed reminding; rather was it man that needed to be reminded of the presence of God and the duty of public worship.

During the dedication, rounds were rung by the local company assisted by Messrs. S. R. Roper and W. Dyer, Croydon.

At the conclusion of the service an expert band from Wolverhampton, with Mr. Cooper as conductor, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief in the second part.

There was also present a representative gathering of about seventy ringers from Birmingham, Market Drayton, Coventry, Womborne, Sedgley and Coseley. All were delighted with the fine tone and easy 'go' of the bells.

It was only in July last that it was decided to restore the six bells and put them in ringing condition, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's tender being accepted. The bells were dismantled and sent to Croydon, during the second week in August, and were back in the church tower again and ready for use in the fourth week of September—a very creditable record of expeditious work. The contract included recasting Nos. 4 and 5 of the previous peal of six, adding two trebles and hanging the whole in an entirely new frame with the most up-to-date fittings. As the contractors are clockmakers as well as bell founders, they were also entrusted with the restoration of the clock, the striking part of which had been out of use for years.

Claverley now possesses a peal of eight (tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.) of which they may justly be proud. Special attention has been paid to the distribution of the sound of the bells by blocking up the louvres to various heights, so that close to the church the volume of sound is brought to pleasant proportions, and no one bell can be heard above the others. The like effect has been accomplished inside the tower.

During the evening the visiting ringers, with the local band, were entertained at the Crown Hotel, Mr. I. Marsh (captain of Claverley ringers) presiding. In addition to the ringers there were present the Vicar, Mr. R. L. Meredith and Mr. J. Thompson (churchwardens), and Mr. G. Green.

Speeches were made congratulating Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on the excellence of the work and upon the expeditious way it had been carried out.

Mr. S. R. Roper suitably responded on behalf of the firm.

It is hoped, in the near future, to have a ringing festival.

The situation of Claverley is rather unique. It is in Shropshire, but on the border of Staffordshire and in the diocese of Hereford, so that it would seem an ideal place to hold a combined meeting of the associations of ringers for those counties. In any case visiting ringers can be assured of a warm welcome and wonderful hospitality at all times.

SUFFOLK GUILD VISITS THE STONHAMS.

A meeting of the Debenham Branch of the Suffolk Guild was held at the Stonhams on October 28th. After ringing in various methods on the bells of Earl Stonham and Little Stonham, the company, which included Canon Wonnacott (Stonham Aspal), Rev. E. D. P. Parry (Little Stonham), Rev. A. A. L. Gedge (Earl Stonham), and members from Cretingham, Debenham, Framsdon, Great Bentley, Helmingham, Ipswich, Stowupland, Stoke Ash, and Wetheringsett, sat down to tea at the Malsters Arms.

Mr. E. F. Poppy expressed regret at the absence of the district secretary, Mr. W. C. Rumsey, of Debenham, through the illness of his wife. He thanked the incumbents for the use of their bells.

Rev. E. D. P. Parry, in welcoming the ringers to his parish, expressed his regret that none of his band were present, and spoke at some length on the pleasure it would give him if the Suffolk Guild could induce his band to become active members of the Guild and more proficient in their art. He felt himself too old to take any part in ringing, but he would do anything to get his band to unite and become more proficient.

Canon Wonnacott and Rev. A. A. L. Gedge both spoke in the same strain, remarking that ringing, for some cause or other, always seemed to alternate between waves of enthusiasm and the reverse.

Some good ringing in various methods, on the fine ten at Stonham Aspal, concluded a very pleasant meeting, although more local talent would have been welcome.

ON THE PILGRIM'S WAY.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD MEET AT SEALE.

A successful six-bell meeting was held by the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Seale on Saturday. Over thirty members were present, and their visit was made all the more enjoyable by the welcome which was given by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. Arrowsmith) and the local ringers. Seale is an ancient and picturesque village nestling in a fold of the hills under the Hog's Back, and remains, even to-day, totally unspoiled. An almost continuous stream of modern traffic roars along the top of the hill, but Seale is untouched by it. It stands on the ancient Pilgrim's Way, and the foundation of its church is lost in the mists of antiquity. The present building has a square tower over the choir, and originally the ringing chamber was approached by a staircase behind the choir stalls. The entrance to these steps was never intended for stout ringers, for the door is of the minimum width—even a thin man would have to go through edgewise. It was, however, hardly for that reason that a new entrance was cut into the outer wall of the tower, giving access to the stairway from outside. Before this was done, the ringers coming down from the tower at service time had to disturb the organist from his seat, so that some other means of getting into and out of the belfry was obviously called for. At the top of the stone stairway, wooden steps up the side of the chancel roof take one to the little ringing chamber, and even here big men were not catered for, while a low arch is a trap for the unwary, as the Master of the Guild found to his cost on Saturday, when a rather badly damaged cranium caused his early retirement from the scene. The bells themselves are quite a good little ring, with a tenor of about 7 cwt., and hung on ball bearings. The fifth was originally cast by Robert Eldridge, of Wokingham, in 1608, but at the time of the inventory taken in the reign of Edward VI. there were three bells in the tower and one 'sauce' bell. Even in 1588 they had a steeplekeeper, for in that year the churchwardens paid John Jure 12 pence for 'kepinge the belles.' Many other interesting items appear in these old accounts, such as, for instance, the following:—

1591, for ringing when her Majesty (Queen Elizabeth) came to Farnham, 12d.; and expenses upon coronation day in drinke to the ringers 8d.

1593, to Carpenter for mendinge the bells three daies worke, 3s. 6d.; iron worke and nails 14d.; for charges at the mendinge of the bells in bread and drinke, 10d.

1594 for a cleet that mended the Stocke of the little bell 2d., for mendinge of the goodgin of ye lyttle bell 2d.; for Whitt Lether at Farnam Fayre to mend the bels bandreks, 7d.

1597, for soap to dress the bells 1d.

1604, for ringeng for the King (James I.) & grese for the bell ropes 5d.

1606 pd to the Bell founder for new castinge of the bells and all charges belonginge thereunto as Smyths work & carpinters & such like Vlijs. ixd.

1607 Laide out at Okengam when wee caried the bells, lxs vjd.; for carrying & recarrying the bells, xs.; pd to the bellfounder for metall yt he put into the bell, xiiij li at vj a pound, vjs. vjd.

The Guild's form of service was used on Saturday, and was conducted by the Rector, who also acted as organist, and gave an address, in the course of which he dwelt upon the important part which bells played in the life of the nation, the parish and the individual, and the importance of the art which the ringer exercised.

The Rector afterwards presided over the tea and business meeting in the Village Hall, and extended a welcome to the Guild. He was thanked by Admiral Walker (Guild treasurer), who also expressed the visitors' appreciation of what had been done for them by the local band and by the caterer.

Two new members of the Seale band were elected, and nominations for district officers for next year were received. So efficiently have the present officers discharged their duties that their names were the only ones submitted, and at the annual district meeting at Farnham in January they will be duly elected.

During the afternoon and evening there was ample ringing for all, and it ranged from rounds to the higher flights of Spliced Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Pilgrims found their way to Seale from Aldershot, Ash, Blackwater, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral), Haslemere, Hawley, Ottershaw, West Clandon and Woking, but few of them came afoot as did the men of old.

LEOMINSTER RINGER'S DEATH.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Leominster, Herefordshire, on Thursday, October 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. Sirrell 1, T. C. Gwilliam 2, A. Fairbanks 3, J. Jones 4, F. A. Jaine (conductor) 5, W. Quartley 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Gus Nicholls, a respected member of the Leominster band, who was interred that day. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and third. The ringers of 2nd and 5th are from Eye and Kimbolton respectively. The rest belong to the local band.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO ROCHESTER DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, October 26th, members attending from Gravesend, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Milton-next-Gravesend, Lewington, Borden, Rainham, Tunstall, Queenborough, and also from the Ashford District. During the afternoon every opportunity was taken by the ringers to try their skill on the fine peal of ten bells. Evensong was attended by over fifty, the choir and organist being in attendance. Afterwards, the party, numbering about sixty, were entertained to tea by the association at the Temperance Cafe, the Dean of Rochester being present, supported by the Rector of Chatham, the Rev. Buckingham from Gillingham, and also the general secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell.

The business meeting was presided over by the Dean, who thanked the ringers for giving him the opportunity to meet them at such a fine gathering.

The secretary then asked the Dean to make a presentation to the late district secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, and handed a small box to the Dean. The Chairman humorously remarked upon the contents of the box—saying he believed it was rouge—and spoke about the qualities of Mr. Mitchell, who, after ten years as district secretary, had now been chosen as a 'county man.' The box, upon being opened, was found to contain a beautiful ringer's gold pendant, inscribed, 'Kent County Association of Change Ringers. Presented by Rochester District to F. M. Mitchell, 1929.'

Mr. Mitchell, in replying, said he was completely taken by surprise. He thanked the Dean for his kind and encouraging remarks, and also the ringers who had given him such a delightful reminder of ten happy years' work as their district secretary.

The Rector of Chatham (the Rev. Audrey Standen) was elected an hon. member, Miss Beer and Miss Jones, of Gravesend, and Mr. J. Wilder, of Queenborough, as practising members.

The officers of the district for the ensuing year were elected, viz., Mr. S. Shellock, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Haigh and Mr. W. Spice, district representatives. In the selection of the place of next meeting, Swanscombe was duly declared at the head of the poll.

The final item on the agenda being 'any other business,' the Dean remarked that this was where the fun commenced.

The Secretary drew the attention of the ringers to the previous week's issue of 'The Ringing World' containing reference to the Central Council, and a spirited discussion took place.

It was finally agreed that the district secretary should bring the matter up at the forthcoming general committee meeting.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Dean for presiding at the meeting, and the ringers then returned to the belfry, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob being successfully brought round.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT KINGSWOOD.

A by-meeting was held at Kingswood on Saturday, October 26th, the towers represented being Horley, Charlwood, Mersham, Limpsfield, Chart, Crawley, Buckland, St. John's, Croydon, Newdigate, Reigate, Godstone, Redhill, Burstow and the local band. The members were also pleased to have with them Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, and Mr. C. W. Roberts, of London. There were also visitors from Dorking and Leatherhead. A short and interesting service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. Wethered) officiated.

The tea, which was kindly given by the Church Council, was provided at the Infants' School, 42 members and friends being present. The secretary would like to point out that, while he is very pleased to see present so many members who help to make the meetings successful, it would be a great help if those intending to come would let him know, as on this occasion he had ordered tea for 30 or 32, and valuable time was taken up in finding chairs and tables to accommodate the extra guests.

A short business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Master of the association, Mr. D. K. C. Birt. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address at the service; to the Church Council for their kindness in providing the tea; to Mrs. Braid for officiating at the organ in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Hicks; the organist; and to Mr. Boodle, captain of the local band, for his assistance in arranging the meeting.

Great disappointment was felt when the visitors were informed that ringing must be discontinued at eight o'clock instead of at the usual hour of 9 p.m.

The bells at Kingswood, which are, no doubt, the best peal of six in Surrey, were heard to advantage during the afternoon in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor, also in rounds for the beginners.

The next meeting will be held at Redhill in December.

BERKSHIRE TWELVE-BELL FUND.

The amount received for this fund is now £118 6s. 9d. A further list of subscriptions will appear in our next issue. Contributions should be sent to Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A LITTLE MUNDEN RINGER.

A VILLAGE IN MOURNING.

It is with great regret that we record the death of William Stanley (Bob) Lawrence, which took place under tragic circumstances. The deceased, who was 22 years of age, was the dearly-loved and only son of Mr. W. H. Lawrence. While returning home from work on the evening of October 21st, riding his motor-cycle, he collided, in the fog that prevailed, with a horse that was straying on the road. He sustained severe injuries to the head, and was taken to the Hertford County Hospital, where he passed away on the 26th without regaining consciousness.

The tragic occurrence shed a gloom over the whole village, for Bob Lawrence was loved by all. The deceased was a member of the Church Council, and not only was he, like his father, a ringer, but he was also a member of the choir, and in the belfry and the chancel he was to be found regularly for every Sunday service. He had not rung any peals, but he could ring quite a number of six-bell methods. He took his part in the life of the village, and was a member of the Cricket Club and the Men's Club.

The funeral took place on the 31st ult. amid great manifestations of sorrow. Little Munden was a village in mourning. The church was filled to overflowing, and many were unable to find seats. The hymns sung were, 'They whose course on earth is o'er' and 'Ten thousand times ten thousand.' Psalm xxxix. was chanted, and the Nunc Dimittis was also sung. Four of the deceased's young friends carried him into church, and four of the ringers from the church to the grave. Eight of the nursing staff, colleagues of deceased's sister, were present, and added impressiveness to the sad service, at the close of which the bells were rung muffled. The floral tributes numbered seventy-four. The sincerest sympathy has been shown to Mr. William Lawrence, the sorrowing father, and deceased's two sisters, from both inside and outside the parish. The loss is a severe blow to the family, coming, as it has done, so soon after the death of the deceased's mother.

KING'S NORTON (BY GALBY), LEICESTERSHIRE.

WHERE PEALS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.

As reported elsewhere in this issue, another step in the ringing history of this famous outlying village was accomplished on Saturday last by a peal of Grandsire Triples! This place was made famous by Squire Wm. Fortrey, who not only rebuilt the church but gave the bells (originally ten) in 1760-4. He also gave bells to the nearby village of Galby (six), and others to Houghton, Kebworth, and St. Margaret's, Leicester. His name appears as a subscriber to Holt's famous broadsheet. Soon after the bells were installed, the Sherwood Youths came all the way from Nottingham and rang the first peal, recorded thus:—

'On May 28th, 1776, J. Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples at Norton-by-Galby, the seat of William Fortrey, Esq., in 3 hours 31 minutes: James Wilkinson Treble; Richard Peat 2; Robert Metheringham 3; William Bradley 4; Richard Sharrah 5; Francis Draper 6; William D. Crofts 7; John Mason Tenor. Conducted by W. D. Crofts.'

Then, after a lapse of forty years, we read in the 'Leicester Chronicle' of June 8th, 1816:—

'Ringing. Tuesday last being his Majesty's birthday, the Leicester Scholars met at Norton in this county, by particular desire of the Norton and Gaulby Scholars, to strike off the musical peal of eight bells of that place. They rang a true and complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples, which was brought round in a masterly style in 3 hours 20 minutes by the following persons, viz.: Jonathan Haywood Treble; John Clarke 2; Thomas Clarke 3; James Gill 4; George Harris 5; Lawrence Stains 6; William Reeves 7; William Wood Tenor. The peal was called by William Reeves. After it had been rang, the Leicester, Norton and Gaulby Scholars partook of an excellent dinner, and the day was completed by ringing several courses of Grandsire Caters on the handbells.'

This peal is commemorated on a slate tablet in the belfry. The bells still hang in their original two-storey frame (the three trebles about ten feet above the others), but of recent years Mr. F. G. Rimington, of Manchester, spent a lot of time and money on them, having had stays and sliders added, etc., thus making it possible to ring a peal on them. Two abortive attempts were made by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook to ring peals, but later the locals rang on the back six a peal of Doubles. However, to commemorate the 150th anniversary year of the first peal on the bells, the present Sherwood Youths of Nottingham came and scored an excellently struck peal of Stedman Triples on December 4th, 1926, in 3 hours 5 minutes, conducted by Mr. A. Coppock. No other peal has been rung here until the one recorded this week, at the successful conclusion of which, needless to say, all the band and the locals were very gratified. One would like to see (and hear) a peal of Major on them, and it would be quite possible if a band not afraid of 'work' would only have the courage!

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday, November 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: E. Cassel, jun., 1, T. Bolton 2, W. H. Ball 3, F. G. Goddard 4, J. Herbert 5, C. E. Moody 6, E. Cassel (conductor) 7, Robt. Bullen 8.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, November 3rd, for matins, 720 changes of Single Court Minor: P. Humphrey 1, E. J. Barron (Morton) 2, C. W. Scott (Moreton) 3, W. Wilson (Lincoln) 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, J. H. Mussen 6.

TWICKENHAM.—On Sunday morning, November 3rd, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: Miss P. Giles 1, Miss K. Bradford 2, H. V. Beadle 3, W. H. Hollier 4, R. Ilsley 5, E. A. Morris (conductor) 6, H. Belcher 7, J. Lovell 8.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday evening, November 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: T. Culver 1, W. H. Daynes 2, H. Martyn 3, F. W. Thornton 4, G. H. Daynes 5, C. E. Palmer 6, B. Aldridge (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. G. Sales (first quarter-peal) 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, November 3rd, for the fish, etc., harvest thanksgiving at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, City, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: T. H. Taffender 1, A. F. Petrie (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, E. J. King (conductor) 3, J. Waugh 4, W. Grainger 5, F. W. Thornton 6, W. Rogers 7, E. J. Browne 8.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 3rd, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Watson 1, G. R. Pye (conductor) 2, W. Miller 3, R. Heasel (first quarter in the method) 4, F. G. Ringe 5, E. J. Butler 6, E. W. Furbank 7, W. H. Theobald 8.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, D. G. Mears (Offley) 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. T. Croft (conductor) 6, L. Eidler 7, A. E. Symonds 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by D. C. Mears.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, October 27th, at St. Mark's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Hatton 1, N. Allnot 2, T. Ricketts 3, J. Penny 4, S. Hopper 5, J. Woodroff 6, J. Roberts (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 27th, for the anniversary of the dedication service of St. Giles', Camberwell, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. E. Dawe 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. D. Grainger 3, S. E. Moya 4, W. Rogers 5, E. J. King 6, T. W. Taffender 7, W. Berry 8, J. R. Gammon 9, H. Taylor 10.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Gorsl 1, George Battle 2, Miss D. I. Leatham 3, Joseph Leslie 4, W. J. Battle (conductor) 5, J. Cooke 6. First 720 in the method as conductor, and the first in any Treble Bob method for the ringer of the second.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, October 27th, at the Parish Church of All Saints, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), composed by J. T. Dyke, in 51 mins., by the local band: T. Gunning 1, H. Yeates 2, T. Ferris 3, W. J. Gait 4, C. Levett 5, A. Ferris 6, W. G. Nipper (conductor) 7, T. Brice 8, H. Fowles 9, A. Bond 10. Rung in honour of a return visit of Mr. W. G. Nipper, who had recently left the neighbourhood, and who, before so doing, had brought the local band to its present state of efficiency in change ringing.

HAGBOURNE, HERKS.—On Sunday, October 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. W. Cox 1, T. East 2, W. V. Webb 3, H. K. White 4, F. H. Abbott 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, R. G. Rice 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. Rung on the second anniversary of the dedication of the new bell frame.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: *J. Martin 1, C. W. Denyer, Aldershot (conductor) 2, F. Marchant 3, B. Gould 4, F. J. Ewens 5, B. Hawkins 6, H. Hunt 7, *E. Hunt 8. * First quarter-peal.

BATTERSEA.—At St. Mary's Church for special friendly societies' service, on Sunday, October 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *A. Dodds 1, H. Mance (conductor) 2, *E. Dodds 3, W. Coe 4, W. Essery 5, W. Dean 6, H. Weeks 7, G. Barber 8. * First quarter-peal.

SOUTH NORMANTON.—On Sunday, October 6th, at the Church of St. Michael, for evening service, 720 changes of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins.: E. W. Riley 1, H. Doughty 2, M. Slater 3, A. B. Judge 4, H. Fradgley 5, J. W. England (conductor) 6. First 720 of spliced methods by the band.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday, September 29th, at Christ Church for morning service, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins.: A. V. Roes 1, A. Challinor (conductor) 2, F. L. Ronan 3, J. Tipper 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Waumsley 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 45 mins. by the same ringers, conducted by W. Stevenson.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, September 29th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): P. Pollard 1, *W. Pollard 2, *F. Nix 3, *J. Johnson 4, *T. Wheat 5, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 6, N. Hemminglow 7, C. Saxton (first quarter-peal) 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a musical service; St. Magnus', 1.30 to 2.50, followed by a lecture on the history of the church, by the Rector; St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 21st, the Coffee Pot on the 12th at 8 p.m. (election of officers), St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th at 8 p.m., *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wallasey on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Sandal, near Wakefield, to-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 9th, under usual conditions. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice.—The East Norfolk Branch meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, Nov. 9th; the West Norfolk Branch meeting at King's Lynn on Saturday, Nov. 16th; the South Norfolk Branch meeting at Diss on Saturday, Nov. 23rd; the North Norfolk Branch meeting at Norwich on Saturday, Nov. 30th, for the election of officers and committees to the above respective branches. Particulars later on.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the East Norfolk Branch will be held in the Priory Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 3.30 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (12) of St. Nicholas' Church will be available. Members please support this first branch meeting by attending.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual district meeting at Braintree, Saturday, November 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Vestry Hall at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Bells (8) from 2.30 to 9 p.m.—W. Arnold, Holt Street, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available 3.10 p.m. to 9. Service 5. Tea (6d.) 5.30. Meeting to follow. Please make an effort.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held at Bulwell, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (8) available from 4 p.m. till 8.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, London, W.C., on Saturday, November 9th. Bells available from 2.30.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. A presentation will be made to the late secretary. Good attendance requested. Good bus service from all directions. — R. W. Stockdale and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Broughton Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Oadby on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Lancashire Café at 5.15 p.m.—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester. (Please note change of address.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hook Norton on Saturday, Nov. 9th. — J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Nov. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles Parish Church on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 p.m. Come and try this grand ring of eight. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

BIRKENHEAD.—St. Mary's Church.—This peal of 6, rehung by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, in a new frame with modern fittings, is to be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Chester to-morrow (Saturday), the 9th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14th, at St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford. Bells at 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Meeting to follow. — William Simmonds, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held in the Archdeacon's Court in St. Nicholas' Church, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3.30 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (8) of St. Nicholas' Church will be available. Members are kindly requested to attend this first meeting of the new branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, Nov. 16th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of Vicar) in the Vicarage, and business meeting. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 12th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Howes' Cafe, next the church, at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Shalford on Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers for 1930 must be made at this meeting. Please send numbers for tea to me by Monday, Nov. 11th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Caythorpe (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open 2 p.m. Good train and bus service between Grantham and Lincoln. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the School. Notice for tea to be sent in not later than Wednesday, Nov. 13th, to Mr. A. E. Coombes, 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Church of St. Mary de Lode, Gloucester, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea notify me not later than Nov. 14th? — W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—There will be a meeting at Arley, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. The recently augmented peal of 6 will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Bus leaves Nuneaton (Broad Street) 2.10 and every half-hour after. Bus from Coventry 3.30.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood (5) on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, Nov. 12th? — H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, free to those notifying me by Wednesday, Nov. 13th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Marshland Branch. — A meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by the 14th. Ringers welcomed.—W. G. Cross, 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., if arrangements can be made. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at St. Helen's Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Those requiring tea notify me by 14th inst. A good attendance is requested. — John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Baslow on Nov. 16th. Church of St. Anne (6 bells, tenor about 12 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. F. Sheldon, Bar Cottage, Baslow.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The monthly practice meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 12th, at 1s. per head.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock at Vokes' Tea Rooms, The Hornet. Those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A combined practice will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Nov. 16th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Come and give a helping hand.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Rye on Saturday, Nov. 16th. All ringers welcome. The next Cambridge practice will be at Appledore on Nov. 23rd. Advanced ringers welcome. Bells available 2.30 both dates.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden, Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Alfreton on Nov. 16th. No arrangements made for tea.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 30th (eight bells). Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. David Vincent (formerly of West Bridgford, Notts) is now 1, Dale Terrace, Fulwell, Sunderland.

DEATH.

LAWRENCE. — On Oct. 26th, at the County Hospital, Hertford, William Stanley (Bob) Lawrence, the dearly loved and only son of William H. and the late Annie Lawrence, of Little Munden, Herts, aged 22 years. The dearest of sons and sweetest of brothers.

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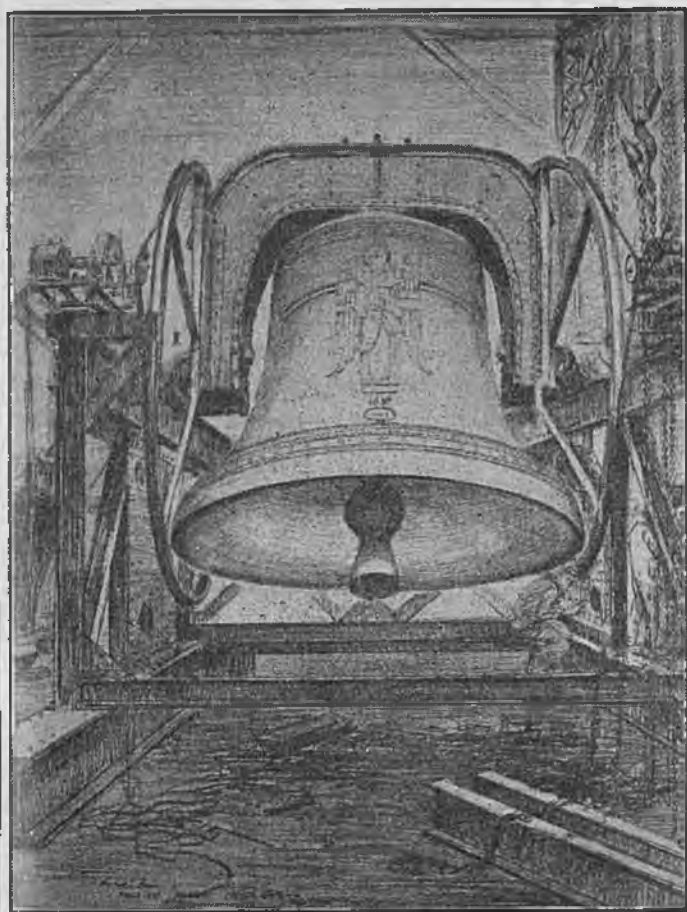
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GEORGE WHITING 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
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* WALTER P. CROSS 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
† EDWARD S. T. FARR 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

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

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

* EDGAR G. SWIFT Treble	* JAMES H. LUCAS 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
WILLIAM H. JOINER 3	FRANK CORKE 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	* CHARLES NICHOLLS Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

* First peal of Stedman, and rung at the first attempt. The above peal was arranged for W. H. Joiner, who hails from Mitcham, Surrey, and who, for a great number of years, was a member of the St. Andrew's Society. J. J. Pratt belongs to St. John's, Hillingdon, and the remainder to the local society.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ODD BOB TWENTY-PART. TENOR 10 CWT.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
RICHARD C. BELTON 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
FREDERICK J. THYER 2	JOHN DARCH 6
ROYDEN DAVIES 3	ALBERT E. GREY 7
PETER HEATH 4	FREDERICK NEVILLE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.
The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 6
WILLIAM A. MARTIN 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Cullum, sen. The ringer of the treble has now completed the circle in this tower.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BRUCE BIRKINGTON ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
†OSWALD CLAYBROOK 2	ARTHUR BIRKINGTON 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	WILLIAM BIBBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

A remembrance peal. Rung by the local band. * First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge inside.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal as conductor in the method and first attempt.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED.

At Christ Church, Ottershaw, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 minutes on Saturday, October 5th, after the dedication of a new peal board recording the first peal, rung on February 25th, 1929, by a local band: S. Sleat 1, H. J. Chaffey 2, D. Sleat (conductor) 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, H. Hancock 5, F. Wallace 6.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*B. KNIGHT Treble	J. HOWARTH 5
F. GRUNDY 2	P. H. DERBYSHIRE 6
*C. GUDGEON 3	J. H. RIDYARD 7
*N. BERRY 4	A. BURTON Tenor

Conducted by F. GRUNDY.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. An Armistice commemoration peal, rung with the bells half-muffled. Also rung on the 72nd anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. James Henry Ridyard, of Worsley.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY HOVERD Treble	FREDERICK DIGBY 5
GEORGE POPPENE 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First Surprise peal. Rung on the conductor's birthday. The ringers of the treble and 2nd were proposed members of the association previous to starting.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

CHARLES H. WEBB Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	†WILLIAM A. STOTE 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
*REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor and his 50th M.C.A. peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. The Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., was Vicar of Enderby from 1917 to 1923.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL EAST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

EDWIN J. BROWN Treble	*FRANK SKIDMORE 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN 2	SAMUEL PHILIPS 6
PERCY C. WILLIAMS 3	GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	†BERTRAM C. WORSDELL ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Gardiner, closely associated with St. John-the-Baptist Church, where he was a vestryman and an ex-church-warden. He was also donor of the tower at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol East, built 1912, and, later, of the bells, which were installed there about 16 months ago.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

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

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES ROOPE 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt, 20 lb. in D.

S. HOARE Treble	W. CASHMORE 5
MRS. MAYNE 2	J. H. R. FREEBORN 6
F. W. ELLIOTT 3	M. F. R. HIBBERT 7
C. C. MAYNE 4	J. B. MARKS Tenor

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

This peal was rung in honour of all holders of the Victoria Cross, of whom 321 dined this day at Westminster with the Prince of Wales.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST B. BETTS Treble	*WILLIAM H. SENIOR 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 3	*HARRY MARSDEN 7
*HAROLD SENIOR 4	GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

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

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	WILLIAM R. NASH 5
ALBERT E. JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 6
JOHN J. PRICE 3	FRANCIS EVANS 7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 4	ARTHUR C. NASH Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

Rung as a compliment to Alderman John Palmer on his re-election as Mayor of Ludlow for the fifth year in succession. Also as a welcome home to the Rector, who has just recovered from an illness.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. WRIGHT Treble	ROYDEN DAVIES 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	CHARLES H. PERRY 6
FRANK J. BAILEY 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
PERCY JONES 4	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by T. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

First peal of Major as conductor. J. Phillips has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of all ranks of H.M. Forces who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War.

ROGATE, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, October 2nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire and Bob Doubles in 43 mins.: A. T. Greenwood 1, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 2, O. E. Bassett 3, P. W. Piper 4, E. J. Munday 5, J. Stenning 6. First quarter-peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the treble.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THE CHART, LIMPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine two of Kent, one of Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

LEONARD A. TIDY Treble	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN 4
WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT 5
HYLTON F. H. TIDY 3	EDWARD E. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First peal in five methods for the ringer of the 2nd.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED E. BROOKES Treble	THOMAS C. GWILLIAM 4
JOHN F. FOX 2	THOMAS G. COOKE 5
RICHARD COOKE 3	FREDERICK A. JAINE Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor for all except conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor rung by a resident band in Leominster district since its formation.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 3,600 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY MALE Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE 3
JAMES P. HYETT 2	*GEORGE BREEZE 4
†JAMES RANDLE Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal 'inside' in three methods. Rung for the festival of All Saints and for evensong, the ringers being specially thanked by the Vicar (Rev. E. G. T. Simey). The peal also commemorates the 25th anniversary of the rebanging of the bells, the 25th anniversary of the conductor's first lesson under the tuition of Mr. W. Short in the above tower, the 25th peal for G. J. R. Price, and the 25th peal together for the second and third ringers.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	GEORGE GARDNER 4
FRANK W. PERRINS 2	HUBERT G. SUMMERS 5
WILLIAM A. STOTE 3	JOHN W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT G. SUMMERS.

Rung in connection with the erection of a carved oak screen in the above church, dedicated on the previous Sunday to the memory of the late Mr. Alfred Kirby, Rector's warden, 1891-1919.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ARTHUR COOK 4
RAY GRANT 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one of Double Court and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT	4
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY	2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	5
CHARLES F. GOODMAN	3	JOHN SNELLING	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The ringers in this and the peal at Rickinghall Superior represent six different parishes.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wyche,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HENRY H. FEARN	Treble	†GEORGE E. FEARN	4
†FREDERICK J. WHITWORTH	2	HARRY PRICE	5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	3	HAROLD F. MARTIN	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Minor away from the treble. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells at short notice.

BITTESWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

JOHN H. BAILLESS	Treble	M. EDWARD WATSON	4
JOSEPH W. LOMAS	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
FRANK BAILLESS	3	ALFRED E. WARWICK	Tenor

Conducted by M. E. WATSON.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. T. LAXTON	Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON	4
JOHN PHILLIPS	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	5
FRANK DEWEY	3	HAROLD HARPER	Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips for their kind hospitality after the peal, and the Rev. J. R. Trotter for the use of the bells.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

P.C. ALFRED HOLLIS	Treble	†WILFRED SAUNDERS	4
*GEORGE PARTON	2	RALPH PARTON	5
ERNEST CALCUTT	3	†LESLIE DARBY	Tenor

Conducted by E. CALCUTT.

* First peal on a bob bell. † First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the fallen. All the ringers belong to the local band.

CHESTER.—On Monday, September 9th, at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. Sperring (conductor) 1, J. Hayes 2, G. R. Jones 3, H. W. Wilde 4, P. Swindley (first in the method) 5, J. Swindley 6, J. Morgan 7, S. Jones, jun, 8.

CHEDZOY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT	Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG	4
ARTHUR REED	2	WILLIAM COLES	5
PERCY MERSON	3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 65, ELSDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON	1 2	WILLIAM H. BARBER	5-6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	3-4	*ADAM DEAS	7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal on handbells. Rung on the eve of the 53rd birthday of the conductor.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At 11, HOLY DYKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
FRANK LORD	3-4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	7-8

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM'S VETERAN RINGERS.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at St. James' Church, Biddenham, on Saturday, when a company of 38 ringers was present, representing Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Biddenham, Cardington, Clapham, Great Staughton, Harrold, Kempston, Keysoe, Woburn, Turvey and Stagsden. The bells, a well-running peal of six, were set going at about 2.30, and kept in constant use throughout the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in the Village Hall, where an excellent repast had been prepared, and the presence of the Rev. W. Norman at tea and the business meeting was greatly appreciated.

The Vicar, in welcoming the association to his tower, said they were all pleased to see amongst them Mr. William West, who is captain of the Biddenham band at the advanced age of 82. He spoke of Mr. West as 'the old man with a young heart.'

It would be interesting to know if there is a ringer with as great a record as Mr. West, for he has been a member of the Biddenham band for 71 years, having been made a member on November 5th, 1858. Mr. Harry King, also a Biddenham ringer still on the active list, is one of the oldest members of the association, having joined at its establishment.

The Vicar said when he first came to the village he was struck by the harmony and concord of the place, and in those days he thought he was right in saying Biddenham had one of the finest bands of ringers in the county, producing harmony on the bells—bells not rung in time produced very obnoxious noises.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, it was decided, after some discussion, to hold the annual meeting at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, on December 7th, if the bells are available. The advisability of appointing a Ringing Master to supervise the ringing at meetings was also discussed, and it was resolved to ask Mr. H. Gayton to carry out this office at the next meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. West for making local arrangements, closed the meeting.

The methods rung on the bells during the day ranged from Bob Doubles to London Surprise.

An interesting feature in the tower is a huge framed record of the bells of the churches of Bedfordshire, giving the name of the church, the number of bells, the weight of tenor and the founders' names.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH EXTENDS WELCOME TO VETERAN.**

A very successful monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Seend on Saturday, November 2nd, a good company being present, when ringing commenced. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Butler), with Mr. A. T. Weeks as organist. Tea followed at the Bell, to which 25 sat down. The following towers were represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Holt, North Bradley, Rowde, Trowbridge, Melksham, and visitors were present from Bath, Wootton Bassett, Mere and Buckhorn Weston.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided at the business meeting. After extending a hearty welcome to all present, the Chairman made special reference to the presence of Mr. H. Brownlee-West, a vice-president of the Guild, and formerly branch secretary. Although Mr. West is well over 86 years of age, he is in good health and very active; in fact, as soon as he arrived in the village on Saturday he called to see an old friend, Mr. Joe Willshire (change ringing instructor and verger), who is at present unfortunately on the sick list.

Mr. West thanked the chairman for his kind remarks, and assured them all it was a very great pleasure to him to see so many old friends again.

Four life members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. Swift, K. Snelling and N. Elliott, of Crawley, Sussex, B. H. Wells, of Merstham, Surrey, and two ringing members, Messrs. J. S. Weeks, of Southbroom, and E. Wilkins, of Holt.

An invitation was received from Holt to hold the December meeting there, if possible.

A move was made to the tower for more ringing till 8 p.m. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were successfully rung: Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Little Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, everyone being delighted with the 'go' and the music of the peal.

SURPRISE MINOR ON KEEVIL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of November 1st I note a 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on the grand peal of bells of Keevil, Wilts, 'believed to be the first 720 Surprise on the bells.' The Leytonstone company rang 720 York Surprise on the same bells on June 20th, 1925, on the occasion of their annual outing (see 'The Ringing World,' July 10th, 1925).—Yours, etc.,

GEO. DAWSON.

DEATH OF A RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE, RINGER.

The Midland Counties Association has lost one of its promising young ringers by the death, under very tragic circumstances, of Mr. Hugh F. Attewell, of Codnor Park, Derbyshire. Mr. Attewell, who was only 29 years of age, learned to ring on the five bells of the ancient church at Pentrich, and subsequently joined the Ripley company, rapidly becoming proficient in the standard and Surprise Major methods. He had not been able to take a regular part in the Sunday service ringing at Ripley for about two years, owing to his removal to Codnor Park to reside near his place of business, but he had decided to return to Ripley, with a view to renewing his active association, when he was taken ill with double pneumonia, and he passed away in the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary on Thursday, October 31st. Mr. Attewell leaves a widow, and an infant son only eight weeks old.

The interment took place at Ripley on Monday, November 4th, the deceased being borne to his last resting place by fellow-members of the collieries staff of the Butterley Company, Limited. During the sad ceremony, the bells were rung half-muffled, and, as a last tribute of respect, on Monday evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 52 mins., with the bells half-muffled by the following: John W. Cupit 1, Herbert Day 2, Kenneth G. Sheldon 3, John J. Turner 4, Frank F. Hill 5, Fred W. Hill 6, Alex. Hutchison (conductor) 7, W. Henry George 8.

The heartfelt sympathy of the Ripley ringers is accorded to the widow, and father and mother of the deceased, in their very sad bereavement.

BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged £89 0s. 3d., Bucklebury ringers 17s. 6d., High Wycombe ringers £22 2s., Brightwalton ringers 7s., Mitcham ringers 10s., Newbury ringers 12s., Warborough ringers £1, Bampton ringers 7s., Chicheley ringers 10s., Messrs. J. F. Barlow 10s., W. Pole Routh £1 1s., J. H. B. Hesse £1 1s., Chairman Reading Branch £10, Messrs. J. T. Mumford £2 2s., A. J. Wright £5 5s., J. S. Pritchett £1 1s., W. Evetts, jun., £1 1s., Rev. Canon Ridout 15s., Rev. Carey-Ward 5s.; total £118 6s. 9d. The above amounts are acknowledged with sincere gratitude by R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading, to whom contributions should be sent.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, November 4th, 720 London Surprise: H. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Bavin 1, A. J. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington 6.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Jasper Whitfield Snowden died on November 16th, 1885, at the age of 41 years. His death, coming just when he had reached his prime, was one of the greatest blows the Exercise has ever sustained.

'The Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers,' Bristol, was granted a Royal Charter on November 17th, 1620.

The first peal of London Surprise Major was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Norwich, on November 17th, 1835. It was a composition by Shipway and conducted by S. Thurston, and was one of the most memorable performances in the history of ringing.

It was at another Norwich church, St. Giles', on the same day in the year 1760, that the first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major was rung, and immediately it was completed John Webster, who had rung the 6th, dropped dead in the belfry.

It was this John Webster who wrote to Dr. Mason, of Trinity College, Cambridge, saying that the Norwich company seemed 'entirely to slight' John Holt's broadsheet of peals of Grandsire. He owned it was 'not a generous way of treating Mr. Holt's performance,' adding that, 'I believe they are induced to this by that ingenious ringer, Mr. Annable's not encouraging of it, had he approved of it his influence on the College Youths I presume would have been sufficient to have sent it to the press without any further subscriptions.'

This letter threw great light on the attitude of ringers towards Grandsire composition in those days, when men were striving for a peal without singles. Apparently, Annable did not approve of Holt's peals because they contained singles, and his influence was so great that the Norwich men, on the strength of it, withheld their support.

One hundred and twenty years ago on November 20th, eight members of the Tebbit family rang a peal of 5,208 Oxford Treble Bob at Soham, Cambs.

Twenty years ago next Wednesday, Holt's Original was rung 'silent' at Christ Church, West Bromwich.

The hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will be abroad for the sake of his health till the middle of January. Any correspondence requiring immediate attention may be addressed to the assistant secretary, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

There are still ringers to be found who are prepared to make some serious personal effort to fulfil engagements. Last Friday, Mr. G. A. Blaxcell 'push-biked' 42 miles, after a day's work, to take part in a peal of Minor at Winfarthing, Norfolk.

A peal was rung at Rickmansworth, Herts, in honour of the V.C.'s. The tenor at Rickmansworth is 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D. Is this, asks a correspondent, the lightest D bell in the country? And have there been any faster peals rung on this weight, without a trip throughout? The time of the peal was 2 hrs. 55 mins.

The bells at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, which were reopened on Saturday, have suffered long periods of silence, but it is not twelve years, as was at first said, since they were rung. There has been occasional ringing on them since, the last time they were rung being at the induction of the Rev. R. E. T. Bell.

Mr. R. Matthews writes that the first peal by a local band at Wollaston, Stourbridge, was rung on October 10th, 1910.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS IN LONDON.

SERMON BY OXFORD GUILD MASTER.

Coinciding with Lord Mayor's Day, the celebration of the 292nd anniversary of the foundation of the Ancient Society of College Youths took place on Saturday, and was once again noteworthy for the large number of ringers it drew together from all parts of the country. The bells at Southwark Cathedral and St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, were open in the early part of the afternoon, and afterwards those of St. Olave's, Hart Street, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, and all of them were well utilised during the time available. Following the custom revived since the war, a service was held at St. Michael's Church, College Hill, where the men who founded the society nearly three hundred years ago were wont to practise, and from which the society got its name. The congregation of men filled the seating accommodation to capacity, and the bright service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Canon Bullock Webster), the hearty singing of the hymns being a feature. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A UNIQUE GATHERING.

The preacher chose for his text Proverbs xvi. 31, 'The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness.'

There is, he said, no ringers' gathering quite like this. All ringers' gatherings have their peculiar features. In one case it may be a diocesan guild or a county association annual meeting; in another case it may be a gathering together on the anniversary of the death of some great ringer who, in his generation, justly held sway among his fellow-men, and after his death his memory is held in honour and we meet to do honour to it. On another occasion it may be that the gathering together is to welcome the restoration of some well-loved ring of bells; but, to my mind, there is a unique feature about this gathering, which has been going on now for nearly 300 years, and which is called, and I suppose, always will be called, 'the College Youths' dinner.' In trying to think out in my own mind what exactly it is that is the unique feature about this gathering, I rather blundered upon some sort of explanation which I will try to give you as shortly as possible. Those of us who are ringers and who love our bell-ringing have a pride in it—the proper sort of pride, not the sort of pride which says, 'I can ring so many methods,' or 'I have rung so many peals and I am quite satisfied with myself,' but the pride which says, 'Almighty God has given me a great gift, and I have the strength to use it, but I am not a bit satisfied yet that I have used it to the full or used it properly.'

From time to time, continued the preacher, they felt

that they wanted some sort of response to that feeling, some sort of acknowledgment of that pride. Some of them in their work in connection with bell-ringing were sometimes led to ask themselves whether they were not pursuing an ideal which was, after all, only an ideal, and would never be accomplished, in trying to make people see what they meant and what they wanted to do. It was just at this time of year when they were taught to reach out far and wide, right beyond the seas, and think of their brothers and sisters, who perhaps once rang with them and were now far away, and to think of them as they would be remembering the Christmas bells; to think of

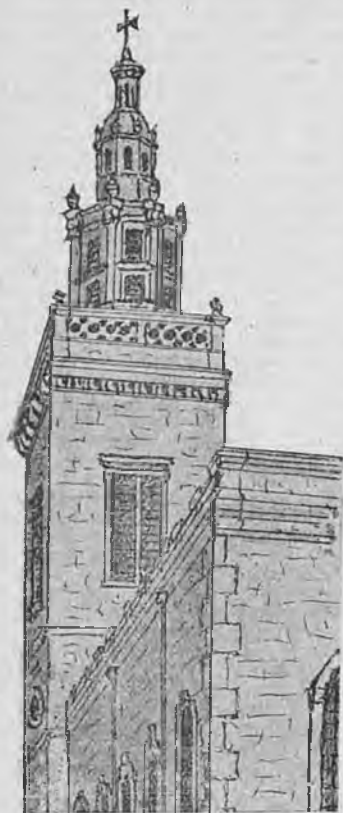
those in distant lands who would miss the sound of the bells and the green fields; and to think, also, of those who went forth, leaving all behind them, and passed out of the sight of men, having made the great sacrifice. They as ringers came there at that time of year with some sort of response to that pride which they felt. They had rather felt it that day, as some of them had watched that very fine pageant associated with the City of London, had heard the bells ringing, and remembered that God had given them a very great country and empire. And they had come there that day, also, as bellringers, into the heart of that empire, among the glorious churches and the glorious rings of bells, and to that church which saw the beginning of change ringing 292 years ago, to that church which covered the remains of him who went out wandering and was called back, and had his destiny in this world guided and fixed for him by the sound of the bells of Bow. They came there, to the city where change ringing had existed since the reign of King Charles I., and where it remained vigorous enough to call together that day a gathering from the length and breadth of the land, members of other great ringing associations, many of them also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. At a gathering like that they did, perhaps, begin to feel this response which they desired, and did begin to feel that they might be thankful to God that they were church bellringers. They thanked Him for His guiding hand in the past over the art which they loved, that He had accepted this change ringing for His Church, and had made it His handmaiden in the service of His Church; that He had accepted them as His servants and had endowed them, some more, some less, with the gifts requisite for this ministry. They thanked God that at this point in the history of change ringing it was, speaking generally, found in the way of righteousness.

NOT A THING OF YESTERDAY.

It was not a thing of yesterday, this change ringing of theirs; it was a thing of long standing. It had come through difficult times, but God had made it what it was to-day, when the bells of their churches were rung to express God's message to His people. There were, of course, exceptions. There were those, undoubtedly, who had taken up bell-ringing as a pastime, as they might have taken up any other game, and who did not pursue it in any other spirit than that. But they were the exceptions, and change ringing to-day was a crown of glory when it was to be found in the way of righteousness. He believed that everyone who was really a ringer at heart, and had a pride in his ringing, and was proud of being a ringer, would be all the better when he went home for having attended that gathering. He would go home inspired by his visit to London, by the service in which he was taking part, by the meeting with old friends and by the whole setting of this city in which they were met, and not least, perhaps, by what they had seen in the great show which had passed that day through its streets. It might be, in that show in a few years' time, they might have a series of cars representing bell founding from the beginning, for London had not been behind-hand among those who had founded the bell-founding industry.

In conclusion, the preacher said there were two most important things that he wanted to speak on quite shortly. The first was that they must maintain a standard of good ringing: that they should strike every blow, that they should set their faces against those who might have rung many peals, but had yet to learn to ring a bell, who seemed to think that the backstroke was merely an awkward method of bringing the bell back into the handstroke position. They must seek to ring truly every blow. That was one thing which would ensure the crown of glory. The second thing was they must be, most truly, men of God, and in this he wanted to remind them of one of the weaknesses of bellringers generally. Although ringers might be very regular and faithful in ringing the bells for Sunday services, there was not nearly enough of them who looked upon one particular church as his spiritual home, who could say, 'This church,' wherever it might be, 'is my church; it is here that I go and place upon the altar, as it were, the offering of my life and service, here that I seek for inspiration.' There were some who, he knew, had to perform ringing in many different churches on a Sunday, and each of those he urged to seek out one among the churches he rang at and make it his spiritual home, to enter into the whole life of that church and to make his contribution of service to it as a churchworker. In those ways, as they grew nearer the hoary age, they would add the lustre of a crown of glory to change ringing, and they themselves would be filled with the joy which, God grant, they might always have as they came nearer to the crossing, because they would be found in the way of righteousness.

The 'voluntary' after the service consisted of a course of Stedman Triples rung on handbells by Messrs. Winney, Walker, Smallwood and Young.



ST. MICHAEL'S,
PATERNOSTER ROYAL,
on College Hill, the Mother Church
of the College Youths.

THE DINNER.

Almost a record company gathered at the Bridge House Hotel for the annual dinner, the party numbering over 250. The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. J. Bullock), and the vice-chair by Mr. J. S. Hawkins. Among those present were Rev. Canon Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. E. C. Bedford (St. Andrew's, Holborn), Rev. Canon Haldane (Southwark Cathedral), Mr. R. Walden (churchwarden of Southwark), Rev. H. J. Fynes Clinton (St. Magnus'), Rev. Canon Bullock Webster, Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes), Messrs. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), C. J. Chooel and E. J. Sampson (stewards), C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees of the society), E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), W. Fenton, J.P., Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer) and R. T. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), E. H. Lewis, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Cann (Bristol), Messrs. J. E. Groves (Birmingham), E. Bishop (Swindon), H. Marcom and H. Walker (Lincoln). There were representatives from many towers in and around London, ringers coming in parties from the Greenwich and Gravesend District, Reading and Caversham, Barking, Ealing, Holborn, Bethnal Green, Southwark, Edmonton, Portsmouth, Croydon, Guildford and High Wycombe, while among those from more distant places were Messrs. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), J. F. Smallwood (Derby), F. Pervin (Coventry), S. Palmer, Wilson, J. Holman (Sheffield), C. Harrison (Loughborough), W. D. Smith (Eastbourne), W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), W. A. Cave (Bristol), J. Austin (Gloucester), T. King and F. Rich (Bath), W. Knight and W. Thomas (Bristol), G. Popnell (Markham, South Wales), C. Mee (Ipswich), A. Rivers (Cambridge), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), A. Bennett (Buckfastleigh), E. Poppy (Eye), F. Dench (Saffron Walden), etc.

An interesting fact was revealed during the repast, when the Master 'took wine' with members of the society of over 50 years' standing. Those who responded numbered six, and were Canon Coleridge, Messrs. T. Wallace (the 'father' of the society), T. Benney, W. D. Smith, J. W. Rowbotham and W. Prime.

The toast of 'The King' was honoured on the call of the Master, who then proposed that a telegram should be sent conveying from that gathering respectful greetings to the Prince of Wales and his gallant guests at the House of Lords. This suggestion was endorsed with cheers.

The Master then gave the toast of 'The Church,' to which Canon Haldane responded in a facetious speech, in the course of which he said, on behalf of the clergy, or the great majority of them, that they did appreciate very highly the work which the Ancient Society of College Youths and ringers generally did for the Church (hear, hear). It was very arduous work, and work which made great claims upon their powers of mind and body, and work which had its risks; in fact, so risky was it that he had never been able to make up his mind to start it (laughter). Very often, he continued, those who listened got as much pleasure as those who rang, and he could honestly say no ringing he had ever heard at his tower had excelled the ringing of the College Youths. He realised that at Southwark they had the very fine peal of bells (hear, hear). Sometimes he was asked, when the bells were going, who it was that was ringing. If it was very good, indeed, he would reply that it was the College Youths (laughter). If, on the other hand, it was not so good, he said it was a Southwark Surprise Major (laughter), and did not say exactly who it was that was taking part in the ringing (laughter). Canon Haldane concluded by thanking the company for drinking the toast of 'The Church.'

'V.C.s' OF THE BELFREY.

Canon Coleridge proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He said he was very glad they had sent from that assembly a message of greeting to the gathering presided over by the Prince of Wales at the House of Lords. He said he could not, of course, remember all the valiant deeds done by those gallant men, but he recalled three instances in which the coveted cross was won by men whose only weapons had been their own fists. But, he continued, what about those twelve valiant men who, at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday, rang the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in 11 hrs. 33 mins., one of the greatest feats ever done in the annals of change ringing? (applause). He happened, during the following week, to be staying in Somerset, and a local paper, having got hold of the fact that this peal had been rung, ended its report with the question, 'We wonder what the inhabitants thought of it?' (laughter). He was able to inform some of the readers that the inhabitants of Ashton-under-Lyne thought a great deal of it; that they turned out in great numbers to cheer it, and so far from being annoyed with that peal, there was not a soul in the town and for miles around who was not delighted. Did these men have a V.C. for holding the ropes in their fists for 11½ hours? They didn't, but they deserved it, but merit brought its own reward, and the ringers of that peal wanted nothing else (hear, hear). What struck him was that a good many of those who were ringing

in that peal could no longer be called young men. They were getting on in years—he did not know what their average age was, but whether they were young or whether they were getting into the sere and yellow leaf, ringing seemed to keep men young, and occasions like that gathering of College Youths had a great facility for keeping them young. It was always said that a donkey did not get to its prime until it was a hundred years old, and he thought it must be the same with some ringers (laughter). Even when men, owing to stress of circumstances, could not manage to ring any longer, not a few of them were engaged in doing valuable work for the Exercise (hear, hear). He mentioned one—one of his oldest friends—the Rev. G. D. P. Davies, who, though stricken down some time ago and who now had the greatest difficulty in moving about—put in a great deal of time for the good of the Exercise, either collating works or writing new ones. One of his most recent was 'Odds and Ends of Grandsire Triples,' which was a most interesting little work, especially for the young composer. Canon Coleridge went on to say that recently Mr. Davies preached at Tewkesbury Abbey (on the occasion of the jubilee of the restoration scheme inaugurated by his father), although he had to be carried into the pulpit by his son and the verger. The speaker concluded by remarking that the success of such an organisation as the College Youths needed the exuberance of youth and the wisdom of old age, and when those were combined, as they were in that Ancient Society, that society would go on and flourish to the end (applause). He coupled with the toast the name of that excellent ringer, friend, philosopher and everything else, Mr. Cockerill, the hon. secretary (applause).

A course of Stedman Cinques was then rung on handbells by H. Hodgetts, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, A. H. Pulling and H. Langdon.

A LONG DEATH ROLL.

In rising to respond, Mr. Cockerill was greeted with cheers and the enthusiastic singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow.' Mr. Cockerill said they had received apologies for non-attendance and good wishes for a successful evening from Revs. Canon Alexander, J. H. Ellison, G. H. Phillimore, B. F. Simpson, S. G. Ponsorby and N. T. Hopkins, Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, P. Johnson, W. H. Judd, E. Morris, Nichols, and T. Reeves. They had also received a telegram from Bristol United Ringing Guilds sending best wishes. Since they last met at dinner, said Mr. Cockerill, they had made 40 new members (applause). They had met for ringing practices 76 times during the year, and these practices had been attended by 117 different members at some time or other. He regretted that the deceased members formed a rather long list. They had lost by death Robert Holloway, Henry H. Chandler, W. H. C. Courtney, Tom Coxhead, Henry W. Jackson (Bolton), John Wilkins (Walthamstow), Joseph E. Sykes, Robert Thompson (West Ealing), Geo. Alder (Burnham), Rev. Maitland Kelly, York Green, Sam Southby, Geo. T. McLaughlin, Edgar Pemberton (Ipswich), Frank Willey (Sheffield) and Tom Payne (Oxford). The peal list was only a very moderate one, only fifteen having been rung—all in the tower: Grandsire Triples 2, Stedman Triples 3, Stedman Caters 4, Stedman Cinques 2, Double Norwich Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1. He thanked the company very heartily for the way in which they had received the toast.

Mr. A. A. Hughes submitted 'The Visitors,' and took the opportunity of thanking, on behalf of the society, the various incumbents of London churches for their permission to hold practice meetings at their churches. The society appreciated the encouragement that was given them in the work which they did.

The Rev. H. J. Fynes Clinton replied, and remarked that visitors to that gathering not only enjoyed the hospitality that was extended to them, but were very much struck by the extraordinary enthusiasm that was shown, not only among members of the Ancient Society in London, but by others who came to that dinner from such long distances—an enthusiasm which they could find equalled in hardly any other work or hobby. It must be the comradeship of ringing and the knowledge that they were doing a most valuable work for the Church. There was no fickleness in bellringing, but an enthusiasm and steadfastness which set an example to all other church workers.

Mrs. Hughes at this point gave some delightfully played handbell solos, with all her accustomed artistry. She rendered 'Love, could I only tell thee,' and 'I'll sing the songs of Araby,' and, being encored, with 'musical honours,' played an old favourite in 'Land of Hope and Glory.'

The Vice-Chairman (Mr. J. S. Hawkins) proposed the toast of 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies.' He remarked that there were present that evening representatives from nearly every society, association and guild in the country. On behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths he extended to them a hearty welcome, and, having referred to the valuable work which was being done by these societies, concluded by wishing them continued success and prosperity.

Mr. E. A. Young first replied, remarking that their first thought must go out to those who were not with them that night, but who were associated with them in their ancient Exercise. They had many vigorous societies operating in the London area, and among them was the Royal Cumberland Youths, who went back in their history,

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**THE MASTER ENTERTAINS LARGE GATHERING AT BRAINTREE.**

In large numbers on a delightful autumn day, members responded to the invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association at Braintree on Saturday last. The proceedings commenced with service in the Parish Church, with an inspiring address from the newly-appointed Vicar (Rev. Jas. Case, M.A., B.Sc.). Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the association, read the lesson. The collection for the association's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 10s. Upwards of one hundred accepted the Master's invitation to tea, the company being representative of thirty-five parishes.

At the subsequent meeting, Mr. A. A. Saunders was thanked for his past services and reappointed District Master.

Mr. W. Arnold, who has carried out the duties of secretary for the past two years in a most efficient manner, intimated his inability to continue, owing to business pressure, and was heartily thanked. Mr. F. Redgwell, of Earls Colne, was unanimously elected his successor.

Rev. O. L. Martin, Vicar of Earls Colne, was elected an honorary member, and Mrs. C. O. Courtauld, of Penny Pot, Halstead, was elected an honorary life member. Several ringing members were also elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Feering in February.

The Master made feeling allusion to the sad loss sustained by Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, Herts, by the tragic death of his son, Mr. W. S. Lawrence, as reported in 'The Ringing World,' and a vote of condolence with Mr. Lawrence and his two daughters was passed in silence, the Master being requested to convey the sympathy of the meeting to them.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells and for his address, and the organist was also thanked for his services.

Mr. H. E. Hammond voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Master for providing tea for so large an assemblage.

Immediately after the meeting the whole company were shown over the magnificent Town Hall, recently presented to the town by Mr. W. J. Courtauld at a cost exceeding £60,000. In the spacious Council Chamber the Master, who has been a councillor for twenty-one years, explained the special points of the whole building, and enumerated many other gifts by Mr. Courtauld during the past few years, including a hospital completely equipped and a recreation ground endowed so as to be entirely free from charge on the rates.

The District Master and Messrs. W. Keeble and L. W. Wiffen did their utmost to ensure that everyone of the large company had a ring on the bells, which are in excellent order. Commencing at 2.30 p.m., they were, with the exception of the period of the service and meeting, ringing unceasingly in methods ranging from Bob Major to London Surprise.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS BY VETERANS.

Mr. James George, who is approaching his 76th birthday, has achieved another distinction. He has rung his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at a greater age than any other 'first pealer' in the method, and has thus given another proof of his youthful mental capacity. Mr. 'Bob' Brundle, who also took part in the peal, was 73 last September. On the evidence of many competent ringers who were listening outside, the peal was splendidly struck, and went like clockwork from beginning to end.

It is no small achievement, even for a man of many achievements, to ring his first peal of Cambridge Maximus at the age of 76, when most men are thinking of retiring from the belfry, if they have not already disappeared from the scene. The peal was really a crowning achievement for Mr. George, for it was his one thousandth peal on tower bells. It was also his twentieth peal of Maximus, including the 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus, to which he rang the tenor, in 8 hrs. 39 mins. He has now rung peals of Cambridge Surprise on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

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like the College Youths, to the 17th century, and who had carried on the traditions of the Exercise ever since. He was glad to see many members of that society present on that occasion.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, replied for the Provincial Societies, and reminded the company that next year the Kent Association would celebrate its jubilee. He remarked that he would like to see every association have its own benevolent fund. In Kent they had such a fund which had often proved its value. They started it 17 years ago, had paid out about £90, and had a balance in hand of about £130.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert proposed the concluding toast, 'The Press,' to which Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded, and the formal proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

During the evening songs were sung by Mr. T. J. Fowler, Mr. E. Spice and Mr. Bullock, sen., Mr. H. N. Pitslow being the accompanist, while some clever card tricks were performed by Mr. J. A. Esler.

A considerable number of visitors remained in London until Sunday and rang at various churches for the morning services.

'SILCHESTER.'

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Four times repeated.

And what is Silchester? Well, if you take New Doubles, extend it to seven bells, and reverse it, you will arrive at the above set of figures; but I am not going to let it go out into the world with such a name as Reversed New Triples, or even New Triples Reversed. Such a name would kill any method. You may ring Reversed New Triples, if you like, but if you use my Bob, call it Silchester, please.

But, says the critic, your Bob is not a bob at all. Quite so, neither is the Single used in Grandsire Triples a single. To be exact, they are both double changes. But it is always called a single in Grandsire, and it will, I am sure, be most convenient to call it Bob in Silchester, especially as no other call is necessary.

Silchester will prove interesting to any ringers who feel tempted to try for the first peal, while, to the composer who likes to take up something new, I can promise a most interesting study.

Here is the peal again written out by the bob-leads, as some conductors may prefer it so:—

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537642	5	745326	6
753642	1	743652	6
243765	3	253764	3
324765	1	257436	6
643257	2	463752	4
536472	2	348752	1
427635	4	583427	2
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Four times repeated.

E. BANKES JAMES.

BELFRY RECORDS.**AN OLD RINGING BOOK AT CHEW MAGNA.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of November 1st curiously coincides with a discovery I have just made.

I have always believed that change ringing in North Somerset was introduced by Squire Palairt, father of the famous cricketers. Now I have to hand irrefutable evidence of change ringing done in the Chew Magna district, considerably over one hundred years ago, in the shape of a manuscript book which has been handed down through the generations, and is now the property of a Chew Magna ringer. On telling Mr. W. A. Cave of this, he quoted an old saying:—

'A single, extreme, a single, bob, too,

None can equal the ringers of Chew.'

The first line, I suggest, may be a misquotation of, 'A bob, extreme, a bob and single, too,' as the latter produces a six-score.

To revert to the book, it contains 28 extents of Doubles. Some of them, with curious names, e.g., Mrs. Crambol, Thomas Sage's Delight, the Cambridge Journey, Gog-Magog, are merely six-scores of Grandsire, with or without extremes.

Others, such as 'Little Mr. Bob,' are extents produced by causing one bell to lie eight blows behind, or in front. Others make the treble do a peculiar hunt, while others change the hunt bell.

Calls, in addition to the bob, single, and extreme, included the half-single and the 'sharp.' It would appear that the sharp meant an odd dodge on the front, with 3rd's place to correspond.

New Doubles, as we know it, is there, except that the single is made in 2-3 instead of in 4-5, as nowadays. All dodges were called, by the way.

One ringer was sorry, when I mentioned it, that April Day was not included.

'Ah!' said another, 'if us were to ring he, 'twould sound more like a November night.'—Yours faithfully,

Chilcompton.

J. T. DYKE.

DEATH OF FORMER MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The death of George T. McLaughlin, a former Master of the College Youths, who died at the age of 70 years, passed almost unnoticed in the Exercise. Writing, to pay 'a slight tribute to his worth,' Mr. Challis F. Winney says:—

George McLaughlin was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1887. Our dinner on Saturday, November 5th, in that year, was a great success under his chairmanship at Bridge House Hotel. The bells at St. Magnus' and St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, were rung by the parochial ringers, and these were the last two churches to keep up 'St. Guido Faux.' I think this was the last anniversary when there was any paid ringing for the Gunpowder Saint. George had the honour of being a parochial ringer at St. Paul's, and took part in a peal there. He called Mr. Cockerill's first peal at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney (Holt's Original), Saturday, June 25th, 1887. He was very keen in all he did, especially in ringing Holt's Original, non-conducted, rung with the material forged at St. Albans. Messrs. Mitchell and Buckingham are both still engaged in business in London.

George McLaughlin was an export packer at the Army and Navy Stores, and was pensioned off from there some five or six years ago. He had been out of touch with ringing since he gave up as instructor at St. John's, Wilton Road, where Messrs. Dawe, Gover and Winney started to ring. Cancer was the cause of death. May he rest in peace.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

THORNY PROBLEM FOR NORTHERN BRANCH.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Heckington on Saturday, November 2nd. According to previous arrangements, it should have been held at Ewerby, but, owing to the incumbency being vacant by the death of the Vicar, the committee decided to transfer the meeting to Heckington. Through unforeseen circumstances it was fixed later than usual, but, fortunately, it proved to be a real success. Amongst the towers represented were Blankney, Branston, Ewerby, Gainsborough, Heckington, Lincoln, Scotter, Sleaford, Stow and Willingham. The Elloe Deaneries and Southern Branches were represented by members from Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Spalding, Folkingham and Stamford, and the North Notts Association by a lady ringer from North Collingham.

The bells, which are a nice ring of eight, and have recently been overhauled, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

The service, at which the Guild office was used, was well attended. The Vicar (Rev. C. A. Norris) officiated, and gave an appropriate address. The organist very kindly presided at the organ. Subsequently, close upon fifty members and friends partook of an excellent tea in the Village Room.

The business meeting followed, at which the president, Mr. F. F. Linley, was in the chair, supported by members of the committee. The Chairman thanked the Vicar for the cordial welcome extended to the branch, and the Rev. C. A. Norris, who had to leave early, responded.

Barton-on-Humber was selected as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, the date being left in the hands of the committee.

The next item on the agenda was the extension of the annual report. The President explained that to return to a pre-war report would, owing to the high cost of printing, quickly absorb the funds of the branch, unless the free tea at the annual meeting was given up or an increase made in the subscriptions.

After discussion it was agreed to leave this thorny problem to the committee to decide upon the best steps to be taken in the matter.

Mr. Linley alluded to the loss which the branch had sustained by the decease of Mr. Isaac Vickers, who, for nearly fifty years, had been a member of the Cathedral company, and proposed a vote of condolence with the relatives.—Mr. J. A. Freeman seconded, and made reference to Mr. Vickers having been a staunch and loyal supporter of the old North Lincolnshire Association.—This was carried by the members standing in silence, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to those who are left to mourn the loss of one who was so highly respected by all with whom he came into contact.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the church authorities for the use of the bells, the organist for his assistance, the caterers for the excellent tea provided, the ladies for their efficient waiting at the tea table, likewise to the members of the local company for making the arrangements, and all others who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

This concluded the business, after which some of the company indulged in handbell ringing, others returned to the tower, while a third party went to Hale Magna and had touches on the ring of six at that church, thus bringing to a close a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, October 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes) in 50 mins.: P. Heath 1, F. Rowsell (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 2, C. Perry 3, W. Richards 4, J. Davies 5, G. Large 6, E. Stitch 7, J. Phillips 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

THE ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION.

Among the touches rung in connection with the observance of the anniversary of the Armistice were the following:—

KNIGHTON, RADs.—On Armistice Sunday, November 10th, at St. Edward's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., with bells half-muffled: W. T. Gough 1, A. E. Jones 2, R. H. Jones 3, E. W. Watkins 4, T. F. Preece 5, J. J. Price 6, F. Evans (conductor) 7, R. H. Wellings 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, November 10th, for Armistice evening-song, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, W. H. Stevens 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, C. J. Tricker 4, H. Belcher 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, for evening service (Service of Remembrance), on November 10th, 1,008 Double Norwich Major in 43 mins.: J. Tomlinson 1, J. Hayes 2, M. Harris 3, A. G. Watkin 4, Jas. Swindley 5, G. Gerrard 6, P. Swindley 7, S. Jones, jun. (conductor) 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 10th, at St. Mary's Church, before 10 a.m. choral Eucharist, with bells half-muffled, 720 New London Pleasure; after 11 a.m. matins, with bells open, 720 Braintree Delight; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Double Court and 720 Cambridge Surprise: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Stith 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—For the memorial service, on Sunday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: T. E. Taylor 1, A. Butler 2, H. R. Pickering 3, B. Dalton 4, J. W. Taylor 5, K. C. Taylor 6, R. Pickering (conductor) 7, T. E. Bate 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Armistice morning, Monday, November 11th, before the Two Minutes' Silence, bells fully muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacey 1, R. Hayden 2, H. A. Wacey 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. T. Prior 6, P. Springham 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

HARROW WEALD.—At All Saints' Church, for Armistice Sunday, before matins, with the bells half-muffled, 360 Bob Minor, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Doubles; after the service, with the bells open, 240 Grandsire Doubles; before evensong, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor; after, another 720, with the bells open, by the following: Miss F. Clayton, Miss E. Fulton, Messrs. F. Wilcox, G. R. Goodship, N. Genna, H. Holms, W. Horrod. Minor conducted by G. R. Goodship, other methods by N. Genna. This is the first occasion that a 720 has been rung by a purely local band, all of whom are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

UPPER CLAPTON.—For morning service, on Armistice Sunday, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins., by the following, who are all local Sunday service ringers: E. C. Cornish 1, H. J. Canter 2, S. H. R. Cooper 3, H. J. King 4, H. Smith 5, H. J. Gregory 6, C. H. Gray (conductor) 7, H. A. W. Yeowell (first quarter) 8.

CARDIFF.—On Armistice Day, for the 11 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 51 mins., with the bells half-muffled in remembrance of those who fell in the Great War: G. Large 1, F. Hannington 2, Miss D. Richards 3, F. Chamberlain 4, P. Heath 5, A. Parnell 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

ERITH, KENT.—For special Armistice service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: J. Reynolds 1, H. A. Holden 2, A. G. Hill 3, L. J. Gullum 4, F. A. Coley 5, J. S. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. G. Darke 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 10th, in the morning, at St. Andrew's Church, for the Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 49 mins.: J. Beagley 1, C. Edwards 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, G. Upshall 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Birmingham 1, G. Upshall 2, C. Edwards 3, S. Meadows 4, J. Read 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

GREAT BADDOW.—On Sunday, November 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., for the British Legion Armistice service: Miss Winnie Linn 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, P. Green 4, Miss Dolly French 5, Dr. Spencer Phillips 6, Geo. Green (conductor) 7, F. Payne 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sunday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks') in 45 mins.: T. Bolton 1, W. H. Ball 2, W. Malins 3, E. Cassell 4, C. E. Moody 5, J. Herbert 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, A. E. Williams 8. Rung for Armistice Sunday and the parade of ex-Service men with the R.A.O.B.

A COMMEMORATIVE QUARTER-PEAL.

On Thursday, November 7th, at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: E. C. Martin 1, F. A. Burnett 2, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 3, C. Shepherd 4, P. Giles 5, F. W. Burnett 6, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 7, L. P. Cook 8. Rung to commemorate the presentation of a model of the fourth 'Mary Rose' (which fought a brilliant naval action off Cadiz in 1569), which is now to find a final resting place close to the tomb of her gallant admiral, Sir John Kempthorne, in the precincts of the Cathedral.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 21st, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held in the Archdeacon's Court in St. Nicholas' Church, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Nov. 16th, at 3.30 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (8) of St. Nicholas' Church will be available. Members are kindly requested to attend this first meeting of the new branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, Nov. 16th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of Vicar) in the Vicarage, and business meeting. All ringers invited.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Howes' Cafe, next the church, at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Shalford on Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers for 1930 must be made at this meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Caythorpe (8), Saturday, Nov. 16th. Tower open 2 p.m. Good train and bus service between Grantham and Lincoln. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the School.—H. W. Kirton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. — A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Church of St. Mary de Lode, Gloucester, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—There will be a meeting at Arley, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Nov. 16th. The recently augmented peal of 6 will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Bus leaves Nuneaton (Broad Street) 2.10 and every half-hour after. Bus from Coventry 3.30.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Marshland Branch. — A meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Ringers welcomed. — W. G. Cross, 16, St. James' Road, King's Lynn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., if arrangements can be made. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Baslow on Nov. 16th. Church of St. Anne (6 bells, tenor about 12 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. F. Sheldon, Bar Cottage, Baslow.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock at Vokes' Tea Rooms, The Hornet.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—A combined practice will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Nov. 16th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. Come and give a helping hand.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Alfreton on Nov. 16th. No arrangements made for tea.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch will be held at Newbury to-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Two peal boards to be dedicated at 4.15 p.m. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, Nov. 16th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—C. Fields, Dis. Sec., St. Neots.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Splendid bus service from Watford.—W. Ayre, Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the South Norfolk Branch will be held in the Vestry of the Parish Church, Diss, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (8) of St. Mary, Diss, and St. Peter, Pelgrave, will be available. A good attendance of members is kindly requested at this first meeting of the branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Nov. 19th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service (County Service Paper) at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those who require tea provided for them, notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 20th? All ringers welcome, and a good attendance requested. — Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided in the Schools at 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested at this meeting, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Will those who require tea advise Miss K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs, by 21st?—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will those attending kindly notify me not later than Nov. 20th? — G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Selborne on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (5) available from 2.30; also at Newton Valence (5). Service at St. Mary's, Selborne, 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea kindly notify by Thurs., Nov. 21.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, November 23rd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge. Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by meeting.—G. A. Taylor, Branch Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 30th (eight bells). Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

COMBINED MEETING of members of the Hereford Guild, the Shropshire and Worcestershire Associations, and the Stafford Archdeaconry will be held at Claverley (between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea (1s. 6d.) at the Crown Hotel at 5 for those who send word by Wednesday, 27th inst. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton at 3; return 9.45. All ringers welcome. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Banstead, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the View Tea Rooms. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 26th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Arrangements for tea can be made for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Dec. 4th.—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, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap tickets issued on District Railway to Central Hounslow, then bus to church.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will all those intending being present please notify me by Dec. 3rd? — Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth, Saturday, Dec. 7th.—Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs is now Wharfedale, 528, Portland Road, West Hove.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

ROAD FOREMAN, 6½ years' all-round experience, or as **STOREKEEPER**, thoroughly conversant; change ringer; instructor.—F. Precey, Rolleston Rectory, Shrewton, Wilts.

YOUNG MAN (22) seeks situation as wood-working machinist, circular saw, band saw, planer; 8 years' reference; change ringer, six or eight bells.—Box F, 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.

GOOD PEAL OF TWELVE. Tenor size 13 in C.—T. Miller, 6, Windsor Place, St. Mark's Street, Birmingham.

A PEAL of 10 handbells; tenor in E; No. 20 size; no reasonable offer refused.—F. Precey, Rolleston Rectory, Shrewton, Wilts.

SET of 19 Handbells by Taylor, of Loughborough; perfect condition; size 18, in two boxes. — Mrs. Burton, Elborough, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.

HANDBELLS WANTED.

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USK, MON.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) taken from Holt's Original, in 42 mins.: G. Knight 1, D. G. Clift (conductor) 2, G. Hawkins 3, G. Went 4, E. W. Luff 5, L. Jones 6, A. Hawkins 7, E. Bowyer 8.

MACCLESFIELD.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, November 3rd, for the day school festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. V. Reese 1, A. Challenor 2, F. L. Roman 3, J. Tipper 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Worth 6, W. Gayes (conductor) 7, J. Waumsley 8. The first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells for 25 years.

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KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 3rd, at the Church of St. Michael, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: W. Southgate 1, U. A. Wildney 2, H. Jones 3, M. J. Ling 4, A. J. Clarke 5, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 6.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Watkin 1, Rev. J. B. Frith 2, A. Bennett 3, E. Young 4, W. Challinor (conductor) 5, J. Willings 6. A first effort of the local band.

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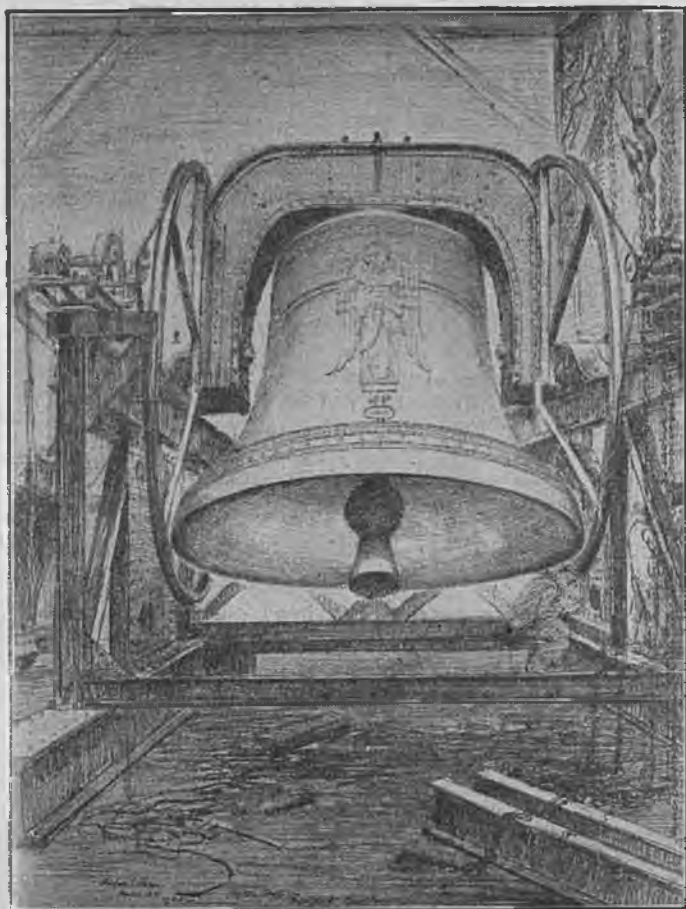
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with us, but there is a great deal in the point which was made by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn when he said we should set our faces against those who ring many peals before they have learnt to ring a bell. Young ringers need encouragement, but the encouragement which is provided by peal ringing should only be offered when they have really learnt to ring a bell.

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On Tuesday, November 12, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... Treble	*NOLAN GOLDEN 6
*MISS HELEN W. BILL ... 2	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 7
EDWIN R. GOATE 3	*CHARLES E. LOVETT 8
GEORGE MAYERS 4	GEORGE BAILEY 9
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5	JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Ten. Rung as a peal of welcome to the Rev. Hugh McMullan, who was instituted as Vicar at this church on Friday, November 8th.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON ... Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	PERCY HARRISON 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	ERNEST MORRIS 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	COLIN HARRISON 9
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Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEDON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

LEONARD RODMELL ... Treble	JOHN W. HOBSON 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE MILLER 6
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On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

* DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 29 cwt.

DR. E. L. TAYLOR ... Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
WALTER WHITE 4	EDWARD FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK MORGAN Treble	GEORGE KING 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 7
ERNEST J. LADD 4	JOSEPH WREN Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert, jun., and Mr. A. E. Edwards.

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On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS... .. Treble	THOMAS H. TAYSON 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	GEOFFREY TAYSON 6
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 3	ARTHUR W. DAVIES 7
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 4	WALTER TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR PASBLEY Treble	MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE 5
*MISS DORIS TURNER... .. 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL 6
ALFRED BASSFORD 3	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
MISS EVA HOPKINS 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal. Rung with clappers half-muffled in commemoration of the fallen in the Great War, 1914-1918.

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On Monday, November 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK G. RINGE Treble	ERNEST FURBANK 5
*ROBERT HEAZEL 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	WILLIAM H. THORBALD 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	GEORGE B. COLE... .. 5
LOUIS A. WILSON 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
GEORGE N. PRICE 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
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AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 1½ cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*J. NORMAN BENSON Treble	†HARRY ROGERS... .. 5
JOHN BAGLEY 2	THOMAS ROGERS 6
JOHN BREESE 3	†JOHN HUGHES 7
LESTER L. GRAY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

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Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

8096 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE DAVIES Treble	JOHN KENDALL 5
HARRY HOLDEN 2	WALTER MASTERS 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 7
THOMAS HEMMING 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by A. J. PIZMAN.

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

This is the first peal of Spliced Major and Triples on the bells, by all the band and by the association. It was rung by an entirely local band. The composition contains 2,572 changes of Bob Major and 2,524 changes of Grandsire Triples, and was published in 'The Ringing World' of September 17th, 1926.

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(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK SHARPE Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
WILLIAM G. COLLETT 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

This is the first peal on these bells, which were recently augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT DAVENPORT... .. Treble	JAMES INGHAM 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL 2	FRANK FIELDEN... .. 6
FRANK GREENWOOD 3	*ROBERT BARKER 7
MISS HESTER BELL 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

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Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Lewis Chapman Treble	William J. Stock 5
Amos Smart 2	James T. Ward 6
John J. Mawby 3	Thomas R. Hensher 7
John R. Main 4	Anderson Y. Tyler Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred J. Martin, who has completed his 50th year as a ringer at the above church. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Chapman (late of Manchester), brother of the ringer of the treble.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Fred Watkinson Treble	Herbert Haigh 5
*Miss Noel Cawthorne ... 2	Arthur Knights 6
Miss Grace Burchall ... 3	*Arthur Pashley 7
Miss K. Burchall 4	A. Percival Knights Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

Alexander Evans Treble	William J. Prescott ... 5
Albert Stowell 2	William H. Lloyd 6
Alfred E. Reeves 3	Ronald G. Beck 7
James Hunt 4	Joseph T. Dyke Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Jesse Francis Treble	Sidney Wiltshire 5
Ernest Truman 2	Samuel J. Hector 6
Louis A. Wilson 3	Sidney Hillier 7
*William C. West 4	Fred Lambeth Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in this method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Bolwell. The band take this opportunity of wishing him every success in his new sphere of activity in London.

BEWDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. (approx.).

James Broad Treble	John Smith 5
William Short 2	John Woodberry 6
Hector Bird 3	Clifford Skidmore 7
Robert Matthews 4	Thomas Hemming Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

Rung as a welcome to Alderman H. N. Frost, on his return from a nursing home following an operation, also in honour of his re-election as Mayor of Bewdley for the third successive year. It is about 18 years since Mr. J. Broad last rang in a peal, and about forty years since a peal was rung on these bells, which have recently been rehung on ball bearings. The quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Charles A. Hughes ... Treble	George R. Pye 5
Ernest J. Butler 2	James Bennett 6
Albert W. Coles 3	James E. Davis 7
*Mrs. Richard F. Deal ... 4	William Pye Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Walter Charman ... Treble	Peter Charman 5
*George Wilson 2	Alfred H. Pulling 6
*C. Ernest Smith 3	†John Cook 7
*Kenneth Snelling 4	Oliver Sippetts Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal in the method for the Guild.

TOTTENHAM.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

H. W. H. Strickland ... Treble	H. Ellis 5
H. A. Barnett 2	N. Tomlinson 6
*Miss P. Upsher 3	J. G. Nash 7
*W. J. Ellis 4	A. G. Crane Tenor

Conducted by N. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in method. Peals are very rarely rung on these bells, and this (delayed for rehangings of the tenor) was to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. H. A. Barnett and incidentally the birthday of Miss P. Upsher.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

Albert H. Harman ... Treble	Harold N. Pitstow ... 5
*Arthur J. Smith 2	*Albert E. Chersman ... 6
Frederick W. Housden ... 3	*Alan R. Pink 7
Frederick G. Woodiss ... 4	Herbert Langdon Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. N. Skene, M.A.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

Donald G. Clift ... Treble	Edward W. Luff 5
*George Went 2	Frank Rowse 6
Samuel Jones 3	Charles Greedy 7
Arthur Hawkins 4	George Hawkins Tenor

Conducted by D. G. CLIFT.

* First peal 'inside.' The band are greatly indebted to Mr. Went, who filled a gap at a moment's notice.

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FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in 1 wo Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES

SIDNEY GRIDLEY 1 Treble	Percy GRIDLEY 5
GRANVILLE C. BIXBY 2	ARTHUR TAYLOR 6
THEODORE E. SLATER 3	ARTHUR MAXIM 7
THOMAS CHINERY 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.
This peal was arranged for Mr. S. Gridley, of Sudbury, a native and formerly a ringer of Foxearth. This was his first peal since 1913, as he was severely crippled in the war.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in 1 Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 26 cwt.
EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Treble	JOSEPH D. HARRIS 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Williams. The first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
JOHN PHILIPS Treble	EDWARD A. MORRIS 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3	FRANK CORKE 7
ERNEST J. GOATER 4	WILLIAM BRANTS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	CYRIL TANSELL 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. Rung at the first attempt.

CROWLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES CAMM Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
DENNIS R. MORRIS 2	CYRIL TANSELL 6
FREDERICK HAWKES 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS 4	*ARTHUR H. FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL TANSELL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master John Bamber, son of the Vicar, on the first anniversary of his birth. The ringers were kindly entertained to supper by the Vicar and Mrs. Bamber after the peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	PETER CHARMAN 5
ALBERT FRIST 2	JACK COOK 6
JAMES BURDFIELD 3	JACK BRANCH 7
TOM ADAMS 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Canterbury on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	JAMES WAGHORN 4
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 2	THOMAS E. SONE 5
JAMES BASSETT 3	BERTRAM LUCK Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Burrows on completing 50 years as organist at the above church, also in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. W. Padgham (who was a member of the choir for many years) and Mrs. Padgham. 50th peal as conductor.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	MOSES BILLINGS 4
JOHN WALDEN 2	CHARLES CLAYDON 5
HARRY CARTER 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal on the bells.

GREAT BARTON.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

J. CHINERY Treble	F. J. LIFF 4
S. STURGEON 2	W. DURRANT 5
E. STURGEON 3	H. W. FOULGER Tenor

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob Minor, with different callings.

GEORGE P. JOHNSON ... Treble	W. H. STANLEY 4
H. W. WITTERING 2	JACK WELCH 5
FRANK TURNER 3	WILLIAM LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

The first peal on the bells since they have been rehung.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 10, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

SIDNEY FOSKETT Treble	*A. EDWARD HANKS 4
ALBERT FLEET 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
WILLIAM PEACOCK 3	CHARLES W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. SMITH.

* First peal. E. J. Hobbs' 100th peal. First peal on the bells in four methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the memorial service.

The final performance of the North Wales tour was rung at Wrexham on Saturday, September 28th, 1929, and not on the Friday, 27th, as stated in No. 968 of 'The Ringing World.'

'W. H. F.' writes to say that good old George McLaughlin was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in November, 1886, and the writer would like to hear more about the ringing career—for the past twenty years—of such a sound Londoner.

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

On Sunday, November 10, 1929, 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 14 cwt.

*DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal on six bells. Rung on the 62nd anniversary of this church.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERIC CHAPMAN Treble	*EDWARD HAYNES 4
†REV. A. C. MOULE 2	†JACK HARPER 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS 3	†ARTHUR WILSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HAYNES.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since they were rebung by Messrs. White, of Appleton, in 1928. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung with fully muffled clappers in memory of the men who gave their lives in the Great War.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS N. BAILEY Treble	*WILLIAM H. REDFERN 4
HERBERT HORDMAN 2	ARTHUR SHARP 5
HORACE L. DAWSON 3	JOHN HOUGH Tenor

Conducted by J. HOUGH.

* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's, called differently.

EDWIN BROMLEY Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4
*THOMAS W. CARD 2	GEORGE BURT 5
ALAN BROMLEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal away from the treble. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War. The ringers of the treble and 3rd are brothers and cousins of the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

COOKHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, November 11, 1929, in Three Hours and One-Half Minute,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

THOMAS J. FOWLER Treble	LEONARD S. STILLWELL 4
*WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
*MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in three methods. Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) in 54 mins.: F. Collings 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, P. Price 3, A. Coppock (conductor) 4, A. Goodwin 5, A. Lambert 6, L. Clay 7, F. Turner 8, R. Narborough 9, B. Marshall 10. Longest length of Caters by all except Nos. 3 and 4.

. BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of Woodbine, 1,440 of Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 of Oxford Bob, and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

KENNETH BOWYER Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
MISS EDITH K. KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
HARRY TYSOR 3	THOMAS HARPIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the Armistice.

KIMPTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty 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, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS J. HULL Treble	BEN JARMAN 4
*ALFRED J. GILLINGS 2	WALTER AYRE 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal of Minor. It is thirty years since Mr. Gillings rang a peal. First peal as conductor in more than one method.

HANDBELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Wednesday, November 13, 1929, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in C.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 7-8

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

Umpires: WILLIAM P. GARRETT and WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.
First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells by all the band. The conductor has now called peals on 8, 10 and 12 handbells, of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and is the first to perform this feat.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Residence of H. J. POOLE, 326, NARBOROUGH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

ROBERT RICHARDSON 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON 7-8

*PERCY HARRISON 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First handbell peal.

BELL RESTORATION IN THE OLDEN DAYS.

HOW MONEY WAS GOT IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

An interesting record comes down to us in the archives of the diocese of Winchester, throwing light on the manner in which money was raised for church purposes in the Middle Ages. Referring to the fact that the parish and town of Farnham, Surrey, have just raised £300 to rehang and retune the bells of the Parish Church and to put the chimes in working order, the 'Guildford Diocesan Gazette' says: 'Note the continuity both of parish life and of the English Church. We ask our readers to think of the 14th century and the particular year 1388. Forty years earlier the Black Death had ravaged the country and halved the population, with momentous results to the religious, social and economic life of the country. Richard II. was (1388) on the throne. Wycliffe had been dead but four years; Chaucer had just completed his Canterbury Tales; monasticism and the Medieval Church were entering upon a period of decay. But parish life went on; people had the same needs: money was just as much wanted then as now for Church purposes. We dip into the episcopal register of the great William of Wykeham (1367-1405), and we read that in the year 1388 the people of Farnham were raising money for the purchase of church bells; the parishioners were duly and properly assessed (the "Quota," instead of being a new idea, is an ancient medieval practice). But it was easier then to raise money than it is to-day. It appears that a few of the parishioners would not pay up. What happened? The Bishop heard of it and issues a mandate to the Rector of Farnham to "admonish certain parishioners under pain of ecclesiastical censure (i.e., excommunication) to pay up." They stood no nonsense in the Middle Ages.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**STARTING THE REORGANISED BRANCHES.**

A general meeting of the newly-constituted East Norfolk Branch of the association, the first of a series under the reorganisation scheme, was, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon R. Aubrey Aitken), held in the Priory Hall, Great Yarmouth, on Saturday, November 9th, for the election of officers and committees.

The general secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) read a letter of apology from Canon R. Aubrey Aitken, expressing his regret in not being able to preside at the meeting.

Mr. Denison Hayward was voted to the chair, and was supported by Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, Mr. William J. Lee (district secretary), and representatives from Acle, Beccles, Great Yarmouth, Reedham, etc.

The General Secretary gave a brief outline of the purpose of the meeting, after which the members proceeded to elect officers and committee as follows: Mr. Denison Hayward, chairman; Mr. William J. Lee, hon secretary; Messrs. Robert W. Barber, jun., William E. Bason, John C. Dicken, Edwin R. Goate and James Taylor, members of the committee.

The General Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry elections (prior to peals) of Messrs. Bertie J. Howchin (re-election), John W. Ward and Colin Harrison, life members (non-resident), and also moved the election of Messrs. James Bunn, Robert William Barber, and Francis Herbert Glossop Hind as members of the association. The motions, on being put to the meeting, were carried.

A vote of thanks was passed to Canon R. Aubrey Aitken for the use of the Priory Hall, and the meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the belfry for ringing.

BOW BELLS.**CITY CORPORATION AND THE RESTORATION.**

The famous bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, which have all too long been silent for need of restoration, were mentioned at a meeting of the City Corporation recently, when the Lord Mayor presented a letter from Alderman Sir Louis Newton, on behalf of the Rector and churchwardens of the church, asking for the assistance of the Corporation in raising the funds necessary to carry out urgent repairs to the fabric, organ and bells.

Mr. Deputy Ellis said 'Bow bells' were not only known to every citizen of London, but they were known all over the world. Their historic association with Dick Whittington endeared them to every British man and woman, and the Court should do all in its power to see that they were repaired.

The letter was referred to the Coal, Corn and Finance Committee.

LIGHT BELLS IN 'D.'

Writing in answer to the inquiry as to whether Rickmansworth has the lightest D bell in the country as a tenor (its weight being 20 cwt. 20 lb.), Mr. C. H. Jennings says that Bere Regis (Dorset) tenor is 18½ cwt. in D.

The tenor bell at St. John's, Devizes, Wilts, was cast by R. Purdue at Salisbury, in 1677, and its weight is 19½ cwt. in D flat, and measures 50in. across. A perfect peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there, writes Mr. Sidney Hillier, on September 14th, 1912, in 2 hrs. 54 mins., and it is worthy of note, as the tenor ringer was blind. He gained the deserved congratulation by the band for the perfect way he rang it.

As to fast peals, the writer was one of a band who rang a perfect peal at Trowbridge, Wilts, on April 19th, 1913, in 2 hrs. 47 mins., the tenor being 24 cwt.

Mr. W. E. Pitman writes: 'A correspondent asks whether a peal rung at Rickmansworth with a tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in 2.55 can be beaten. Yes. The writer participated in a peal at Margate on October 19th, with a tenor 22½ cwt., in 2.53, and that without a trip. Mr. Buesden, the conductor, will bear me out.'

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT SANDAL.**

A meeting was held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, November 9th. The attendance of ringers and friends was only about half the number that attended at the near-by tower of Crofton in October, which represents the difference between the attraction of a shield contest and an ordinary monthly meeting. However, Sandal bells still hold a charm of tone for ringers, after a century's wear, that seems to say, 'Ringers may come and ringers may go, but we go on for ever.' There is a surrounding home for these sounds that never wearies. The houses, placed mostly in gardens, are fit to offer a happy welcome.

The proceedings were of the usual character. The worthy Vicar, the Rev. Parry, was at the tea table as of yore, offering a welcome to young and old. Unfortunately, duty called him away, but not until blessings and good wishes were given to the association.

One local veteran (Mr. G. Robinson) was there to receive all-round congratulations after recovering from eight months' very serious illness. Mr. Noah Wath, president, occupied the chair, and hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the local ringers, and some ladies who always display a breezy activity towards the association.

The next meeting is most likely to be a joint one with the Yorkshire Southern Division at Rawmarsh in December.

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Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal of Grandsire Triples on November 9th was Arthur C. Nason, not Nash, as published.

When the Mortlake Society rang 'a true and compleat peal of 5,040 Bob Major Tribbles' on November 22nd, 1731, they recorded that 'this is the third time this peal was ever rung and the first by the method designed and called by W. Walker.'

A William Walker was ringing at Richmond and Mortlake for many years, although it is rather likely that the later William Walker was a son of the ringer who 'designed and called' this early peal at Mortlake. If not, then William Walker must have been of the same virile stock that, long after, produced the gentleman who is 'still going strong.' William Walker rang in a peal of 10,640 Bob Major at Mortlake in 1776.

One of London's earliest ringing societies, the City Scholars, rang a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate on November 23rd, 1732. Another of these long defunct London organisations, the Eastern Scholars, put up a record at West Ham, when on November 25th, 1737, they rang a peal of 15,120 of Bob Major.

Sunday next is the anniversary of the first peal of Maximus rung on handbells, a peal of Oxford Treble Twelve at Sheffield on November 24th, 1816.

Exactly two hundred years ago next Wednesday, the London Scholars rang a peal of 6,204 Grandsire Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, the College Youths twelve days before, viz., on November 15th, having rung the first peal on the bells, a 5,126 Grandsire Cinques. The bi-centenary of these two performances ought not to go unmarked, despite the fact that little peal ringing is now permitted at this tower.

The first peal at St. James', Bermondsey, was rung one hundred years ago next Thursday. It was 5,120 Oxford Treble Bob Royal by the Cumberlands.

It was at the Shakespeare's Head, Wych Street, Strand, in 1886, that W. H. F. reported to the members there assembled that the College Youths' certificate was the work of Bartolozzi, and produced several engravings, purchased off a street trader's barrow in Rochester Row, to support his claim.

Amongst those present at that meeting were Messrs. Routh, Hayes, Allbone, Haworth, Barry, McLaughlin and Winney, besides others, but the last-named, with W. H. F., is the sole survivor to-day. Exactly forty years later Captain Yorke confirmed the fact of the certificate being Bartolozzi's work by his discovery at the British Museum in 1926.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells at Curdridge, Hants, rung last Saturday, recalls the fact that the first and only other Surprise peal rung on the bells was Superlative over 31 years ago. Messrs. G. Williams and F. S. Bayley took part in both peals, the latter on the same bell, the seventh, but the former, who rang the tenor in 1898, and called the peal, took on a lighter task this time. When the first peal was rung, Curdridge was one of the noisiest towers in the country.

ANCIENT BELLS AT KIMPTON, HERTS.

ONE 500 YEARS OLD AND STILL IN USE.

A ring of six bells, the most modern of which is over two hundred years old, hangs in the tower of Kimpton, Herts, and a peal was rung on them on Saturday last. These six bells are of various dates, the age of the fifth probably exceeding 500 years. This bell is 36 inches in diameter, and in addition to a device, bears the Latin words, 'Sit nomen Domini benedictum' ('May the name of the Lord be blessed'). It was probably cast by one William Burford, whose last will dates from the year 1390, and on this evidence the bell certainly appears to be more than 500 years old. At one time it may have been the only bell, and it is possible that it may be slightly older than the tower, which was built about that period.



KIMPTON CHURCH.

The fourth is the next oldest bell, and bears a device of the arms of the Bishops of Winchester and the words 'Sancte Dunstano' (St. Dunstan). It was cast by John Saunders, of Reading, Berks, about the year 1540, and bears the founder's initials, 'J.S.' It is 33 inches in diameter.

A third bell existed at this time, which has now disappeared, for at the Inventory taken in the year 1552 there were three bells in the belfry. The missing one may, however, have been recast later.

The treble bell bears the name of Thomas Hoo, the owner of the Hoo Estates at the time. It is 28in. in diameter, and has a cross stamped upon it and the date 1636, also the maker's shield, 'R.O.', that is, Robert Oldfield, who cast bells in Hertford at this time.

The 3rd bell is of the same date as the treble, and by the same maker. It bears the same marks, but has, in addition, the initials 'W.M.—C.W.', probably meaning William Mitchell, churchwarden.

Two years later the tenor bell was hung, cast also by Robert Oldfield. This is 40 inches in diameter, and bears the inscription 'William Mitchell, 1638.'

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

At the annual election of officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. E. J. Choost, who last year filled the office of Senior Steward, was elected Master; Mr. C. W. Pipe was elected Senior Steward; and Mr. C. W. Roberts Junior Steward. Mr. A. A. Hughes was elected hon. treasurer, Mr. W. T. Cockerill hon. secretary, and Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Prime trustees.

AN APPEAL.

DISTRESSFUL CASE OF LANCASHIRE RINGER.

The Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association has made an appeal to all its members on behalf of Mr. Harry Tomlinson, of Burnley, one of its old members, to help him in his time of need.

Mr. Tomlinson, who is a widower, with a daughter entirely dependent upon him, was taken to the Infirmary some two months ago to have a leg amputated, but collapsed whilst under chloroform, and had to be revived with oxygen before the operation had taken place.

His circumstances are such that an appeal has been made to help to alleviate his suffering and distress, and, should any member of the Exercise outside the branch feel disposed to help a brother ringer, subscriptions, however small, would be gratefully received and duly acknowledged by the secretary of the branch, Mr. F. Hindle, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BALL BEARINGS v. GUN METAL BEARINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been asked by the authorities of one of the churches in the association of which I am president to advise them whether it is preferable to have their bells (which require rehanging) put into ball bearings or gun metal bearings.

I have my own ideas on the matter, but before passing them on would be glad to have a consensus of opinion of members of the ringing fraternity, more experienced in this matter than I am.

May I ask for expressions of opinion through your paper whether ball bearings or gun metal bearings are preferable from the points of view of durability, ease in ringing, and consistency. The bells in question are a quick-running peal of eight with a 12 cwt. tenor.

For obvious reasons I am writing under a nom-de-plume, but my name can be furnished if desired.—Yours sincerely,

'NORTHERN PRESIDENT.'

LINCOLN'S ANCIENT RINGING SOCIETY.

FOUNDED BEFORE THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

In a letter to 'The Times,' with reference to a claim that the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded in 1637 to foster the art of campanology, is the oldest of its kind in the world, Chancellor Srawley of Lincoln, says:—

'May I venture to point out that the "Company of Ringers of our blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln" is of still earlier date? It was in origin a voluntary association, and in the muniments of the Dean and Chapter there is a parchment document bearing the date, October 18th, 1612, which contains the Ordinances drawn up by the members. Another document, dated September 23rd, 1614, contains the Patent of the Dean and Chapter. On the walls of the Ringers' Chapel at the base of the south-west tower of the cathedral are inscribed the names of the Masters of the Ringers, beginning in 1614. In the Ordinances the purpose of the association is stated to be "for the ringing of Sainete Hughe bells and our Ladye Bells... on solempne feastes and dayes and otherwise upon good occasions."'

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very successful monthly meeting was held at Arley, near Nuneaton on Saturday, November 16th. Members attended from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Croft, Fillongley, Leamington, Nuneaton, Shilton and Stoke, together with the local band. The Rector (Rev. M. J. G. King) welcomed the ringers at the Institute, where tea was arranged. A bazaar was being held in the building to help defray the cost of the bells.

The methods rung during the meeting were Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, York, Beverley and London Surprise. This was the first visit of the Guild to Arley, where the bells have recently been recast and augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

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The 2nd bell was the last to be installed in the tower. It is 29 inches in diameter, and bears the inscription, 'John Carpenter, churchwarden, 1728. John Waylett, London, made me, H.S.' It is not improbable that this bell is the recast old bell, existing in 1552. Waylett is known to have gone through the country casting bells at this time.

There is a tradition that one or more of the bells was stolen from the neighbouring church of Ayot St. Lawrence, at some time, but no confirmation of that is now forthcoming.

CHESHIRE PEAL OF SIX RESTORED.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT ST. MARY'S, BIRKENHEAD.

After a silence, seldom broken, extending over about ten years, the bells of the Parish Church of Birkenhead (St. Mary's) were heard again on Saturday evening, November 9th, after they had been rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Chester (Dr. H. L. Paget). The old frame of wood having become very dilapidated and unsafe for ringing, these bells, of which there are six, have hung idly in the tower for years. In March of this year a subscription list was opened for the purpose of having the bells put into ringing condition, to which the townspeople, including the Corporation of the borough, most generously contributed, and the work of having a new iron frame constructed and the bells quarter-turned and tuned was entrusted to the well-known firm of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were represented at the opening by Mr. J. P. Fidler. The rededication service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. G. Williamson, M.A.), was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Birkenhead, the ex-Mayor and Mayoress, and other prominent citizens, the ex-Mayor reading the first lesson.

In his address after the rededication, the Bishop spoke of the readiness with which not only the members of the congregation but also the townspeople generally had contributed to the funds for re-hanging the bells. Without the bells they had been neglecting, to their peril, the beauty of public worship. Devout and regular attendance at divine service was one of God's own ways of helping them to hold together. The voice of the bells might be just the very voice calling them together in the performance of a common duty and a common privilege.

After the actual ceremony of rededication, and whilst the Bishop and clergy were returning from the belfry to the chancel, a well-struck course of Plain Bob Minor was rung, and, following the service, touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, the ringers afterwards expressing satisfaction with the 'go' and tone of the bells, which will make a welcome addition to the 'rings' of bells in the town.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble.—William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, Feoit 1821.

2nd.—God save the King. 1821.

3rd.—The first stone of this Church laid by Lloyd Lord Kenyon, July 26th, 1819, in the 59th of George III.

The Church was finished the second year of the reign of His Majesty King George III., 1821.

4th.—These six bells were cast by W. Dobson on the 26th of July, 1821.

5th.—Glory be to God on high. Peace on earth, goodwill towards men. Alleluia. John Taylor Oxford, Campanarius. George Gillibrand, Liverpool Church Bellhanger, 1837.

The Right Rev. John Sumner, D.D., Lord Bishop of Chester; Francis Richard Price, Esq., Lord of the Manor and Patron. The Rev. Andrew Knox, Minister.

Tenor.—Laudo Deum Verum, plebem voco, Congrego Clerum, defunctos plero, Festa decoro.

(Translation, I praise the true God, I call the people, I gather the clergy. I mourn the dead, I honour festivals.)
(Weight, 11 cwt. 9 lb.)

Total weight of whole peal, just over 40½ cwt.

MAYORAL SUNDAY, ARMISTICE AND TOC H RINGING.

On Sunday, November 10th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Birkenhead, and St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, joined forces so that, as the former church have not yet a competent band, the newly-restored bells should not be silent for 'Mayor's Sunday.' At St. Mary's Church, following the civic service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by: F. Banton 1, W. J. Battle 2, G. E. Edwards 3, J. Cooke 4, T. A. Rogers 5, H. Ludkin (conductor) 6. For evening service at the same church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by: W. Battle (first 720 in a Treble Bob method) 1, G. Battle 2, G. E. Edwards 3, F. Banton 4, W. J. Battle (conductor) 5, J. Cooke 6.

The services at St. Peter's Church were of a special nature having regard to the commemoration of the Armistice, and the bells were half-muffled for both morning and evening services. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in the morning by: Miss D. I. Leatham 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, J. Gorst 3, J. Leslie 4, J. Hughes 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6, whilst the same band rang 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor prior to the evening service.

Following evensong, a special service for Toc H members and others was conducted by the Rev. A. Ball, M.A., prior to which 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, with the bells still half-muffled, was rung by: F. Banton 1, J. Gorst 2, J. Leslie 3, W. J. Battle 4, G. E. Edwards 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. After the service, which was most impressive and included the 'Ceremony of Light,' the bells were rung 'open' for a few minutes whilst the congregation dispersed.

Thus, between the two churches, five 720's were rung in one day, a 720 at St. Mary's in the morning being lost through the conductor missing a call.

A special word of thanks is here extended to all those who so kindly assisted the St. Mary's ringers, both for the Sunday service ringing and also at the rededication service the previous day.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEGLECT OF 30 YEARS REMEDIED.

Shalford Church is so close to Guildford that ringers have not thought it necessary to hold a meeting there for the last 30 years. This was remedied on Saturday, when the last district meeting of the Guildford District for the current year was held there. In spite of the wretched weather—rain, a heavy snowstorm and then more rain—over twenty ringers attended from Old Woking, Aldershot, Rudgwick, the Cathedral Church, Cranleigh, Worplesdon, West Clandon, S. Nicolas' and the local company. What the weather was really like may be gauged from the fact that no ladies were present. The bells were kept going in rounds and various methods from Doubles to London Surprise Minor throughout the afternoon and evening.

The Guild's form of service was conducted, and an interesting address given by the Vicar (the Rev. Hamilton Jackson). The organist had kindly arranged a choir. Afterwards the ringers did full justice to an ample tea, which was served in the Church Hut.

The Vicar was in the chair at the business meeting, when nominations for district officers for 1930 were received. No election will be necessary in the case of the Ringing Master, secretary and auditor. Although three names were proposed for the office of Ringing Master, namely, Mr. C. Hazelden, Mr. F. Bennett and Mr. A. H. Pulling, the two first-named gentlemen declined to accept the office, and Mr. Pulling will therefore be elected at the annual meeting. Mr. Hazelden withdraws from office after serving the district for many years as Ringing Master, first with the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and, since its formation, with the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

There are three candidates for the two places of ringing members on the Executive Committee, namely, Messrs. C. Hazelden, S. Radford and C. N. Burdock.

Mr. E. G. Martin, organist at Shalford, was elected an honorary member, and he drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that choir boys very often dropped out of Church life on leaving the choir, and pointed out that the ringers had an opportunity of keeping them interested in Church work by teaching them to ring.

In the discussion which followed, some members seemed of opinion that choir boys are the most difficult and hopeless of people to turn into ringers. Others thought that they are no worse than any other class of recruits, but the general opinion seemed to be that Mr. Martin's suggestion is excellent in theory, but difficulties, which only ringers can appreciate, arise in practice.

Admiral Walker was entrusted with the task of putting into words the thanks of the members to the Vicar, the organist, and to the ladies who helped with the tea.

One enthusiastic young ringer then started a lively discussion by seeking enlightenment as to the exact meaning of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's reference, in his address to the College Youths, to back strokes being considered by some ringers to be only an awkward method of getting the bell back into the handstroke position. After several members had expressed their views on the subject, the Vicar remarked that as neither he nor his churchwarden (Mr. Hayes) could understand what it was all about, the meeting had better end.

DEATH OF TWO NORTH NORFOLK RINGERS.

The already thin ranks in North Norfolk ringers have been recently depleted by the death of Messrs. Meager and Tennant, of West Runton and Cromer respectively.

Mr. Meager, who came to Norfolk from Northants, was a man of sterling character, genial and good-natured. Although not far advanced in change ringing, what he rang was rung well. He was a real help to ringing at Cromer, and was always punctual.

Mr. Tennant passed away at the age of 47 in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on the 8th inst. The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, November 12th, was followed early in the evening by the ringers' tribute, the bells being rung half-muffled by the following: S. Love, L. Risebrow, E. Wilson, C. Pooley, F. Pearce and T. James. W. Burgess and C. Silver also took part.

Mr. Tennant learnt to ring with his father at Shipdham, in the county, and, after serving an apprenticeship there, came to Cromer two years before the war. Here he found a company freshly started to learn ringing at the instigation of Mr. John A. Godfrey, and this company he joined. In 1919, Mr. Tennant undertook to train a band of ringers, and before long the bells were being rung regularly to Minor. He had rung six peals only for the Norwich Association, not being able to throw off business ties, but he was a devoted servant of the Church, and assisted not only as a ringer but as a member of the choir and the Church Council. Requiescat in pace. N. G.

THREE GENERATIONS.

Young 'Teddy' Barnett scored his first quarter-peal, and at the first attempt, on Sunday, when he rang the treble to 1,260 Grand-sire Triples for morning service at Crayford. It was called by his father, and 'grand-dad' rang the 2nd. Edwin iii. is only 11 years of age, but he is showing a keen aptitude for ringing. The touch was rung by: Edwin A. Barnett 1, Edwin Barnett, sen., 2, H. E. Audsley 3, J. Wheadon 4, E. Loy 5, W. Bond 6, Edwin Barnett, jun., 7, Albert Fleet (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER SECRETARY.

Mr. Herbert Haigh, of Workop, recently retired from the office of hon. secretary of the North Notts Association, of which he was one of the founders in the year 1836. On Saturday week the members, in recognition of his long and loyal service, presented him with a wallet of Treasury notes. The presentation took place at a meeting held at Gamston, and members were present from Anston, Creswell, Collingham, East Markham, Edwinstowe, East Retford, West Retford, Gainsborough, Ordsall, Lincoln, Misterton, Sutton-on-Trent, Workop, and the local company. Several methods were rung on the bells of St. Peter's Church during the afternoon, and at 5.30 the members adjourned for tea, which was served in the schoolroom.

The Rector of Gamston (the Rev. E. A. Paxton) presided over the business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall; Mr. Herbert Smith, Gamston House; Mrs. Crawford and her daughter, Mrs. Rowsell, Laneham; with Mr. H. Haigh, Workop, treasurer; Mr. R. W. Stockdale, hon. secretary; and Mr. H. Revill, assistant hon. secretary.

Letters of apology for absence were received from the Rev. H. R. Peel, Cuckney, and the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, East Markham.

The Rector extended a hearty welcome to the association, and remarked that it was through the efforts of Mr. Haigh and the generosity of Mr. Smith that the bells of Gamston Church had been put into such good order. He spoke encouraging words to the members on their excellent work.

Mr. T. Hercy Denman, J.P., Netley, Southampton, a former ringer at East Retford Church, and the Rev. E. A. Paxton, Gamston, were elected vice-presidents; and Mrs. Rowson, Laneham, daughter of the late Mr. C. Crawford, East Markham, was elected an honorary life member. Her brother, Mr. A. Crawford, Ramp-ton, is an honorary life member.

Masters R. Smith and W. Brett, both of Ordsall, were elected members of the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the association at Shireoaks on Saturday, January 18th, 1930.

A FOUNDER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The presentation to Mr. Haigh then took place, and was the occasion of well deserved eulogiums of the work done in the cause of the association and of bellringing in general by the recipient, and was also a tribute to the respect and esteem in which he is held. The wallet was inscribed, 'H. Haigh, 1929, North Notts.'

Mr. Haigh was among the little band of enthusiasts in 1836 who met at the Priory Schools, Workop, with the late Vicar of Workop (the Rev. H. T. Slodden) and formed the association, with the first Bishop of Southwell as president and Mr. Slodden as secretary. Mr. Haigh, who succeeded the late Rev. B. Darley, Harthill, as secretary, was born at Ordsall, Retford, on September 22nd, 1866, and learnt to ring at the early age of ten years.

In 1890 Mr. Haigh played an important part in helping to get the East Retford bells rehung and augmented to a ring of ten, and the ringing chamber put in good order. He taught a new band of ringers soon after the Rev. G. J. A. d'Arcy settled at Workop, and was successful in having the bells rehung at the Priory Church, being responsible in collecting £66 towards the restoration of the peal. His motto is to practise on practice nights, and on Sunday to give the very best services in ringing for the honour and glory of God.

In addition to his love for the bells, he has many hobbies. In his younger days he was a keen cricketer, and played some good innings for local clubs. From 1890 to 1905 he collected almost £100 for St. Swithin's Cricket Club, for which the Rev. W. C. Ridding, then curate at East Retford, presented him with a beautiful smoking cabinet.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Hercy Denman enclosing a cheque for the presentation fund and expressing his appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Haigh for many years in the art of change ringing.

Mr. F. Hargreaves, Shireoaks, who was also unable to be present, referred to the ungrudging services rendered by Mr. Haigh to the Association, which was reflected in its financial position and the membership. Mr. Stockdale was a good successor to Mr. Haigh in the secretaryship.

MANY BELL RESTORATIONS.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson spoke of Mr. Haigh's long and energetic work for the association and of his keen interest in the art of bellringing. Mr. Haigh had travelled hundreds of miles to attend meetings of the association in town and country, and they highly appreciated his services. He (Mr. Wilkinson) became acquainted with Mr. Haigh when he was a curate at Mansfield, and he had read of Mr. Haigh's activities with great interest. Mr. Wilkinson referred to Mr. Smith's recent visit to Germany, and remarked that the 25-ton bell in Cologne Cathedral was made out of cannons which the Germans took from the French in the war of 1870, but, becoming short of

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A PEAL AT SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL.

AN UNUSUAL BELFRY.

It is interesting to note, as reported elsewhere, that after a lapse of 18 years the bells in the quaint and difficult belfry of Southwell Cathedral have had another peal recorded on them, this bringing the total to five in 208 years. The bells were cast and hung in the tower by Abram Rudhall in 1721, and it was not until 1894 that Mr. Francis E. Dawe conducted the first peal on them to the tune of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 27 mins. In 1905 the Rev. F. E. Robinson conducted a peal of Stedman Triples in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Four years later, the first and only Surprise peal, 5,056 Superlative, was credited to that able conductor, Mr. William Keeble, in 3 hrs. 38 mins., and in 1911 the Rev. H. Law James conducted 5,024 Double Norwich in 3 hrs. 39 mins.

The ringing chamber consists only of a balcony projecting 4ft. from all sides of the tower, and forming an open space 16ft. square in the centre, with a 60ft. drop to the bottom of the church. As a means of safety a wooden barrier about 4ft. high is fixed in front of the ropes, and on top of this is fastened another 4ft. of strong mesh wire netting, through which the ringer is obliged to look to find his colleagues' ropes. This, together with the bells being hung the 'opposite way round,' makes it extremely difficult for visiting ringers, and often the tenor has been mistaken for the treble.

The present peal of Stedman Triples is the quickest yet rung in the tower, this, without doubt, being due to the excellent work of Messrs. Taylor and Co., who were entrusted with rehanging the bells recently. The band are indebted to Dr. Taylor, cousin to the Lord Bishop of Southwell, for his kind hospitality at the Bishop's Palace after the peal. Handbells later brought a pleasant evening to a close.

J. F. M.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The attendance at the quarterly meeting of the I.O.W. District, held at Newchurch on Saturday last, was very small indeed, only eight ringing members (representatives from Brading, Godshill (2), Newport (3), Ryde and Whitwell) putting in an appearance. Nevertheless, good use was made of the six bells, and methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Double Court were rung. Tea was kindly provided and served to the ringers by the Vicar and Mrs. Bamford in the Parish Hall. The Rural Dean also presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. A. Jackson, of Ryde, was elected a ringing member.

It was resolved to hold a by-practice meeting at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 4th, the annual meeting having already been fixed for Saturday, February 1st, at Newport.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rural Dean and Mrs. Bamford for providing tea, also to the former for presiding. A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on handbells by B. J. Snow, W. Upton, H. Barton, Dr. J. B. Williamson and H. Phillips, and further ringing was afterwards indulged in on the church bells.

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ammunition in the Great War, the bell was taken down, broken up, and melted down. Since the war another bell, weighing 25 tons, had been made, and was now tolled every day. They all appreciated Mr. Smith's presence to make the presentation to Mr. Haigh. Mr. Smith took a great interest in church bells, and members were always glad to come to Gamston and ring the splendid peal in the church tower.

Mr. Smith, in making the presentation, said he had a sentimental regard for bells, and when he was abroad he missed the sound of the bells which was so familiar in England on Sunday mornings. It was an old custom in Belgium on the occasion of a public holiday for everybody to visit one of the cemeteries and churches to honour the dead, and he would like to see it practised in England. Mr. Smith observed that Mr. Haigh was primarily responsible for the renovation of the bells at Gamston, and he had much pleasure in handing him the wallet of Treasury notes as a token of appreciation and esteem for his services.

Mr. Haigh suitably replied, and gave a short history of the association. He observed that he had been associated with no fewer than sixteen restorations of bells in church towers in North Notts, including East Retford, Ordsall, East Markham, Misson, North Wheatley, Tuxford, Cuckney, Sutton-on-Trent and Gamston. He had often walked to Gainsborough and Lincoln to ring the bells.

Mr. Stenton proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Smith and to Mrs. Ashforth and her helpers for the excellent way in which they had catered for the tea. Mr. Stenton said he had been associated with Mr. Haigh in ringing for 40 years.

Mr. C. McGuinness, Lincoln, seconded.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. A. Paxton for presiding, and for the use of the bells, and the proceedings terminated.

A THOUSAND PEALS ON TOWER BELLS.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S ACHIEVEMENT.

As recorded in our last issue, Mr. James George, who next Wednesday will celebrate his 76th birthday, has now rung 1,000 peals on tower bells, and carried his aggregate to 1,045. The following is the list of his peals, which have been rung in 45 counties and 352 towers in the British Isles:—

	Tower Bells.	Hand-bells.
	Rung. * Conducted.	Rung.
DOUBLES:		
Grandsire	2	—
MINOR:		
In one method (including two of Cambridge)	7	—
In three methods	2	—
TRIPLES:		
Grandsire	70	14
Stedman	241	4
Union	—	1
Plain Bob	1	—
Darlaston Bob	2	—
MAJOR:		
Grandsire	2	—
Plain Bob	35 (a)	1
Oxford Treble Bob	3	—
Kent Treble Bob	55 (b)	—
Double Norwich Court Bob	55 (c)	—
Canterbury Pleasure	1	—
Superlative Surprise	80	—
Cambridge Surprise	31	—
London Surprise	11	—
Bristol Surprise (with treble)	6	—
CATERS:		
Grandsire	33 (d)	1
Stedman	143	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	133	18
MAXIMUS:		
Grandsire	1	—
Plain Bob	1	—
Kent Treble Bob	16 (f)	—
Forward	1	—
Cambridge Surprise	1	—
	1,000	45

(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 in the method).

Mr. George has received so many letters of congratulation upon his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was his one thousandth peal on tower bells, 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.

'SILCHESTER.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A peal of the method Mr. Bankes James calls Silchester was rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, Lambeth, on October 23rd, 1912, under the name of Waterloo Reverse Bob. It was rung as a Major method with a bell in the hunt, but, of course, that does not alter the method. You will find it as No. 70 in the Collection of Major Methods. I should not call it an extension (or, at any rate, not the extension) of New Bob Doubles. New Bob Triples is given by Hubbard and as a Major method in the C.C. Collection.—Yours faithfully, J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Mr. George Baker writes that 'Silchester' was published by him in 'Bell News' as long ago as June, 1900. It was published without a name.

Mr. Arthur Craven points out that if 'Silchester' had been a 'legitimate' method he could have published it as long ago as 1902.

DEATH OF CANON NOLLOTH.

The Rev. Canon Henry Edward Nolloth, for 41 years Vicar of Beverley Minster, has died at Oxford, where he had lived in retirement since 1921. He was 84 years of age. To Canon Nolloth, Beverley Minster owes its fine peal of bells, and he was largely responsible for the recasting of the bells at York Minster.

ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Monday, November 11th, in 48 mins., at St. Mary's, 1,263 Stedman Caters: F. Corney 1, J. H. Wilkins 2, H. Rumens 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, E. E. Holman 5, R. Maynard, sen., 6, J. H. Crampion 7, C. T. W. Coles 8, F. C. Maynard 9, L. Welch, sen., 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by ringers of treble, 7th and tenor.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—For Armistice Day, November 11th, at the Church of St. Mary, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Minor, 720 Woodbine, 360 Oxford, 240 Kent: R. L. Denny (first quarter-peal) 1, H. E. Bowers 2, L. Ainger 3, E. Clark 4, H. Devenish 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6.

KETTERING.—On Monday, November 11th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen: H. Warren 1, G. Warren 2, E. J. Chapman 3, H. Baxter 4, C. W. Bird 5, A. Henman 6, R. F. Turner (conductor) 7, F. Tite 8. First quarter-peal in the method by 1st and 2nd ringers.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Monday, November 11th, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Dove 1, J. C. Dean 2, E. Taylor 3, H. Hoare 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8.

UXBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on Monday evening, November 11th, for united service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins.: G. H. Gutteridge 1, A. G. Twinn 2, R. Warnett 3, J. H. Lucas 4, J. J. Pratt 5, E. Hancox 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Monday, November 11th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 61 mins.: E. A. J. Coombs 1, E. C. S. Turner 2, W. G. Wilson 3, W. H. Hollier 4, H. Folkard 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, J. H. Burton 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the war.

SEALE, SURREY.—On Sunday, November 10th, for Armistice Sunday, with the bells half-muffled, before morning service, a quarter-peal (consisting of 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 and 180 of Plain Bob Minor): R. J. Whitford 1, C. W. Denyer 2, H. Gardner 3, W. Denyer 4, C. Newman 5, H. Tinsey (conductor) 6. After morning service, with the bells open, 240 Plain Bob.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, November 10th, for memorial service, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor in 46 mins.: E. King 1, F. Pearson 2, A. B. Alcorn 3, R. T. Cornes 4, C. Brown 5, F. S. Macey (conductor) 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Sunday, November 10th, for Armistice service, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Benyon 1, W. Wheatman 2, G. R. Jones 3, H. Cousins 4, A. Newell (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun., 6.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 10th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., for morning service. Also a quarter-peal consisting of Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., for evening service, on the occasion of Remembrance Day: H. E. Munton 1, R. Williamson (conductor) 2, G. S. F. Brown 3, R. C. Coleman 4, G. Middleton 6. The above are all Sunday service ringers.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, November 10th, at St. Mary's Church, 503 Grandsire Caters and 400 Stedman Triples: F. Collings 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, A. Goodwin 3, L. Clay 4, A. Gamble 5, A. Coppock (conductor) 6, F. Blood 7, F. Turner 8, R. Narborough 9, H. Parfrement 10.

ALDERSHOT.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, on Sunday, November 10th, for evening Armistice service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: Miss Margaret Scott 1, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 2, Miss Nancie Denyer 3, Miss A. Fisher 4, A. Cox 5, Will H. Viggers 6, P. L. Eldridge 7, R. J. Whitford 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 7. All are members of the Aldershot tower. After the service, with the bells open, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 45 mins.: A. Court 1, Miss Nancie Denyer 2, Will H. Viggers 3, W. Denyer 4, R. J. Whitford 5, P. L. Eldridge 6, Lance-Sergt. E. J. Bragg (Grenadier Guards) 7, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of treble and 5th. All are members of Aldershot tower, with the exception of ringer of treble, who belongs to Seale.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Cross, for Armistice service, on Sunday, November 10th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. S. Hart 1, A. Richardson 2, P. Marchant 3, B. Saunders 4, A. J. Pierpoint 5, F. Weller 6, J. A. Hart (conductor) 7, J. Baldock 8.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on the eve of Armistice Day, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins.: J. Shipley 1, Miss K. Burchall (conductor) 2, N. Moxon 3, H. Edwards 4, Miss J. Burchall 5, E. A. Midwinter 6.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.—At the Parish Church of the Holy Cross, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: E. Lee 1, J. Johnson 2, G. Phillips 3, R. Bennett 4, H. Martin 5, W. Bennett (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the Armistice.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 28th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Splendid bus service from Watford.—W. Ayre, Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the South Norfolk Branch will be held in the Vestry of the Parish Church, Diss, on Saturday, Nov. 23rd, at 3.30 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (8) of St. Mary, Diss, and St. Peter, Pelgrave, will be available. A good attendance of members is kindly requested at this first meeting of the branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service (County Service Paper) at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, and a good attendance requested.—Donald C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea provided in the Schools at 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested at this meeting, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Tower opened 3 p.m.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Selborne on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (5) available from 2.30; also at Newton Valence (5). Service at St. Mary's, Selborne, 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, November 23rd, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by meeting.—G. A. Taylor, Branch Sec., The Village, Grappenhall.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Estb. 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Lenton, on Saturday, November 30th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Preliminary Notice:—The eighth W.D. Crofts Memorial Dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley (St. Chad's bells not available) on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at SS. Philip and Jacob's on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present for tea please let me know by 27th? A cordial welcome extended to all ringers.—Harry Bennett, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Followed by tea. Numbers for tea to be sent to A. V. Bristow, High Street, Esher, by 28th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 30th (eight bells). Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

COMBINED MEETING of members of the Hereford Guild, the Shropshire and Worcestershire Associations, and the Stafford Archdeaconry will be held at Claverley (between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea (1s. 6d.) at the Crown Hotel at 5 for those who send word by Wednesday, 27th inst. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton at 3; return 9.45. All ringers welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Banstead, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the View Tea Rooms. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 26th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Great Hampton on Sat., Nov. 30th. Service with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice, at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room for those who send me their names not later than the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Hyde on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Will all who require tea please notify me before the 27th?—T. Wilde, 36, Dowson Road, Hyde.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting November 30th. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow: ringing from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Levton bells probably available in the evening. Everyone welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Will all who require tea please notify me by Tuesday, November 26th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting of the above branch will be held at Yelvertoft on Saturday, November 30th. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Arrangements for tea can be made for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Dec. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Dec. 3rd?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

RICKMANSWORTH.—Saturday, December 7th. Bells open from 1.30. Tea 5.45. Cheap tickets from all stations.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (Tel : City 4270).

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Bassetts or S.W. Transport Bus, return fare 1/- from Swansea or Llanelly.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap tickets issued on District Railway to Central Hounslow, then bus to church.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the North Norfolk Branch will be held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (12) of St. Peter Mancroft will, by kind permission of the Reverend H. McMullen (Vicar), be available after the meeting. A good attendance of members is kindly requested at this first meeting of the branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary and Treasurer.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Sat., December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: Questions on Central Council. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Service at 5. Tea at usual terms 5.30. Meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. Please advise me for tea.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at the Parish Hall, to those who inform me not later than Wednesday, December 4th. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Netherton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, December 3rd. A good muster is required. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6. Those intending being present please inform Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, not later than Wednesday, December 11th. A good muster is especially requested. Canon Elsee will be present.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

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MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, November 10th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor in 24 mins.: F. Seabright 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, C. M. Mitchell 4, H. Argent 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, November 10th, on the occasion of the Mayor attending morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Bennett 1, G. Davies 2, J. Lawrence 3, T. J. Salter 4, J. Woodberry 5, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 6, A. Wright 7, J. Bennett 8.

BROUGHTON, KETERING.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: S. F. Rowney 1, C. Sergeant 2, F. W. Randall 3, H. D. Baxter 4, P. C. A. Stapleton (conductor) 5. Rung as a farewell to P. C. A. Stapleton, who is leaving the village.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th, 720 Bob Minor (42 Singles): A. H. Stebbings 1, T. Ringrose 2, S. Bigmore 3, W. G. Gridley 4, H. S. Barker (conductor) 5, H. Stebbings 6.

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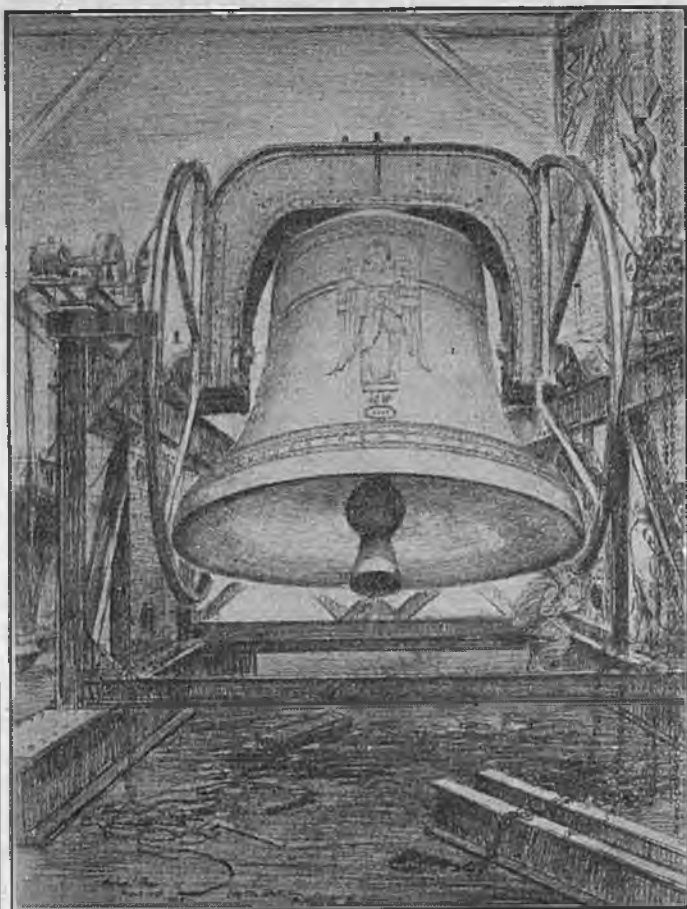
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With big black headlines, 'Bells that make our Sundays hideous and our nights intolerable,' 'Everybody's Weekly,' in its last issue, produced an article, by Francis E. Trotter, calculated to curdle the blood of all peace-loving people and rouse them to such a condition of active indignation that one might almost expect to hear that the population of these islands has risen as one man to fall upon the bells of our churches and smash them each into a thousand pieces. People who object to bells do sometimes write like that, and we sympathise with them—sympathise with them because they are usually the victims of unfortunate circumstances and a misplaced sense of discrimination and proportion. The trouble seems to be that Francis E. Trotter has made his habitation in a neighbourhood where church and other clocks—several, more or less, in number—strike the hours at varying times, and some of them the quarter-hours, through the night, while on Sundays solitary church bells clang out a rather monotonous call to worship. Consequently Francis E. Trotter—unlike the majority of people, who quickly get used to the striking of clocks at night and don't lose a wink of sleep about them, and who are generally within the hearing of only one church bell or one peal of bells which ring for service—lays about him with the big stick and belabours bells of every kind, and, by inference, the ringers of them. That is the fault with writers who have a bee in their bonnet: their condemnation is sweeping and they lose perspective.

But Francis E. Trotter disclaims any desire to speak irreverently or frivolously, and tells his readers that one of his loveliest memories of the war-time was when, in a train passing through North France, he heard the tiny bells of one village church and then another sound across the small rounded valleys. That is just the secret of it. It is the conditions that make all the difference. Probably those French bells were, as bells, as bad or worse than those English ones of his acquaintance, of which he now complains, and it is quite obvious that Francis E. Trotter has yet to hear a good modern peal of bells well rung. Nowhere in all France would he hear bells like them. It is unfortunate that he had not heard some of these glorious rings before he embarked upon his tirade, in an effort to influence public opinion.

And yet, for all his fuming, thoughtful readers will appreciate the exaggeration with which the article is filled, from this characteristic statement, that 'all the inability of the churches to agree with one another in a Christian way is symbolised in the clanging, arguing,

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bickering, contradicting, quarrelsome exhibition of bells jostling and pushing and shouting one another down.' Anyone acquainted with the facts knows that, with very few exceptions, bells are used only in the Established Church; that in extraordinarily few instances are churches so closely situated that their bells can be heard in annoying conflict; and that therefore this fulmination against church bells in general is nothing but a bit of empty 'flapdoodle.' If the clocks at night disturb him, he must be a sufferer from insomnia and should consult a doctor; if the bells on Sunday upset him, he should consult a parson—it may be that conscience is pricking him for a long-neglected summons. But the pity of it is that so many of the readers of his article will not realise this.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

LESLIE J. CLARK Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM LINCOLN 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOHN W. WOOD 9
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 5	JAMES BENNETT 11
*RICHARD C. CLARK 6	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*RONALD H. DOVE Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 8
*FRANK JENNINGS 4	FRANK E. DAREY 9
JOHN SPARROW 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	HENRY PRING 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	WILLIAM STOWELL 8
JOHN AUSTIN 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
ALFRED E. REEVES 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. W. H. Thomas, a highly respected member and regular Sunday service ringer of St. Stephen's Guild, who died on November 19th.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BELOVED VIRGIN MARY,
SS. GEORGE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.

HERBERT DAVENPORT... ..Treble	* WILLIAM HORAN 6
TOM WILDE 2	† LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN POTTER 8
JAMES W. GROUNDS 4	EDWARD JENKINS 9
JOHN BOOTH 5	FREDERICK PAGE ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH, EXETER.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* DAVID BETTS ... ..Treble	EDWIN SHEPHERD 6
† EDWARD BIFFEN 2	WILLIAM HOWE 7
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	GEORGE BETTS 8
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 4	† ARTHUR TRUMAN 9
TOM BARTLETT 5	ARTHUR GOAD ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PILLAR ... ..Treble	* EDWARD CLENNETT ROBSON 5
* HAROLD ROBSON 2	THOMAS H. CHAMPION ... 6
* JOHN CLODSTON 3	SIDNEY BREEZE 7
FREDERICK ROBSON 4	ERNEST BURNETT ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ERNEST BURNETT.

* First peal of Major.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT SWIFT ... ..Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6
* GEORGE OLLIVER 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ...Treble	HENRY B. TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	ADAM DEAS 7
EDWARD A. HERN 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ...Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

In this competition the method is changed 18 times, and at least once in every course. First spliced peal of Treble Bob Major for the association and all the band.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 20, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes

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

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* MAURICE SWINFIELD... ..Treble	CHARLES DRAFER 5
JOHN H. SWINFIELD 2	* RICHARD C. BELTON... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	* JAMES S. HUTCHEY 7
* E. HARRY STONELEY 4	* EPHRAIM W. RANDES... ..Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by M. SWINFIELD

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the extent with the sixth at home.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

ROYDEN DAVIES ... ..Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	GEORGE H. MARTIN 6
JOHN DARCH 3	WILLIAM HEATH 7
PERCY JONES 4	* BATEMAN FRANCIS ... ..Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY

* First peal. The ringer of 2nd is from Bedwelty, 3rd from Pontypridd, 4th and 6th from Caerphilly, 7th from Cardiff, 5th from Bridgend, treble and tenor local. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS... ..Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
* ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 1,200th peal and his 100th on these bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers on the day of the funeral of the late Miss Mary Robinson.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN YERROLD ... ..Treble	ABRAHAM E. WINTERTON 5
* GEORGE BRADBURY 2	* ARTHUR WILLIAMS 6
* FRANK BATE 3	JOHN PERRY 7
WILLIAM BENTON 4	* HARRY BAILEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal and, together with the ringer of the fourth, belong to the local band. The remainder belong to Brewood.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

* NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON 2	DAVID WHITING 6
RAY GRANT... .. 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4	CLEMENT J. MORE ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 75th peal. Rung as compliments to the daughter of Mr. C. J. More and to Mr. A. G. Harrison, whose birthdays occurred on that day.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 5
ARTHUR J. SMITH ... 2	GEORGE COOK ... 6
JOHN BEAMS ... 3	JOHN HOYLE ... 7
GEORGE MARRINER ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 22, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHESMAN ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Non-Conducted.

Umpires: J. WHEADON and H. HOVERD.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. CASE ... Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 5
LEONARD A. SMITH ... 2	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 6
*HARRY CASHMORE ... 3	THOMAS E. READ ... 7
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 4	†WALTER B. JACKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal and first attempt.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES R. POWER ... Treble	JAMES HARRISON ... 5
THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 2	ARTHUR HARTLEY ... 6
JOHN BROWN ... 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... 7
MISS MAY CLAYTON ... 4	WILLIAM FOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal of Major.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN T. BROWN ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL ... 2	JOHN CURRY ... 6
GEORGE LADD ... 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... 7
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4	HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLS. Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*REGINALD A. ARNOLD ... Treble	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5
ALFRED TURBAN, JUN. ... 2	†EDWARD A. KEMP ... 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... 3	GEORGE GREEN ... 7
†PERCY GREEN ... 4	GEORGE COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS.

* First peal. † First peal on inside bell. First peal as conductor.
A. Turban was elected a member in the tower before starting the peal.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT G. LEWIS ... Treble	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5
THOMAS HURD ... 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... 6
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
THOMAS W. ARROWSMITH ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

ERTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... 5
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... 6
*HARRY HOVERD ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the ringer of tenor, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Wheadon, wife of the ringer of the treble.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK JEAL ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	LEONARD A. TIDY ... 6
HARRY HOOPER ... 3	†JOHN HUMPHREY ... 7
GEORGE F. HOAD ... 4	WALTER CLAYDON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major away from treble. First peal of Major as conductor. Quarter-peal for the Surrey Association (Southern Branch). Rung on the 77th birthday of Mr. T. Bassett, who has been in the Godstone Parish Church Choir for fifty years.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 5
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 2	JESSE SCREEN ... 6
SAMUEL BAKER ... 3	*HARRY BOSWELL ... 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 4	BENJAMIN FOLLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* 25th peal. 50th peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar of Sedgley, Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell, who passed away on November 16th, and was laid to rest on Wednesday, the 20th. For over 41 years he was Vicar of the above parish.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
REES EVANS ... ..	...Treble	HENRY E. COX	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON	2	EDWIN H. FOSTER	6
ALFRED T. POULTON	3	WILLIAM POSTON	7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS	4	ROBERT SUMMERS	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Stedman by all the band, and the first on the bells.
Rung at the 9th attempt.

HUGHENDEN, RUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..	...Treble	JOHN EVANS	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	HARRY WINGROVE	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. Herbert Jones, M.A., of the
diocese of Hereford, who was inducted Vicar during the week.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	RONALD H. BULLEN	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

The ringers of the 3rd and 7th were elected members of the asso-
ciation previous to starting.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 2 lb. in F.

WALTER IDLE ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM H. SENIOR	5
PERCY BYROM	2	FRED HODGSON	6
ERNEST B. BETTS	3	HARRY MARSDEN	7
HAROLD SENIOR	4	HERBERT DRANSFIELD	Tenor

Composed by G. H. HARDY.

Conducted by W. H. SENIOR.

First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of
Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, an esteemed member of the local band.
The ringers and friends wish to thank him for his kind hospitality
after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TEVERSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 changes of Grandsire and 1,440 of Bob Doubles.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HORACE PORTER ... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON	3
HUBERT BAILEY	2	*BERNARD PORTER	4
FRED W. KNOWLES ... ..	...	...	7 Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

* First peal. These ringers entertained the band to supper after
the peal. The bells were rung half-muffled in remembrance of the
men of Teversall who fell in the war.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, viz., one each of Double Oxford,
Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

RAY GRANT ... ..	...Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT	4
FRANK S. CLARKE	2	JOHN SNELLING	5
CHARLES F. GOODMAN	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung after meeting short for Major. It is believed to be the
first peal of Minor on the bells.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F.

EDWIN BOTT ... ..	...Treble	RONALD RUSSELL	3
ERNEST A. MARSH	2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH	4
ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... ..	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRANK PRICE ... ..	...Treble	† CLEMENT H. VOWLES	4
* WILFRED P. LAMBERT	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
† DOUGLAS E. CLOTHIER	3	W. HARRY POPE	Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal away from treble. † First attempt for a peal. All
are members of the Sherborne Abbey band with the exception of the
conductor. First peal on the bells.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 18 callings.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

* CHARLES LEITH ... ..	...Treble	JAMES P. HYETT	4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT	2	G. JAMES R. PRICE	5
REGINALD MORRIS	3	WILLIAM E. KINSLEY	Tenor

Conducted by G. J. R. PRICE.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar for his kindness
in always placing the bells at the ringers' disposal. Also rung on
the birthday of, and as a compliment to, the tenor man.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET OF ANTIOCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one of Kent, two of Oxford and four of Plain Bob, each
called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	DAVID WHITING	5
RAY GRANT	3	ERIC G. BENNETT	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's of Stedman, three of Plain Bob and 35 of Grand-
sire. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

* MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	Treble	GEORGE E. FOSTER	3
* MISS K. BURCHNALL	2	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	4
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... ..	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First five-bell peal. The second peal on the bells.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Stedman Doubles, 720 St. Simon's, 2,400 Grandsire and 1,200 Boh Doubles. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST MALLENDER	Treble	HOBERT BAILEY	3
ARTHUR SMITHSON	2	BERNARD BAILEY	4

FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the following: The conductor, the Vicar, Rev. T. S. Hudson, the mother of the treble ringer, and the mother of the 3rd and 4th ringers. The latter entertained the ringers to tea afterwards.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1929, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent and 720 of Woodbine. Tenor 18 cwt in E.

WILLIAM BUTLER	Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE	4
*WILLIAM S. BUTLER	2	ANDREW EVERS	5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS	3	ERNEST BRIGHT	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Evers. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*BENJAMIN DOUGLAS	Treble	ALFRED EILBECK	4
WILLIAM H. COOK	2	J. H. ROTHERY	5
GEORGE H. TEMBY	3	WILLIAM NORMAN	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NORMAN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled in remembrance of those who fell in the war. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 21, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 7 cwt.

BERTRAM PILGRIM	Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	4
MISS KITTY WILLERS	2	FRANK HARPER	5
JOHN W. WARD	3	EDWARD H. FINCH	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WALTER LAYZELL	Treble	HERBERT SHEMMING	4
*ALBERT V. MIDDLEDITCH	2	WILLIAM PRIME	5
VICTOR E. WATERS	3	FREDERICK J. LONG	Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LONG.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung on the 9th anniversary of the reopening of the bells. All are Sunday service ringers.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Tuesday, October 15th, at Christ Church, for practice, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: L. A. Wilson 1, G. W. Townsend 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. W. Hyner 4, S. Palmer 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6, T. Townsend 7, H. A. Hearl 8, E. Bishop 9, J. H. Shepherd 10.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. LEWIS	Treble	CHARLES CAMM	4
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	SIDNEY T. HOLT	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal on six bells.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

THOMAS F. HEWERTSON	Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON	4
JIM TEBAY	2	THOMAS JEFFERSON	5
WILLIAM T. TROUGHTON	3	FRANK WILSON	Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

First peal by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor and first attempt. They are members of the newly-formed band at the Windermere Parish Church, Bowness.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE CLARKE	Treble	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD	3
CHARLES CATTELL	2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	4
ARTHUR CATTELL	Tenor		

Conducted by E. R. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung as a token of respect to the late John Henry Tarratt, in memory of whom a stained glass window was unveiled the following day, by the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EIGHT MEETINGS FOR ELY ARCHDEACONRY.

A district meeting for the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Trumpington on Saturday last. Although poorly attended, some good ringing took place. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Moule), Mr. E. Haynes being the organist. Tea and business meeting followed at the Green Man, arranged by Miss K. Willers.

The secretary (Mr. F. Warrington) read the minutes of the last meeting, arising out of which it was decided the district committee meet, if possible, at the room of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (president of Cambridge University Guild), to arrange a programme for ensuing year. Mr. F. Hurry (Sawston) proposed, and Mr. A. E. Austin (Stapleford) seconded, there be eight meetings next year, and this was carried.

Three new members were enrolled: Eric Chapman (Trumpington), Cecil Austin (Stapleford), and Mansfield Ginn (Over). Mr. A. G. Rivers (Dry Drayton), supported by Mr. B. Buttress (Fulbourn) welcomed the new members, stating they were pleased to see the young blood enlisted in the association.

On the proposition of Mr. A. E. Austin, seconded by Mr. E. G. Hibbins (Cambridge), votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, to Mr. E. Haynes as organist, and Miss Willers for making arrangements. The Vicar replied, welcoming the association to Trumpington. He said he wished it to be known that Miss Willers, by her untiring efforts, had a good Sunday service ringing band. He also expressed thanks to Mr. A. Wilson on his help.

Mr. Hibbins congratulated Mr. Haynes on conducting the first peal on the bells, which was also his (Mr. Haynes') first peal.

Business over, the tower was again visited, methods rung being from Plain Bob to London Surprise, the meeting ending with a 720 of London Surprise (rung non-conducted) by: E. Haynes 1, Miss K. Willers 2, A. E. Austin 3, F. Warrington 4, C. W. Cook 5, E. G. Hibbins 6. Witness, A. J. Ginn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH GRANTS FOR RESTORATIONS.**

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 16th, when, despite a very wet day, the attendance was good.

The Rector (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) dedicated two peal boards commemorating peals rung in November, 1922, and August, 1929, after which a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the members present, whose names appear on the boards, augmented by Miss V. Robinson, of Wokingham, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, conducted by Mr. H. W. Curtis (captain of the tower).

Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. A. Browning (Rector of Peasemore), the address being given by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who preached from the text, 'Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend' (Proverbs xxvii. 17). The Rev. L. R. Majendie presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. H. W. Curtis, assisted by other ringers' wives, and 58 sat down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed, over which the chairman of the branch (the Rev. L. R. Majendie) presided, supported by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Rev. Hugh Bonsey, Rev. A. Browning, and the hon. branch secretary and treasurer (Mr. H. W. Curtis).

The Secretary reported a very successful year; the balance in 1928 was £13 12s. This year £13 3s. had been voted to three towers for restoration, leaving an actual balance in hand of £4 17s. 4d.

The sum of £2 was voted from the branch fund to the Berkshire Twelve-bell Fund.

The foremen of towers gave satisfactory reports.

The Master congratulated the Newbury Branch on its meeting and its officers. He was glad to hear reports from nearly every tower in the branch.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert also spoke on behalf of the St. Lawrence Twelve-bell Fund, and the chairman promised to send £1.

Mr. A. J. Wright commended the branch upon granting so much of the balance to bell restoration.

Three new honorary members were elected, and 15 new ringing members were also enrolled.

The next meeting was fixed for Chieveley in February, and the spring meeting for Thatcham in April.

The meeting closed with an expression of thanks to the Master, the Rector, and to the ladies for providing tea.

Further ringing then took place until 9 p.m.

THE LATE CANON NOLLOTH.**HIS ASSOCIATION WITH BEVERLEY AND YORK MINSTER BELLS.**

The death of Canon H. E. Nolloth, D.D., which we briefly recorded last week, removes a great lover of bells. Canon Nolloth was Vicar of Beverley Minster for 41 years, and during his incumbency did a great deal to beautify the building, and he added the glorious ring of bells for which the Minster is famous. He retired in 1921, but took an active part to getting York Minster bells and Great Peter recast.

During his long incumbency at Beverley, Canon Nolloth spent a considerable amount of his private means in beautifying the church to which he was greatly devoted. He put in the fine mosaics and figures in the niches in the altar screen, stained glass windows in the transept, and a new organ case, and also erected the iron fencing round the churchyard; the last-mentioned work alone cost over £3,000. Canon Nolloth was also responsible for the scheme he partly financed of filling in the niches in the exterior of the Minster with stone figures, and he and Mrs. Nolloth were generous benefactors in connection with the present peal of ten bells and clock which chimes on the peal and strikes on the great bell which hangs in the other tower.

When Canon Nolloth left Beverley he gave the property he held in the town to the Minster for the improvement of the living. For several years he was a member of the East Riding County Council. As a Canon of York Dr. Nolloth frequently preached in York Minster, and since he went to live at Oxford continued to take his appointed turn at the Minster.

Both York and Beverley owe much to Canon Nolloth in regard to their noble rings of bells, and a short time ago the York Minster ringers made a presentation to him in appreciation of the work he had done in connection with York Minster bells.

Canon Nolloth, who had been living at Oxford since 1921, had reached the advanced age of 84 years. Mrs. Nolloth survives her husband.

The funeral took place at Beverley on Thursday of last week.

FAREWELL TO A MISSIONARY.

At the Parish Church of Great Tey, after the evening service, on November 17th, a touch of Bob Major was rung as a farewell to Miss Garrard, who is leaving for East Africa to work in the mission fields: F. Wilby 1, H. Webb 2, B. Webb 3, H. Garrard 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, T. Piper 7, J. Dyer 8.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday is not long to remain unchallenged as the greatest number of changes on twelve bells. On Saturday, December 14th, the Painswick Youths will attempt, at the famous Gloucestershire church, a peal of 16,565 Grandsire Cinques, starting at 8.30 a.m. Before the Ashton-under-Lyne record was set up, the longest length on twelve was the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, rung at Painswick in 1920. The Painswick Youths, who have made records through many generations, are not readily to give up their pride of place.

William Doubleday Crofts, the famous Nottingham ringer, died one hundred and twenty years ago to-day, and was buried on December 2nd, 1808, when a 'mourning peal of 1,494 Grandsire Caters' was rung at St. Mary's.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells was rung at Sheffield on December 3rd, 1811.

The whole peal of Tripples on Stedman's Principle, as composed by Mr. Thos. Edwards, was completely rung in this tower on Sunday, December 4th, 1803, in 2 hours and 50 minutes by the following College Youths. This appears on a peal board in St. Mary Abbot's tower, Kensington, and records the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by the Ancient Society.

The first Freemasons' peal was rung at St. Clement Danes, ten years ago next Wednesday.

It is always a pleasure to record a success which is the outcome of real perseverance. 'The first peal of Stedman by all the hand,' says a footnote to a peal at Bridstow, Herefordshire, and 'rung at the ninth attempt.' We all admire the skill of a band who can ring a peal in a new method at the first attempt, but a company which perseveres in the way these Herefordshire ringers have done, equally compels admiration.

DEFECTIVE REPORTS.

We are asked to state that the peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 16th, should have been credited to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at North Crawley, Bucks, on Saturday, but the report has been sent in with the names of only five of the methods.

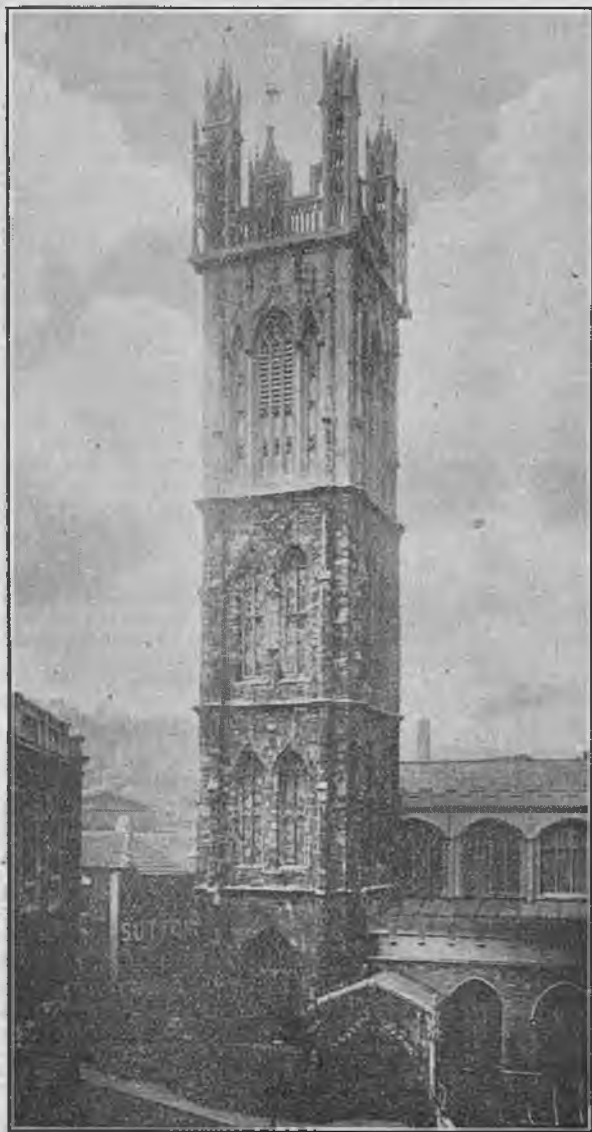
We constantly call attention to the need for care on the part of correspondents when sending in reports, a great many of which reach us lacking in some detail. In the case of peals, when the correspondent's address is enclosed, we take steps to get the report rectified.

In the case of touches sent for publication, numerous cases occur where the name of the church, or the name of one ringer, is missing, and for that reason we are unable to insert the report.

We would again ask correspondents carefully to check their reports before sending, to assure themselves that no essential detail is omitted. At the same time we would ask them to write names plainly. It is no use blaming the printer for errors when the writing is indecipherable.

A FAMOUS BRISTOL GUILD. THE ANTIEN SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S RINGERS.

Occasional references have been made in our columns to 'The Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers,' an old Bristol Guild, which is supposed to have been founded about the year 1620. There was a tradition that Queen Elizabeth visited Bristol in 1574 and expressed herself so pleased with St. Stephen's sweet bells



THE FINE TOWER
of the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol.

and graceful tower that she promised to give the ringers a charter. But the royal charter does not seem to have materialised. Perhaps Queen Elizabeth forgot about it. It has sometimes been stated that King James I. rectified Elizabeth's omission, but no charter has been found, nor any record of one, and there is no good reason to suppose there ever was one. Had a charter been issued by the Lord Chamberlain it would have recited the purposes for which the Guild was formed, given the names of

those associated with its control, and probably the date of its foundation. The absence of such a document, and, indeed, of any other written record, prior to 1681, leaves the origin of the society entirely a matter of conjecture, and the numerous attempts made to ascertain its true beginnings have not been attended by much success.

Probably the Guild had a very informal beginning, though the Ordinances plainly indicate a religious foundation. The earliest of these Ordinances go no further back than 1620, but there is clear indication in them that the St. Stephen's Ringers were already an ancient body, and local historians have suggested that it was a pre-Reformation society for religious, benevolent and social purposes. That they were originally responsible for ringing St. Stephen's bells is obvious, but that active connection with the church seems long since to have ceased. Here are two interesting extracts from the Ordinances:—

'If anyone of the said Company after the time he shall come into the Church shall be so saucy as to take the rope to ring before the Master and the eldest of the said Company who have been Masters shall be settled where they please to ring, the party so offending shall pay for such his offence twopence, one penny thereof to the sexton and the other penny to the Company.'

'If any of the said Company shall be so rude as to run into the Belfry before he do kneel down and pray as every good Christian ought to do, he shall pay for first offence sixpence, and for the second he shall be cast out of the Company.'

The earliest known minute book of the society is of the year 1682, and the first known Master was Thomas Atkins, elected in 1681, and with only one short break in the first half of the eighteenth century the list of Masters is complete to the present day. At first all the members were actual ringers, but by the close of the seventeenth century non-ringers were admitted, and gradually the ringing element disappeared.

The Guild has had its ups and downs, and occasionally come near to extinction, but it never quite died, and in the mid-nineteenth century began its great work for the fabric and embellishment of the church of St. Stephen. So, while the members never rang, they rendered a great service to the church by assisting when needful in the upkeep of the building. Only a few years ago they spent about £2,000 on the renovation of the tower.

There is one other feature which they have steadfastly maintained, and that is their annual feast, and from the bills of fare that have come down to us, the members have generally managed 'to do themselves well.' The menu for one of the feasts in the forties of last century, for instance, contained three soups (including turtle), five kinds of fish, venison (in three forms), lamb, veal, calves' heads, beef, tongue and fowls, with ducklings, venison pastry, gosling, roast chicken and turkey as entrees, three puddings and dessert.

Even to-day the quality of the banquets is maintained. The members and their guests dined together at the Red Lodge, Bristol, on Monday week, under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. Francis N. Cowlin. The diners successfully negotiated a *recherché* meal of ten courses, including the traditional turtle soup. There were eight toasts, including one 'To the memory of Good Queen Bess.' The old observance of the 'Procession of the Don' was honoured, the 'charter' was read, and the new Master (Capt. Mardon) installed. There was a distinguished company present, including the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of Bristol, and Sir Ernest Charles (Master of the Merchant Venturers' Society), and during the evening an address and a silver salver were presented to Mr. H. E. Roslyn, in recognition of his services in compiling and publishing a history of the Antient Society.

The Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, Bristol, with which the Antient Society is associated, is conspicuous for the elegance and beauty of its tower. The church itself dates back to 1304, and was rebuilt between the years 1450 and 1490, the fretted tower, which is 133 feet high to the leads and 35 feet more to the tops of the pinnacles, being erected in 1469. The bells were originally a ring of six, recast, and made into eight by Rudhall, of Gloucester in 1759, and augmented to ten in 1891, the trebles being recast by Llewelyn and James, of Bristol, in 1906. The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—A. B. James, 1890. C. R. Hancock, 1891. Llewelyn & James, Bristol, 1906.

2nd.—E. H. Stock, 1906. E. C. Barry, 1906. Llewelyn & James, Bristol, 1906.

3rd.—God Preserve Our Church And State. A. R., 1759.

4th.—Peace And Good Neighbourhood. A. R., 1759.

5th.—Success To The British Arms. A. R., 1759.

6th.—May The Trade Of This City Increase. A. R., 1759.

7th.—Prosperity To This Parish. A. R., 1759.

8th.—We Were All Cast At Gloucester By Ah. Rudhall, 1759.

9th.—Worthington Brice And Valentine Watkins, C.H. Wardens. A. R., 1759.

Tenor.—I To The Church The Living Call,
And To The Grave Do Summon All. A. R., 1759.

The tenor is 21 cwt. in F.

DEATH OF MRS. W. H. THOMAS**A WELL-KNOWN BRISTOL LADY RINGER.**

It is with great regret that we announce the death, at the age of 46 years, of Mrs. William H. Thomas, wife of the popular president of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

Mrs. Thomas was ringing as recently as Armistice Day and Colston Day (November 13th). It is presumed that she contracted a chill on Armistice Day, and death resulted from pneumonia and septicæmia on Tuesday evening, November 19th. Mr. Thomas was away travelling at the time, and only reached home several hours after death had taken place.

Deceased had rung nine peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, being three of Stedman Triples, four of Stedman Caters and the treble to Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal.

Mrs. Thomas leaves three sons, two of whom are ringers, Wilfred being attached to Oxford University Guild, and Stanley, a useful member of St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol.

Mrs. Thomas, like her husband, was very genial company, and the writer's mind is carried back to many happy ringing meetings which she attended during the past few months, one in particular across the stretch of Somerset from Pill to Clapton-in-Gordano.

Many happy memories of the deceased lady will be cherished, and ringers in the West, as well as many other parts of England, who knew her, will extend deepest sympathy to Mr. Thomas and his family in the great loss they have sustained.

At St. Stephen's Church she will be greatly missed, and the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has lost a valuable member, who regularly attended the meetings. E. G.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEST NORFOLK BRANCH STARTED.**

A general meeting of the newly-formed West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held in the Archdeacon's Court in St. Nicholas' Church, King's Lynn, on Saturday, November 16th, for the election of officers and committee. The Rev. M. H. Knowles, Rector of St. Margaret with St. Nicholas, King's Lynn, presided. Supporting him were the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, the Rev. A. N. Garrett, Messrs. A. L. Coleman (general secretary), W. J. Eldred (district secretary), H. R. Heyhoe and representatives from Dersingham, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Marham, Swaffham, etc.

The general secretary gave a short explanation on the object of the meeting, after which the members proceeded to elect the officers and committee.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver was elected chairman of the branch, Mr. William J. Eldred hon. secretary.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver moved, and Mr. James H. Raper seconded, that a Ringing Master be appointed, and, on the motion being put to the meeting, it was carried without opposition. Mr. W. J. Eldred was elected to the office, on the motion of Mr. James H. Raper, seconded by Mr. H. R. Heyhoe.

Messrs. Christopher Crome, Robert E. Greenacre, Tom Greenacre, William Hawes and James J. Raper were elected members of the committee.

On a motion moved by the general secretary, Mr. John Buckenham was elected a life member (non-resident) of the association, and Mr. John Curston a performing member.

It was resolved that a West Norfolk Branch meeting be held at Dersingham on Saturday, January 4th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. M. H. Knowles for presiding and for the use of the Archdeacon's Court, and also for the use of eight bells of St. Nicholas' Church.

The members adjourned to the belfry for ringing at St. Nicholas' and also on the ring of six bells at St. Faith's, Gaywood.

PRESENTATION TO ICKLETON'S VICAR.

On Monday evening, November 18th, a meeting of the Ickleton ringers was held to give a small present to the Vicar, the Rev. P. H. Cooke, who is retiring. The gift consisted of a silver inkstand in the shape of a bell.

Mr. P. Webb, on behalf of the ringers, said they were all very sorry they were losing the Vicar, as he had always backed the ringers up. He always praised the ringing when it was good, never found fault when it was bad, and always welcomed visiting ringers.

The Vicar, who was taken quite by surprise, said he found when he came to Ickleton, 15½ years ago, that he had a gallant band of churchworkers in the ringers, so he backed them up in their work. He was very pleased he had been able to get the bells restored and two added in his time. He thanked the ringers very much for the present, which he would treasure very much. It would remind him of the happy meetings, and he wished them every success in their ringing in the future.

SON'S TRIBUTE TO FATHER

Five sons paid a tribute to their departed father at St. Mary's Church, Devizes, when they took part in a 720 Bob Minor, rung with half-muffled bells, in memory of Mr. W. W. Swift, who died on November 19th. The ringers were: V. E. Swift 1, L. Swift 2, R. Swift 3, E. G. Swift 4, W. A. Swift (conductor) 5, F. Green 6.

'SILCHESTER'—AND THE TWO NEW METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. James asks, 'What is it?' Personally, I think he ought to know. But if he has forgotten that the Central Council had a committee, named 'The Legitimate Methods Committee,' and that they have given a definition for each class of method, he should know that the one in question is not a legitimate one, inasmuch as the changes are not all Triple changes, as it has a double change when the treble lies her blows behind, and also when treble leads when a bob (or single) is called. Had this method conformed to rule, I could have published it as long ago as 1902.

Good Triples methods are not plentiful. Quite the best I have come across I append below:—

No. 1.	A DOUBLE METHOD.
1234567	The division changes
2143576	marked thus (*) are the
1234756	changes of the first lead
2143765	of Bob Triples, making
1234675	fourteen divisions in the
	course.

2143657*

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2416375*

5th's place Bob made †.

No. 2.

1234567

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2314567

3215476

3124567

1325476*

3152467

1325647

3152674†

1325764

3152746*

3rd's place Bob made †.

These methods will be equally interesting to the ringer, conductor and composer. There are 70 changes in the plain course, 72 courses in the peal. The new feature of a Double Triple Method with dodging in 3-4 and 4-5 as the centre work alternately should commend them as a great novelty.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

79, Carver Street, Sheffield.

RUNG AT BRISTOL.

Dear Sir,—New Doubles, extended to Triples, was rung for many months at St. James', Bristol, over three years ago. Extended to Caters, it was rung once or twice by the St. Stephen's Guild at St. Stephen's Church.—Yours faithfully,

E. GUISE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.**

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Chichester on Saturday, November 16th. Although it was a typical November day, about 40 ringers and friends attended from all quarters, the following towers being represented: Angmering, Brighton, Lewes, Heene, Shoreham, West Tarring, Rogate, Bosham, Hove, Petersfield and Chichester. Some good practice was held in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Superlative and London Surprise Major, some of the young members ringing their first courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

A service was held in the Cathedral, and afterwards the company wended their way to Messrs. Vokes' tearooms, where a substantial tea was partaken of.

The usual business meeting followed, with Mr. James Blaker presiding. The following new members were elected: Bosham band, Rev. G. Street (hon. member), Messrs. G. Brown, W. A. Combes, G. T. Dewdney, J. M. Gilby, G. W. Marshall, J. B. New, J. G. Payne, A. J. Robinson and H. W. Stovold; Goring band, Rev. A. de H. Robinson (hon. member), Messrs. F. W. Hayler, T. A. Warren, W. and P. Smith, H. Weaver, S. Orchard and P. Baker. The election of Mr. G. Wilson, of Guildford, was confirmed.

After the usual votes of thanks, the members again made their way back to the campanile for further ringing.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON.—On November 7th, 720 Plain Bob: E. Oakes 1, T. Pittham 2, W. Rhead 3, F. Harrison 4, A. Grant 5, J. Fenton (conductor) 6. First 720 Plain Bob on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

BALL BEARINGS v. GUN-METAL BEARINGS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter in 'The Ringing World' of November 22nd, concerning the above, I feel sure your correspondent will find ball bearings to be a great advantage over gun-metal bearings for a light peal, with a tenor of 12 cwt., providing they are fitted by a competent firm of bellhangers.—Yours, etc.,

J. H. B. HESSE.

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

In spite of the inclement weather, the meeting of the South-Western Division at Leytonstone was a successful one, between 40 and 50 members and friends putting in an appearance from Leyton, Walthamstow, West Ham, Loughton, Brentwood, Bentley, Wanstead, Woodford, Ealing, Barking, Romford, Camberwell, etc. The bells were going soon after 3 p.m. till 4.45 p.m., when those present attended the service conducted by the curate (the Rev. D. Beard) in the regrettable absence of the Vicar, Canon Brown, through illness. After service the members were entertained to a sumptuous tea kindly provided by the wives and daughters of members of the Leytonstone band.

Tea over, the business of the afternoon was proceeded with, and five new members elected. Messrs. A. Prior and E. J. Butler were unanimously re-elected District Master and secretary respectively for another year, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Loughton. The bells there have been rehung in ball bearings, etc., the work being almost completed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Canon Brown, for allowing the use of the tower, bells and hall, the Rev. Douglas Beard for conducting the service and presiding at the tea and meeting, the organist for kindly attending and accompanying the hymns, etc., Miss Dawson for her splendidly rendered solo, Mr. Churchwarden Clark, and Messrs. Prior and Butler respectively for their services during the past year, and, last but not least, to the ladies who kindly provided the tea.

After the meeting the bells were again made use of till 8.30 p.m., and touches in various methods from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Spliced Surprise Minor were rung.

This is believed to be the first meeting of the association ever held at Leytonstone since the formation of the St. John's Society in 1883 by Mr. W. Miller and others, the former still being the respected Master of the band.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Bulwell on Saturday, November 9th, when a goodly number of members attended. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major were rung during the evening, also a short touch of Grandsire and Stedman Spliced.

There were members present from Warsop, Bottesford, Sutton-on-Trent and Nottingham, while the local ringers were there in force. Just after eight o'clock the bells were splendidly brought down in peal, and this brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

PEAK DISTRICT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Peak District was held at Baslow on Saturday, November 16th. A very wet afternoon adversely affected the attendance, but ringers were present from Baslow, Bakewell, Dore, Eyam, Hope and Sheffield Cathedral. The bells, a musical ring of six, were raised about 3 p.m. and were kept going until about eight o'clock, in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Several learners were given a good drilling in Plain Bob, and about an hour's real good practice in Cambridge was indulged in, it having been decided at the last meeting to make this the method for special attention. A good 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was also brought round by: U. Dane (Eyam) 1, F. Sheldon (Baslow) 2, A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) 3, F. Barker (Eyam) 4, A. Wallace (Bakewell) (first 720 of Oxford) 5, Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam) (conductor) 6.

A substantial tea was partaken of at the Rutland Arms, nearby, and was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, at which the usual votes of thanks were passed.

It was decided to hold the first annual meeting of the district at Bakewell, about the third Saturday in January, and to make Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Minor the methods for special attention.—A little handbell ringing concluded the proceedings.

MAYOR 'PROCLAIMED.'

At Wrexham, North Wales, on Saturday, November 9th, in honour of the Mayor of the town being proclaimed, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,268 changes) in 57 mins.: E. Barber 1, F. Mitchell 2, J. Clutton 3, W. Jones 4, F. Evans 5, W. Cahall 6, A. Lea, jun. (conductor) 7, T. Cathall 8, A. Lea, sen., 9, A. C. Hodges 10. First quarter by ringers of 2 and 10.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Will you, through your columns, kindly voice the cry of a somewhat neglected body of churchworkers, and submit its appeal both to the incumbents and fellow-workers everywhere, that on both sides an earnest effort be made to remedy a greatly regretted state of affairs?

Long and varied experience proves that bellringers note the absence of their Vicars from the ringing chambers, and we fear that in only too many instances they have accepted the situation and look for nothing else. There are, of course, exceptions, but the rule, alas, is only too general.

On the other hand, clergy and congregations note the absence of the ringers from the services to which they have just been calling the parishioners. Here, again, there are exceptions, but the practice is very common.

These topics were freely discussed at a recent meeting of bellringers, the outcome, Sir, being this request to voice the cry, hereby expressed:—

'Could not all incumbents make their bellringers as sacred a charge as their Sunday School teachers or any other body of workers?'

All present agreed that a warm welcome would be extended were incumbents regularly to visit their belfries, warmer still if they would set about acquiring the art of change ringing; and would, without doubt, find the ringers respond to the changed attitude. The incumbents on their part would soon be able to rejoice over ringers joining in the worship to which they call others.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

J. R. KING,

Vicar of Measham.

JOHN LEACH,

Hon. Secretary,

Burlington-Trent District,

Midland Counties Association.

November 24th, 1929.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. GARTSIDE.**EARLY LINK WITH LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The death of Mr. John Henry Gartside, of Chorley, Lancs., removes another of the few survivors of the first days of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Gartside died on November 18th at the age of 75 years, and by his passing Chorley loses one of its most respected inhabitants and the Church one of its most stalwart sons. He was a man of many activities, and in all he undertook he laboured unostentatiously but thoroughly. Born on January 8th, 1855, Mr. Gartside began work in his father's plumbing and painting business at eleven years of age, and after his father's death he carried on the business with Mr. S. J. Gartside. Familiarly known as 'John Henry,' the deceased devoted a great deal of time to religious and friendly society work.

His connection with the Chorley Parish Church and Sunday School extended over the long period of 66 years, commencing as a Sunday School scholar. He was for over 40 years a Sunday School teacher, and held the long-service bronze medal of the Manchester diocese. He was a member of the church choir for over 15 years, became a bellringer at the age of 15 years, and served 39 years in this capacity, he had been treasurer of the Parish Church Schools for 30 years, and for 25 successive years was re-elected people's warden, retiring in 1924. He had also been Sunday school librarian and superintendent for a short period.

Mr. Gartside was present at either the first or second meeting convened for the formation of the Lancashire Association, which was held at St. George's School, Chorley, in 1876. There are still one or two left who were present at that meeting, one being Mr. John Marsden, who still rings regularly at Chorley Parish Church. Mr. Gartside was the president of the Lancashire Six-Bell Association, which was dissolved just prior to the Great War, the members of the society being absorbed by the present Lancashire Association. Owing to his other church duties, Mr. Gartside had not been actively associated with ringing for a long number of years, but his place has been taken by his son, Mr. J. H. Gartside, jun., who is more widely known to present-day members of the Exercise as a good ringer, especially on the heavy end. He has recently rung the tenor to the two heaviest peals of Minor rung by the Lancashire Association.

Mr. Gartside, sen.'s, connection with friendly society work was almost lifelong, and in addition to being for over 58 years' standing an Oddfellow in which he served in all the lodge and district offices, his greatest interest was in the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds, in which he rose to the highest office of Chief Shepherd of the Order in 1906.

The funeral took place on Friday amid every manifestation of regret. In addition to the family mourners, there were a large number of representatives of local organisations, including the ringers, whose floral tribute was in the shape of a bell. The service was choral, and the bells were rung half-muffled.

On Sunday morning, as a last token of respect, before the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: H. Fisher 1, H. Foster 2, T. Lofthouse 3, H. Southworth 4, J. H. Gartside, jun., 5, F. Rigby (conductor) 6, W. Blackledge 7, G. Hewitt 8.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES STANBRIDGE, BIRMINGHAM.**ANOTHER LINK WITH HENRY JOHNSON BROKEN.**

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Charles Stanbridge, who passed away on Monday, November 18th, at the advanced age of 81 years.

Born at Hertford, he came to Birmingham about 55 years ago, and attached himself to Aston tower, and was one of the founders of the Holt Society, which later became merged in the St. Martin's Guild. He was an accomplished ringer and good striker, and a most reliable man in a peal, being a contemporary of such ringers as Henry Johnson, Harry Bustable, Samuel Reeves, William Kent, etc.

He rang many peals in various methods, his most notable one being a long peal of Grandsire Cinques, 9,020 changes, rung in St. Martin's tower on March 23rd, 1887, to commemorate the visit of Queen Victoria to Birmingham to lay the foundation stone of the Victoria Law Courts. He is the last of the band who stood in that peal.

He had a most lovable disposition, and was always willing to do anyone a good turn, being in the best sense of the term one of nature's gentlemen.

He was laid to rest on Saturday last, and St. Martin's Guild was represented by several members.

A muffled peal of Stedman Cinques will be attempted at St. Martin's on Tuesday, December 3rd, in his memory.

CHINGFORD BELLS.**TO RETURN TO OLD HOME.**

A new ring of six bells is to be placed in the tower at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Chingford Green, Essex, to replace the three ancient bells, brought from the old church at Chingford Mount in 1844, and which are to be returned to their original home.

The later church was built owing to the disrepair of the old edifice and the growth of a new residential district at the Green. Pews and other articles were moved, as well as the bells, which are centuries old. Other monuments were moved when SS. Peter and Paul Church was enlarged in 1903.

In 1904 the roof of the old church fell in. A new roof to the chancel was put in at the expense of Miss Boothby Heathcote, a descendant of some of the Rectors of the parish and patrons of the living, and Miss Heathcote recently gave £1,000 towards a fund to restore the church.

The work of restoration is now proceeding, and when it is sufficiently advanced regular services will be resumed in the church. Many new houses have been built on the sites of the old village dwellings which surround the place.

BEGINNING YOUNG.

A number of young folk have been learning to ring under Mr. W. Denyer at Aldershot Parish Church, and two more girls have now scored their first quarter-peal. This was Grandsire Triples rung on Sunday for evening service, in 47 mins.: *Miss Betty Stewart (age 13) 1, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 2, *Miss Edna Southby (age 13) 3, Miss A. Fisher 4, W. Denyer 5, P. L. Eldridge 6, Lance-Serjt. E. J. Bragg (Grenadier Guards) 7, *Guardman F. Townsend (Coldstream Guards) 8. * First quarter-peal and rung at first attempt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Despite the unfavourable weather, eight different towers were represented at Clewer on Saturday last, when a meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, the practice being quite a successful one. It is hoped that the next meeting will be on December 21st.

SOUTHGATE RINGER'S WEDDING.

An interesting event took place at Christ Church, Southgate, recently, when Mr. Donald Pink, one of the local ringers, was married to Miss Dorothy Crane, a Sunday School teacher, the only daughter of Mr. A. G. Crane, who is also a local ringer.

The choral wedding service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Peplow, M.A., in the presence of over 80 guests. As the happy couple left the church, in addition to being besprinkled by copious showers of confetti, they were greeted by a merry peal on the bells. The reception was held at the Village Hall, and speeches appropriate to the occasion were made. Later the happy couple left for Lynton, Devonshire, where the honeymoon is being spent. In the evening, in honour of the event, the Southgate ringers, with the assistance of one of the bride's uncles, who resides at Bletchley, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 minutes: Arthur Crane 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, G. Plater 3, D. Overington 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, W. Pickworth 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. Immediately afterwards the band, by invitation, adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where an excellent supper awaited them, to which ample justice was done, during which the health and prosperity of the newly-married couple was toasted and the thanks of the ringers expressed to the host and hostess for their kind hospitality.

Fortunately, the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Pink will be in Southgate, and the local society will thus retain the services of Mr. Pink.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MACCLESFIELD.—For morning service, on November 24th, 630 Grandsire Triples, with J. Tipper (longest length in method) as conductor. For evening service, 1,371 Grandsire Triples in 53 mins.: A. V. Roes 1, A. Challinor 2, F. L. Ronan 3, J. Tipper 4, W. Stevenson 5, W. Gayes 6, J. Worth (longest length as conductor) 7, J. Waumsley 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 1, 4 and 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, November 24th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 1, H. A. Holden 2, H. Hovard 3, A. G. Hill 4, F. A. Coley 5, J. S. Morton 6, L. J. Cullum 7, O. Robinson 8. Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: J. S. Morton 1, L. J. Cullum 2, F. C. G. Elliott (Deptford) (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, F. A. Coley 4, A. G. Hill 5, H. A. Holden 6, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 7, W. C. Darke 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, November 17th, to commemorate the festival of the Church of St. Edmund, 720 Grandsire Doubles by members of the local band: G. Clarke 1, E. Sargeant 2, G. Mutton 3, H. Patrick 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, November 3rd, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Thurstans', in 42 mins.: H. Ellis 1, Miss P. A. Upsher 2, W. J. Ellis 3, H. A. Barnett 4, E. A. Hull 5, W. A. Tomlinson 6, J. G. Nash (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8. The conductor expresses his thanks and appreciation for the kindness of the Tottenham band in allowing him to call his first quarter-peals of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples at All Hallows'.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): L. Wiseman 1, B. W. Pettitt 2, F. J. Cook 3, F. G. Glenves 4, O. Broyd 5, A. Catterwell 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, R. H. Young 8. Rung after an attempt for a full peal, which came to a finish through a window smashing in the belfry. The 3rd, 4th and 7th ringers thank those concerned in arranging the ringing.

NORTON, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, November 3rd, for evensong, 240 each of Cambridge, Durham and Hanley Surprise. Owing to the bad condition of the bells, which are shortly to be recast, the above was rung intermittently by the following: J. Ryles, O. Williams, C. S. Ryles, W. C. Corfield, J. W. Walker, G. E. Lawrence, H. Wibberley, W. C. Lawrence, J. Walley and J. E. Wheeldon.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday, October 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes, being 720 Bob Minor, 360 of Single Oxford, 180 of Canterbury), in 40 mins.: J. Potter 1, H. L. Harlow (conductor) 2, H. Smith 3, G. Wright 4, W. Bland 5, R. Shimmans 6. Also a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 5th, who was married the previous day.

YATELEY RINGER WEDDED.

On Thursday, November 14th, the marriage of Major J. G. Stilwell, of Yateley, Hants, to Miss C. Woods, took place at Freshwater, Isle of Wight. At noon, in honour of the event, as is usual at Yateley, the whole resident band assembled in the belfry and wished the newly-married couple every happiness, whilst a section, under the conductorship of Mr. G. Butler, rang a splendid touch of Grandsire Triples.

Major Stilwell has for some time taken a great interest in ringing, and, being a practical ringer, the Yateley band are pleased to know he will reside at Yateley with his wife, who, we understand, has lately been interested in the restoration and rehanging of bells at Beutworth, Hants. The best wishes for their future will, we feel sure, be re-echoed by the whole of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

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NOTICES.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Estb. 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at Lenton, on Saturday, November 30th. Tower open 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Preliminary Notice:—The eighth W.D. Crofts Memorial Dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, November 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Followed by tea.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at Dore, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Nov. 30th (eight bells). Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, Hon. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

COMBINED MEETING of members of the Hereford Guild, the Shropshire and Worcestershire Associations, and the Stafford Archdeaconry will be held at Claverley (between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth) on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea (1s. 6d.) at the Crown Hotel at 5. Bus leaves Queen Square, Wolverhampton at 3; return 9.45. All ringers welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Banstead, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea and meeting following at the View Tea Rooms.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Next meeting November 30th. St. Saviour's, Walthamstow: ringing from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Leyton bells probably available in the evening. Everyone welcome.—J. A. Waugh, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, November 30th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30, address by Rector, the Rev. C. Egerton Williams. Tea at Church House, 5.15.—A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Pewsey on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—Cyril Hussey, East Leaze, Blaydon, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes, Mondays, 2nd, 16th and 30th, at 7.30 p.m.; Sunday, December 1st, at 10 a.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, 24th, at 8 p.m.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Dec. 3rd? — Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Arrangements for tea can be made for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Dec. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Bassetts or S.W. Transport Bus, return fare 1/- from Swansea or Llanelly.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap tickets issued on District Railway to Central Hounslow, then bus to church.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the North Norfolk Branch will be held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (12) of St. Peter Mancroft will, by kind permission of the Reverend H. McMullen (Vicar), be available after the meeting. A good attendance of members is kindly requested at this first meeting of the branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary and Treasurer.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Sat., December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: Questions on Central Council. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Service at 5. Tea at usual terms 5.30. Meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. Please advise me for tea.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at the Parish Hall, to those who inform me not later than Wednesday, December 4th. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice, All Saints', Wokingham, Saturday, December 7th, 6 till 9 p.m. Committee meeting, Church House, 4.30 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

RICKMANSWORTH.—Saturday, December 7th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 5.45 (Red Spider Rooms). Cheap tickets from all stations. Number for tea by 3rd, please.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Netherton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, December 3rd. A good muster is required. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Hinley Road, Dudley.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on December 7th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5, business meeting after. Service at 6.30, address by the Vicar. All are heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A., at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting will be held at Ruardean on December 7th. Bells (8) open at 3.30 p.m. (rehung). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Bell Hotel, at 10d. per head. All ringers who intend having tea kindly let me know by December 4th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service at 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, December 7th. St. Peter's bells available at 2.45 until 5 p.m., the Cathedrals bells after tea. A service will be held at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, District Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for two representatives on committee.—William Horam, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Evelyn's Tea Rooms, Ashted. Those requiring tea should send their names to Mr. George Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Wednesday, December 4th. Please note that all nominations for district officers for the ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Southern Districts will be held at West Hartlepool, Saturday, December 7th. Meet St. Oswald's 2.30 p.m. Bells available at three churches. Tea in St. Oswald's Mission Room, Dale Street, 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool, by December 5th. A good attendance requested.—F. Robson and J. T. Titt, Joint Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 7th. Service 4.15. Tea (free to branch members) and business meeting 5, at St. Sidwell's Institute. Bells available: St. Sidwell's (10), St. David's (8), St. Thomas' (8), Heavitree (8), St. Petrock's (6). All ringers welcome.—E. Lomas (Miss), Hon. Sec., Whimble, Devon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Clapham on December 7th, for the election of officers for the coming year, etc. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Service at 4.30. It is hoped every member of the district will make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Oundle District.—A meeting will be held at Cotterstock on December 7th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at the Parish Church, Bowness-on-Windermere, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—W. Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6. Those intending being present please inform Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, not later than Wednesday, December 11th. A good muster is especially requested. Canon Elsee will be present.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society, the Barnsley and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at 1s. 3d. each. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebutt Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by December 11th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than Tuesday morning, December 10th.—F. Hutchinson, District Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Gillingham (8 bells), on Saturday, December 14th. 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 December 6th at the latest. Towers available: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Motcombe (6), Silton (5), and Kington Magna (5).—A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. B. J. Langham, of Maiden Newton. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Greyhound Hotel, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea kindly send names to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, not later than Dec. 12th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

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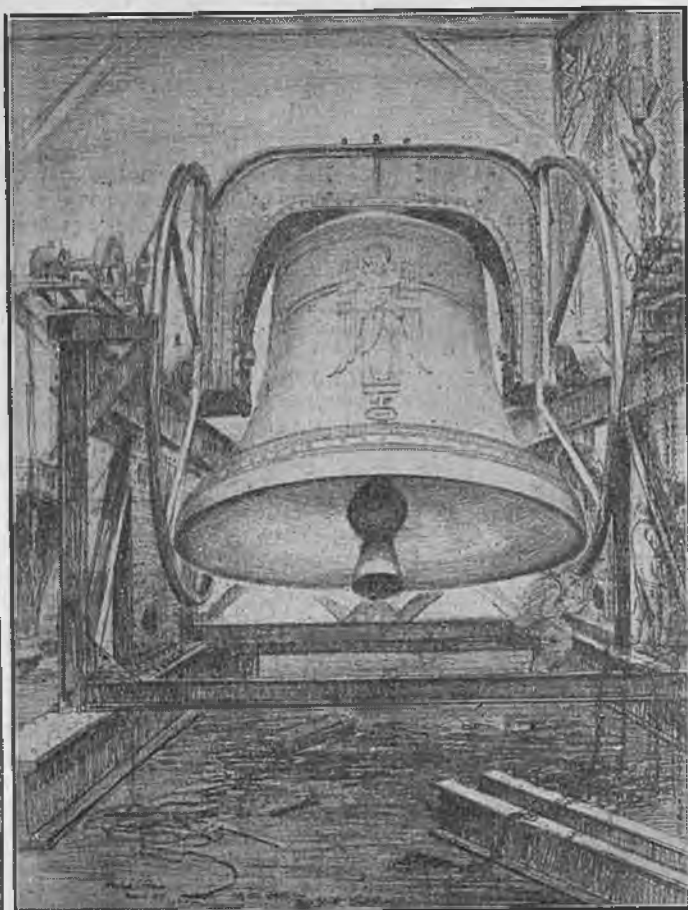
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. Treble	GEORGE O. DIXON 5
MRS. J. BRAY 2	*WILLIAM GARTRY 6
*FRANK LORD 3	JACK BRAY 7
CHARLES H. BIRD 4	*CECIL PYE Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 7.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition was published in 'The Ringing World' of October 11th. It was rung as a compliment to Mr. James George on his 76th birthday.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	JACK DAPTERS 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
GEORGE H. DAYNES 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

SIBSEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM WILKINSON Treble	FRANK DEWEY 5
HAROLD HARPER 2	WILLIAM HOUGHTON 6
*FRANK P. HARWOOD 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 7
FREDERICK LEGGOTT 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 5
MARK BEND 2	ARTHUR W. WARD 6
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
CLARENCE E. BIRD 4	JOHN H. BRANSTON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. WARD.

First peal of Triples as conductor. Specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. M. Bend, who attained the age of 73 on November 27th; and to Cynthia Mary, youngest daughter of the Rev. C. J. Sturton.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*ARTHUR PRITCHARD Treble	HAROLD EDWARDS 5
HARRY OVERTON 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day, and also as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. K. Swinbourne).

POOLSTOCK, WIGAN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN & BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
JAMES GROUNDS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN GARDNER 4	WILLIAM GIBBONS Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

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FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF GRANDISRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*HAROLD BURNINGHAM ... Treble	GEORGE UPSHALL ... 5
†JOHN READ ... 2	†FRANK KEMP ... 6
CHARLES WELLS ... 3	RICHARD HASTED ... 7
SIDNEY MEADOWS ... 4	ALBERT E. KING ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by R. HASTED.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.
† First peal in the method. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.
The first peal on the bells since they were overhauled and rehung
on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in January last,
and rung by a local band.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2	LESTER L. GREY ... 6
*G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 3	HARRY SMALE ... 7
*JOHN BROWN ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to
the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th. The ringers of 5th and tenor have
now rung 200 peals together. Mr. Smale hails from Harlow Common.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. GARRISON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 2	†RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal of Cambridge
Major away from the treble.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	RICHARD J. STONE ... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method in the county, by the Guild, by all the
band, and rung at the first attempt.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... Treble	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 2	GEORGE GREEN ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 7
THOMAS LINCOLN ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

First peal in the method on the bells since the recasting and re-
hauling. Thanks are given to Mr. G. Green who kindly provided
tea for the band at the finish of the peal.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK CORKE ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ... 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

The ringer of the tenor was proposed a member of the Oxford
Guild before starting for the peal.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 5
WILLIAM COLLISON ... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 4	JOHN DEARLOVE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, November 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 Canterbury Pleasure, 1,200 Plain Bob, and 2,640 Grand-
sire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	RICHARD COOKE ... 4
*WALTER ADAMS ... 2	THOMAS C. GWILLIAM ... 5
THOMAS G. COOKE ... 3	FRANK EVERITT ... Tenor

Conducted by T. G. COOKE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by
a purely local band.

BRETFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble
Bob, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Bob.

JOHN C. PERKINS ... Treble	JOHN HALL ... 4
JAMES HEMMING ... 2	RAYMOND JELFS ... 5
THOMAS HANDS ... 3	GEOFFREY HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Phillip Hall, an esteemed
member of the local band, who was married on this day.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Single Court, three of Oxford Bob and two of
Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*R. DOUGLAS ROWLEY ... Treble	HORACE V. ROWLEY ... 4
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 5
†SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 3	WILLIAM MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal and elected a member previous to the attempt. † First-
peal inside.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 25, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	FRANK HARPER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Harper, and on the anniversary of his wedding.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT CANTLE Treble	ARTHUR GOULD 4
DENNIS FLOWER 2	WILLIAM SHORE 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 3	FREDERICK HUMPHRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSEWELL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. L. J. Foster, Vicar of this church.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER Treble	*CHARLES POULTENEY 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. George Tuke, a ringer, and Miss Edith Wright, both of Rawmarsh, which took place earlier in the day, and of the birthday of the 3rd ringer's mother.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, each called differently, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
*ALBERT HARTLAND 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
FRED HAWKES 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by F. HAWKES.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

BUTTERWICK, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Single Court, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE W. HOUGHTON ... Treble	*FRANK P. HARWOOD 4
†FRANK DEWEY 2	*WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
*HAROLD HARPER 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CLARKE.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods away from treble. Rung on the occasion of the Patronal Festival.

PEAL CORRECTION.

The ringer of the second in the peal at Widford last week was A. Tarbun, jun. (not Turban). It was the first peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside bell for Percy Green and Edward Kemp. Both have rung Treble Bob on working bells.

GLINTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*STANLEY W. THOMPSON ... Treble	WILLIAM ROSE 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	JOSEPH LANGDON 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2	RONALD RUSSELL 5
*ERNEST A. MARSH 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN MALYAN Treble	THOMAS HULL 4
BERT HALSEY 2	*FREDERICK SPICER 5
*ROBERT BEDFORD 3	FRANCIS KIRK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal in the method.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12lb.

CHARLES W. TUCKER ... Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 4
*MISS G. HENDRY 2	FRANK HOOD 5
*FREDERICK O. TUCKER ... 3	*JACK HULL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. TUCKER.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. All the above belong to the local band.

STONE, NEAR KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
JOHN BASS 3	HECTOR G. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First Surprise peal on the bells and also the quarterly peal for this Branch. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

'ODDS & ENDS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES'

Being mainly an explanation of the nature and working of the Q sets in ordinary ringing phraseology, with one or two other matters.

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HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 26, 1929, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

HAROLD JACKSON	...	...	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	...	...	5-6
*WILLIAM JACKSON	...	...	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	...	...	7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Wednesday, November 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At No. 1, SALTER'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 9120 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON	...	...	1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	...	...	5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER	...	...	3-4	ROBERT ANDERSON	...	...	7-8

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung as a compliment to the composer on his 76th birthday.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

ALFRED BARNES	...	...	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	...	...	5-6
*WILLIAM JACKSON	...	...	3-4	FREDERICK PAGE	...	...	7-8
PETER LAFLIN	...	...	...	...	...	...	9-10

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE

Umpire: HAROLD JACKSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER AND ENGLISH BELLS.**SUGGESTED PURCHASE WHERE THERE ARE NO RINGERS.**

The 'S.O.S.' which went out from Halesworth, Suffolk, for ringers has been 'picked up' in all parts of the world. Many of the English newspapers copied it, and it also found its way into American journals. Here is what a Baltimore newspaper had to say about it under the heading of 'Old England's Bells'—and if any English parish cannot find ringers, the opportunity apparently offers to sell the bells to the Americans, who are out to buy anything with a real old English flavour about it:—

'A brief dispatch from Halesworth, a little village deep in Suffolk, tells of the lack of interest among the young Halesworthians in the time-honoured art of bellringing. The ten ringers now practising total more than 700 years in age, and they have no successors in sight. That is to say, one of England's finest traditions is in danger of decay.

'The crisis, if it be one, does not affect America directly. Belgian carillons, operated from a keyboard by a single player, are becoming popular in this country, but the English bell ringing by bands of from five to ten men is not known. To its advocates this is sad, for they claim a finer performance by hand than is possible through the use of any machinery. The pure tone is heard, so they say, when the clapper and bell swing together by gravity. And certainly there is a spirit of good fellowship in a band of bellringers which a carillon operator cannot develop in himself. To be sure, bell ringing in England at one time served as an adjunct of the nearest pothouse, but in recent years it has regained its higher standing, and the alien who hears a "Treble Bob Major" on a fine Sunday morning has gained a memory which even his doubt about the name cannot weaken. Or a "plain course" of "Grandsire Triples"—the nomenclature is charmingly antique and correspondingly obscure to the uninitiated.

'Can an efficient America take up this highly technical art? It is possible. If bell ringing is really lapsing in England, the bells will remain and can perhaps be bought for the edification of the New World. In fact, this suggestion should be made seriously to Halesworth. If, after that, they cannot get volunteers to help out their aged ringers, they have no right to the bells.'

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Saturday, November 30th, for Confirmation service, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: L. H. Wilson (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Folkard 2, J. A. D. Webb (first quarter-peal inside) 3, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 4, W. G. Wilson 5, J. A. Trollope 6, A. Harding 7, E. A. J. Coombs 8.

THE BERKSHIRE 12-BELL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £18 6s. 9d.; Messrs. J. Cowley, 10s.; W. Roughton, 10s.; G. Bull 2s.; Farnham Royal ringers, £1; Aldermaston ringers, 4s.; Milton Keynes ringers, 5s.; Tywyford (Bucks) ringers, 9s.; Marlow ringers, £1; W. J. Nevard, £1; five Birmingham friends, £1; T. Faulkner, 5s.; H. R. Newton, 5s.; friends at College Youths' dinner, £1 10s.; Chipping Norton Branch, O.D.G., £3 5s.; Newbury Branch, £2; Beedon ringers, 7s. 6d.; Brightwalton ringers (second subscription), 5s.; R. Knapp, 5s.; Rev. L. R. Majendie, £1; Goring ringers, 14s.; Great Milton ringers, 8s.; Binfield ringers, 15s. 6d.; Royal Cumberland Youths, £5; Rev. A. L. Manby, 10s.; Witney and Woodstock Branch, £5; All Saints' (Wokingham) ringers, £3; St. Giles' (Oxford) ringers, 15s.; St. Laurence (Reading) ringers, £5; St. Giles' (Reading) ringers, 10s.; Easthampstead ringers, 10s.; Piddington ringers, 5s.; E. H. Lewis, £1 1s.; Stoney Stratford ringers, 13s. 6d.; total to November 26th, £157 9s. 3d. Correction to previous list: For Mitcham read Hitcham.

MUFFLED BELLS.

On Saturday last a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on the bells of St. George's, Doncaster, as a last tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Henry Joy Clarke, M.D., J.P., some time churchwarden at St. George's, who was laid to rest on the previous Tuesday: H. Bradley (Campsall) (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Holmes 2, P. C. Newsome 3, J. Thorley (Thorne) 4, W. Lloyd 5, R. Thompson 6, H. Walker (Lincoln Cathedral) (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

At All Saints' Church, Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Sunday, November 10th, prior to evensong, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 mins. by: A. Jackson (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Dowden 2, A. R. Ward (conductor) 3, A. Bradley 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, W. Kemp 8. This quarter-peal was rung as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Charles Greaves Vincent, aged 91, who was elected honorary treasurer of the ringers in 1886, when the bells were dedicated, and held this office continuously for many years, when, owing to his ripe age, his son, Major C. W. Vincent, took over the duties of treasurer.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Deeping St. James on Saturday, November 2nd, and was well attended by members and ringing friends from Northampton, Peterborough, Market Deeping, West Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Spalding, Bourne, Edmonthorpe, Wymondham and the local band. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. on this fine peal of bells, and various methods were rung prior to the Guild service, which was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. Pain).

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Patworth, 15' sitting down. Afterwards the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford) presided over the short business meeting.

It was left to the secretary to try and arrange a joint meeting with the Ely Diocesan Association at March early in the new year.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the organist for presiding at the organ.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob, Court Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London, Primrose and Ipswich Surprise.

SPliced DOUBLE OXFORD & ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES

BY A. J. PITMAN.

5,040.

234567 Start Double Oxford.

1	462753		Part Ends.
3	534762		26543
2	465273		34562
PL	1 457632	Change to St. Clement's.	32654
*	1 574632		45623
PL	1 543726	Change to Double Oxford	43265
2	325674		56234
PL	1 357246	Change to St. Clement's	54326
2	743562		62345
1	437562		65432
2	764325		23456
1	647325		
PL	2 625734	Change to Double Oxford.	
3	346725		
2	623574		
PL	1 637245	Change to St. Clement's.	
2	746352		
4	237546		
PL	2 246753	Change to Double Oxford.	
PL	1 265437		

Repeat nine times, but omit the bob * in parts 2-4-6-8-10. In this peal the changes are triple changes throughout. The method is changed according to the position of the seventh.

'SEVEN DIFFERENT 720's.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our band is just getting well enough advanced to ring peals on six bells. Will some reader of your paper kindly tell us what exactly is 'seven different 720's'? Does it mean that there must be seven different compositions, or could the same composition be used, making a different bell the observation, which would thus produce the 720 changes in a different order?

Also, is it permissible to ring six 720's of Bob Minor and 720 of Grandsire Doubles and call it a peal? Recently a peal was rung at Brierley Hill, which was a mixture of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Is it permissible to do the same thing on six bells? Our band would be interested to know.—Yours, etc.,

TYRO.

ST. MARY'S, DOVER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether any of your readers can furnish information regarding one of the earliest peals which the College Youths rang, and some books state took place, at St. Mary's Church, Dover, the ringers afterwards crossing the Channel to France. I have tried to find out locally of any history attached to the above, but can trace nothing. I believe 'Campanologia' has some reference to it, but perhaps some of our research ringers can enlighten me, if any record is obtainable, as to the peal and names of the ringers who took part.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES TURNER,
Captain, St. Mary's Ringers.

DOUBLE TRIPLES METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I congratulate Mr. A. Craven on his two double methods of Triples, both of which, so far as I know, are original, and if peals can be produced in them should prove very interesting (as Mr. Craven says) to ringers, conductors, and composers.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—When 'Silchester' (?) was published with two other similar methods in the 'Bell News' in June, 1900, I gave them only as examples, in illustration of the old saw: 'What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.'

2, North Street, Quadrant, Brighton,
November 29th, 1929.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

The following contributions have been received in connection with the appeal made by the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, on behalf of Mr. Harry Tomlinson, of Burnley, who is totally incapacitated and has a daughter entirely dependent upon him:—

Ringers of St. Philip's, Nelson, £1 1s.; ringers of St. Mary's and All Saints', Whalley, 11s.; ringers of St. Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe, 5s.; ringers of St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, 5s.; ringers of the Cathedral, Blackburn, 7s.; W. H. Shaker, Clayton, Manchester, 5s.; Maurice Smith, Banbury, 2s. 6d.; P. Crook, Bolton, 2s. 6d.; Thos. FitzJohn, Grimsby, 2s.; Minor Ringer, Tuxford, 2s.; J. Hindle, Accrington, 1s.; Walter Idle, Dewsbury, 2s.; total, £3 6s. Any further donations will be gratefully received by P. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn, Lancs.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD.

A very pleasing function took place at Bishop's Stortford on Thursday, November 28th, when a tablet was unveiled in the tower by the Vicar (Rev. W. McCarthy). The tablet records the peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band, the report of which was published in 'The Ringing World' of October 25th. The proceedings opened with a short prayer, after which the Vicar gave a brief address and expressed the pleasure it gave him to unveil the tablet. The Master (Mr. F. Bird) thanked the Vicar for the interest he took in the tower, and hoped they would soon be able to record a local peal of Stedman.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Chesterfield District of the M.C.A. was held at the Parish Church at Alfreton on Saturday, November 16th, and was attended by ringers from Creswell, Morton, North Wingfield, St. Mary's, Notts, Sutton, Swanwick, Staveley, Warsop and members of the local company.

The bells were kept going until eight o'clock, good practice being obtained in Superlative, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Norton on Saturday, December 21st, thus accepting the invitation from the Norton company.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Monday, October 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, S. Pye 3, C. J. Rogers 4, J. C. Newman 5, G. Hayward 6, F. Fludder 7, C. Button 8. First quarter-peal by treble and 3rd.

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PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

At Howden, Yorks, a man has been committed for trial, charged, on his own confession, with having set fire to the church. The fire destroyed the magnificent tower and bells, as well as the chancel, and damage estimated at over £10,000 was done.

The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Portsmouth was rung on Saturday last, and the band wish to associate with it the name of Mr. F. A. Burnett, who, although taking part in the practices, was unable, through indisposition, to take part in the peal.

It was on this day in the year 1731 that a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, by the rivals of the St. Peter Mancroft company, who had rung the first peal in the method about six weeks earlier. There was a great deal of local feeling about these performances, and it is evident that the Coslany ringers doubted the truth of the Mancroft peal.

The tablet in St. Michael's belfry states: 'In this steeple, on the sixth of December, 1731, was Rung that most Incomparable as well as Intricate Peal of Stedman Triples, which had been long ye Study of many well skilled in the Art of Ringing, but without success, till Edward Crane, one of the company, with much pains and application brought it to perfection with two Doubles. This peal contains 5,040 Triple changes, 2 Doubles only excepted, and is allowed by all Judges of the Art to be the most Ingenious Peal that till now has been composed.'

On December 8th, 1883, the 'five ones' of Stedman Caters (11,111 changes) was rung at Fulham by the College Youths. Youth as well as experience took part in that peal of 47 years ago, for there are still several of that band alive, including Frank Dawe, Jack Rowbotham, Challis Winney and Walter Prime. The two latter regularly take their place at St. Paul's Cathedral every Sunday, and Walter Prime, who rang the tenor at Fulham, is still to be seen on the tenor box at St. Paul's.

By contrast, it was only two years earlier, viz., on December 10th, 1881, that the first peal was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, yet all the 13 men who took part in that memorable performance have gone from us. Jim Pettit (who called both), George Mash, Ted Horrex and Jack Hayes took part in the two peals.

Painswick, which is shortly to be the scene of another record-breaking peal attempt, held the Treble Bob Maximus record for nearly eighty years with a peal of 10,224 rung on December 9th, 1833.

In the paragraph which we printed in our issue of November 22nd with regard to peals rung at Southwell Cathedral, one peal was omitted. Mr. E. H. Lewis writes that the Cambridge University Guild rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major there in 5 hrs. 30 mins. on August 31st, 1906, conducted by H. S. T. Richardson (now the Rev.).

The peal of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and recorded last week, was rung on Wednesday, November 20th, not Tuesday, the 19th, as reported.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT BANSTEAD.

A very pleasant meeting of the North-Western District was held at Banstead on Saturday, when, despite the unsettled weather, thirty members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Beddington, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom, London, Merstham, Mitcham, Rickmansworth, Wandsworth and Watford. Ringing commenced at 4 o'clock, and good use was made of the bells until service time. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon F. N. Skene). Tea followed in the View Tea Rooms, where 26 sat down to a very enjoyable meal. The Vicar presided at the business meeting after tea, supported by the Master of the Association (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) and the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clarke).

The election of Mr. A. J. Smith, of Leatherhead, previous to a peal attempt was ratified.

It was decided if Camberwell bells were not available for the district annual meeting that the secretary try and arrange it at Kingston on the fourth Saturday in January if possible.



BANSTEAD CHURCH.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, Mr. F. N. Pitstow for kindly playing the organ, and Mr. F. G. Woodiss for the help he gave in arranging the meeting.

The Vicar suitably replied, saying how pleased he would be to welcome the association at Banstead at any time. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 7.30, when to everybody's regret ringing had to cease owing to a concert in the Parish Room. Methods practised during the meeting ranged from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major.

Banstead bells are a ring of eight recast, from a mixed octave, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1921, and they are rung from the ground floor. The former trebles were by Warner in 1892, but the others were ancient castings, one of them, the 6th, having come from the Whitechapel Foundry in 1585, and being the work of Mot. It was inscribed 'Robertus Mot me fecit, 1585.' The other bells were as follow: 3rd, B.E., Gloria Deo in Excelsis, 1638 (cast by Eldridge); 4th, William Carter made me, 1613; 5th, Thomas Mears, Fecit 1791; 7th, Lester and Pack, of London, fecit, 1756; tenor, William Eldridge made mee, 1661, I.L., S.L., Churchwardens. There were 'V belles in the steeple' as long ago as Edward VI.'s reign.

SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

IPSWICH BAND RING YET ANOTHER 'FIRST.'

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich on November 30th is the first peal of Maximus ever rung in this method. The figures were published by Mr. Arthur Craven in 'The Ringing World.' It is very musical, as the bells work in their correct coursing order, both before and behind, with very little exception.

St. Mary-le-Tower Society thank a well-known East Anglian ringer, now resident in London, for bringing the method to their notice. They have now rung peals in ten different Maximus methods since 1921.

It is worthy of note that the first peals of the only four Surprise Maximus methods practised have been rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, viz.:—

August 15th, 1908: Cambridge Surprise Maximus.
April 30th, 1927: Superlative Surprise Maximus.
December 8th, 1928: New Cambridge Surprise Maximus.
November 30th, 1929: Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

THE BELLS IN NORWICH DIOCESE.

MANY UNRINGABLE PEALS.

In an article which he has contributed to the 'Norwich Diocesan Gazette,' Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, has taken the opportunity of explaining the decentralisation scheme which the association has just put into operation, and points out that the object is to strengthen the work of the organisation in the diocese by getting into closer touch with the clergy and the young men of the parishes as recruits for the belfries.

Young ringers, he says, are much needed at the present time for the regular ringing of our bells for Sunday services. There are in the diocese eighty-eight rings of five bells, seventy-two rings of six bells, thirty-five rings of eight bells, three rings of ten bells, and two rings of twelve bells, making a total of 200 rings, which would require 1,206 ringers. It is a very deplorable fact that a very large percentage of those rings of bells are unringable. Even such being the case there is a great shortage of ringers. Although our total membership of all grades numbers 806, less than half that number reside in Norfolk. Of recent years the membership of the clergy has greatly fallen off, not one-third of what it once was; but for the good feeling and help received from the clergy the association could not exist, and without ringers our church bells could not be rung to summon the people to divine worship.

The relationship between clergy and ringers is a vital and mutual one; they stand and fall together, in this particular branch of Church work. On the matter of so many unringable peals of bells in the diocese, it is too often assumed that church bells, once hung, require little attention. Up in the windy heights of towers they hang, unvisited by Church authorities and Church officials, who care little to keep such valuable property in repair and in good order for ringing. Too often our bells and belfries are found to be the dirtiest place in our parishes—a veritable disgrace that it should be so in a consecrated portion of the church. It would be an excellent way for Archdeacons and Rural Deans at their periodic visitations to inspect the bells and belfries, and to see that the clergy and churchwardens at least keep them in a presentable state.

One of the surest safeguards for keeping a ring of bells in permanent repair is to organise a good company of change ringers, who will in their own interest and love for the bells look after them, and with the co-operation of the clergy and churchwardens meet the little expenses yearly needed to keep a peal of bells in excellent condition for long periods. It would be no difficult matter for a secretary of a diocesan or county association to state cases of rings of bells, restored, say, fifty years ago—one with a company of change ringers, the other without any ringers. In the former case the ring of bells would be found in as good a state of repair as when restored—the latter case, with never a band of ringers to see after the bells and so left unattended, unvisited by the Church authorities, and thus left for fifty years, would become unringable and in need of restoration at heavy expense to put them in ringable order.

We would commend the work of the association to the clergy and churchwardens of the diocese, and in doing so appeal for their co-operation in manning our belfries with young ringers and for the care of our beautiful bells. To many of the clergy we owe a deep debt of gratitude, who have always on every occasion at our meetings so kindly granted us the use of their bells and, whenever possible, co-operated with us by being present at the association meetings.

Finally, we would bring before the clergy and laity that change ringing is an art and a science well worthy of their attention and interest.

NEW DOUBLES EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Guise is wrong. The method has never been rung at St. Stephen's by the St. Stephen's Guild.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION GLOUCESTER BRANCH AFFAIRS.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held on Saturday, November 16th, at St. Mary de Lode, 24 members attending, and visitors from Fairford and Ross being also present. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. G. Pritchard), assisted by the Rev. Wyndham Jones and Mr. G. Jackson (Vicar's warden), Miss Workman presiding at the organ. After service, tea was partaken of in the parish schoolroom. The usual business meeting followed, Mr. Geo. Jackson presiding in the absence of the Vicar, who had another engagement, and the branch chairman (Rev. H. G. Hadow), who also was otherwise engaged.

Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary) presented his report, which showed that during the past year nine meetings had been held, with a total attendance of 154 members, an average of 17 per meeting. The branch had now 110 ringing members against 121 last year, owing to the disbanding of ringers at Sandhurst and Upton St. Leonard's, where it is hoped to make an improvement during the next year. There were 27 hon. members, as against 24 last year, making a net decrease of eight in total membership. Thanks were extended to the incumbents in the district for the courtesy shown to the members when visiting their towers.

Mr. J. Austin was unanimously elected branch chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. W. H. Harris hon. branch secretary, with Mr. T. Baldwin as representative on Management Committee. Barnwood was selected as the next place of meeting, the secretary to fix the date.

Discussion took place on a proposal to put a small tablet in St. Mary's Church, Hartpury, to the memory of the late Mr. C. H. Austin, as this was the last peal of bells which he hung in the county. It was left to Mr. G. L. Brunson to get an estimate to present at the next meeting.

The Secretary informed the members that at the last two meetings held at Hartpury and Arlingham £3 6s. 6d. had been collected for the Ruarden Church bell fund.

Messrs. Austin, Brunson and Romane were appointed, with the branch secretary, as a small committee to arrange the annual dinner of the branch, with Mr. Baldwin as a co-opted member. The date of the dinner will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. J. Austin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Geo. Jackson for presiding at the meeting, to the Rev. W. G. Pritchard for the use of the bells, also for his excellent address, to Miss Workman, the organist, and to Miss E. Stephens and other ladies who looked after the wants of the members at the tea tables.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Williams and carried with applause.

Mr. Jackson, in replying, said he was always glad, as churchwarden of the parish, to welcome the members of the association to St. Mary de Lode, and he would convey the vote of thanks to the Vicar. The Chairman said he was sure all present were extremely sorry to hear of the death of Miss Gardner, who had done the catering for tea for the members during the past four years that the annual meeting had been held at St. Mary's. He would, therefore, ask the branch secretary to write a letter of condolence to Mr. Gardner (the deceased lady's brother), and also ask the members to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Miss Workman also responded to the vote of thanks, and informed the members she would be quite willing to offer her services as a pianist at their annual dinner.—This offer was much appreciated by the members.

There being no other business, touches of Triples on handbells, and tunes by ex-Sergt. Williams and Mr. J. Austin brought a very pleasant and happy meeting to an end.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH INAUGURATED.

A general meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the association, the third of a series under the new constitution, was, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. Ralph L. Whythead) held in the vestry of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Diss, on Saturday, November 23rd, for the election of officers and committee. The Rector presided, and supporting him were Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. William Ireland (district secretary for Diss), and members from Diss, Dickleburgh, Garboldisham, North Lopham, Palgrave, Wymondham, etc.

The General Secretary, in his introductory remarks, said the decentralising scheme by the formation of four branches was a move in the right direction. It had one very great advantage, that it would give to many more members an opportunity for active work on the committee of their respective branches, with full liberty to carry on the business of their branches for the welfare of the association. It was for the members to proceed to elect chairman, secretary, and committee for the South Norfolk Branch of the association.

The Rev. Ralph L. Whythead was elected chairman, Mr. F. Nolan Golden hon. secretary, Messrs. Eric George Bennett, Frederick R. Borrett, Charles F. Goodman, Clement J. More, and William Steggells, members of the committee.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Ralph L. Whythead for the use of the vestry, and also for the use of the bells. The Rector suitably replied.

The members then adjourned to the belfry for ringing.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Northern President's' query re bearings for church bells, I am of firm opinion that ball races of the self-aligning radial type, with two rows of balls, of proper diameters to deal with the load, are far superior to plain bearings.

The use of ball bearings is rapidly growing to nearly every class of machinery, and their durability has been put to severe tests. For church bell work, however, they seem to be specially suited.

A few points in favour may be acceptable. In a swinging bell the load is without shock, the difficulties of lubrication are entirely overcome, as when once packed with grease the bearing needs no attention for years, the bearing is about half the width of a plain bearing (space is often precious in the belfry), the bearing is always in accurate alignment, so that, if woodwork is used, a small shrinkage does not upset matters. In case of renewal they can be fitted at a small cost by an unskilled man, and can be easily obtained.

From a ringer's point of view, the perfect going bell is that without friction or any other force acting on the bell other than that put on the end of the rope. The co-efficient of friction is much less for a ball race than for a well lubricated plain bearing.

I may add that I am in no way connected with any bell foundries, but am speaking entirely from the standpoint of an engineer, who happens to be interested, and who is a ringer.—Yours faithfully,
'ENGINEER.'

TOO COSTLY?

Dear Sir,—In your issue of November 22nd, 'Northern President' inquires about the 'merits' of ball bearings, i.e., 'gun metal or others,' the bells in question having a 12 cwt tenor. My answer to this is that bells of this weight do not require ball bearings; they go quite easily enough if hung properly in the old style. Bells of, say, 17 cwt. and over may receive these bearings with advantage. I was recently shown a 'ball bearing' (not gun metal), and I asked the price. '£30 per bell,' was the answer. In my opinion this is too expensive, and they are quite unnecessary for light bells.—Yours faithfully,
Bath and Wells Association.

ANON.

'SILENT' HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A week or so ago you published in 'Belfry Gossip' a record of a silent peal of Grandshire Triples rung at West Bromwich on November 20th, 1909. I took part in a silent peal of Grandshire Triples (Holt's Original) eleven years previously as under:—

Waterloo Society.—Silent peal. On Saturday, June 4th, 1898, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., at the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E., John Holt's Original one-part peal of Grandshire Triples: Arthur R. Davis treble, George W. Wild 2, Harry Barton 3, George E. Symonds 4, Harold N. Davis 5, James E. Davis 6, Thomas Langdon 7, William S. Langdon tenor, Frederick G. Perrin umpire.

I believe all the above are still with us, excepting the umpire, and this after 31½ years.

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

FOUR ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

COMBINED GATHERING AT CLAVERLEY.

The picturesque village of Claverley, situated in the county of Salop, on the border of Staffordshire, was the place chosen for a combined meeting of members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the Shropshire Association, the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the Stafford Archdeaconry Society. The following towers were represented: Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge, Broseley, Bridgnorth, Brierley Hill, Bradley, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Tettenhall, Swindon (Staffs), Brewood, Coventry, Croydon and the local tower. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. J. Skelding (hon. secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts, Northern Branch), and Mr. H. Baker (hon. secretary of the Shropshire Association, Bridgnorth Branch), who had returned from hospital only two days before.

The ancient church now possesses a fine ring of eight bells which have recently been augmented from six, four of the old ones having been retuned, two recast, and two new ones added, the whole being hung on ball bearings in an iron frame, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Both the tone and 'go' of the bells gave great satisfaction, the general opinion being that it was an admirable 'splice.' The methods rung included Grandshire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, as well as rounds and call changes for the local learners.

Tea was served at the Crown Hotel, which was greatly enjoyed.

The Vicar (Rev. Ralph Guy), after giving the company a warm welcome, delighted his hearers with some humorous tales, fresh from the Mint. Handbell ringing followed, including Grandshire Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, those taking part being R. Pickering, H. Knight, F. W. Perrens, J. Perry, E. F. Mitchell, and W. Saunders. A return to the tower for an hour or so concluded what might well be termed a successful venture.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COMPETITION FOR OFFICES IN CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Esher on Saturday. Some very useful six-bell practice was put in by the two dozen or so ringers who attended and who came from Hersham, Walton, Ottershaw, Thames Ditton, Otlands Park, Esher, Cobham, Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Leatherhead, Aldershot, Woking and St. Peter's, Croydon.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Dr. Floyer), who also played the organ, and gave an address, in which he pointed out that success in the work for the church needed the same qualities of enthusiasm, concentration and co-operation that were required for success in the belfry.

The business meeting was held after tea, when Admiral T. P. Walker presided. Nominations were received for the officers for next year. Mr. H. Hancock was again nominated for the post of hon. secretary. The District Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) was re-nominated, and, at his own suggestion, in order to give members a choice, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne was also nominated, although the latter was reluctant to let his name go forward.

There is to be competition for the two places on the Executive Committee, four names being put forward in addition to those of the two retiring members. The Rev. W. N. Willis (Ottershaw) was re-nominated as the representative of the hon. members.

A vote of thanks was accorded, on the motion of the chairman, to Dr. Floyer for the use of the bells and for the service, and to Mr. Ristowe of the Esher band for his share in the successful arrangements.

A short but interesting discussion afterwards took place on the best means of attaining good striking.

The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, while, yielding to the pressure of the progressivists, some of the amateurs tried their prentice hands at Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob.

Esher Parish Church is a comparatively new structure, and stands in a perfectly kept churchyard, which has an unusual number of handsome memorials to the dead. In the tall spire there is a light ring of six bells, which were put in in 1853. In the now dismantled old church there were, at the time of the Edward VI. Inventory, 'iiij belles in the steeple and a hand bell.' There was also a tradition that there was in the tower at one time a bell said to have been brought from San Domingo by Sir Francis Drake. It bore no inscription. It was probably only a fable; it was much more likely to have been a bell given to the church, says a Surrey historian, by a Mr. Francis Drake who owned the manor in James I.'s time.

SEVEN-BELL METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not think that Mr. Craven is quite accurate in his remarks about Triple Methods. It is quite true that a section of the Exercise has all along held that seven-bell ringing should be continuous triple changes. It is quite true, also, that some of our leading authorities (notably Rev. C. D. P. Davies and, I think, Sir Arthur Heywood) have maintained that seven-bell methods which are not continuous triple changes are not legitimate. But the Exercise, as a whole, has never said so. Nor did the Methods Committee or the Central Council ever say so. The Method Report says that a seven-bell method which has not continuous triple changes cannot be considered 'perfect.' This was a concession to the above opinion. My own view, arrived at after examining several thousands of methods, is that the regular succession of the nature of the rows is sometimes of great importance in getting true peals, but otherwise of no importance at all. The only real test of a method's value is its suitability for ringing in the tower. Judged by that standard, Waterloo Reverse Bob (which is the correct name for Silchester) is an excellent method, decidedly better than Stedman. You may judge of this matter by asking yourself this question: Is Oxford Treble Bob so very much better than Kent, or Superlative so very much better than Cambridge, or Norfolk Surprise so very much better than Bristol?—Yours,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

A FRIEND OF WENHASTON RINGERS.

On Thursday afternoon, November 21st, there was laid to rest in the quiet churchyard of St. Peter's, Wenhaston, Suffolk, the remains of the late Mr. E. Hardingham, father of the Vicar, and an honorary member of the Suffolk Guild of Bellringers, who had reached the ripe old age of 87 years.

The deceased gentleman took a great interest in all matters connected with the church, especially the choir and bellringers, and was beloved and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact.

The bells of the Parish Church were rung muffled in the afternoon, and again in the evening, several 360's and other touches of Bob Minor being rung by: Messrs. Sam Ellis, A. Leech, G. and S. Stockdale, R. Roberts, R. Pearce and G. Pearce, of the local company, F. C. Lambert (district secretary), A. H. Took (Halesworth), and J. Punchard (of Bramfield).

A PARISH CLERK OF 1710.

BY 'CASCABLE.'

The following is a 'skit'—political, of course—by Jonathan Swift, the famous Dean. It, however, throws some very interesting sidelights on parish life of the period.

'Yet, be it acknowledged that at the age of sixteen I became a company-keeper, being led into idle conversation by my extraordinary love to ringing; inasmuch that in a short time I was acquainted with every set (sic) of bells in the whole country; neither could I be prevailed upon to absent myself from wakes, being called thereunto by the harmony of the steeple.

'While I was in these societies I gave myself up to unspiritual pastimes, such as wrestling, dancing, and cudgel-playing, so that I often returned to my father's house with a broken pate. . . . "What man is there, howsoever dexterous in any craft, who is for aye on his guard?"

This outpoken individual also took the tenor to a peal on one momentous occasion, followed by a 'beano' over whose details we will draw a veil.

To proceed: 'No sooner was I elected into mine office (parish clerk) but I laid aside the powdered gallantries of my youth, and became a new man. . . . I was determined to reform the manifold corruptions and abuses which had crept into the church. First, I was especially severe in whipping forth dogs from the temple, excepting the lap-dog of the good widow Howard, which yelped not, nor was there offence in his mouth. Secondly, I did even proceed to moroseness, though sore against my heart, unto poor babes, in tearing from them the apples which they privily munched at church. Thirdly, with the sweat of my own hands I did make plain and smooth the dogs-ears throughout our great Bible. . . .

He appeared to be a man of many parts. Listen to this: 'Shoes did I make, and if entreated mend, with good approbation; faces also did I shave, and I clipped the hair. Chirurgery I also practised in the worming of dogs; but to bleed adventured I not; except the poor. I once had the honour of trimming Sir Thomas himself without fetching blood. Furthermore I was sought unto to geld the lady Frances her spaniel, which was wont to go astray; he was called Toby, that is to say, Tobias. . . . We had London singing-masters sent into every parish, like excisemen. . . . to instruct my fellow-parishioners in this new manner of worship. What though they accuse me of humming through the nostril as a sackbut; yet would I not forego that harmony, it having been agreed by the worthy parish clerks of London to preserve the same. I tutored the young men and maidens to tune their voices, as it were, with a psaltery, and the church on the Sunday was filled with these new hallelujahs.'

Finally, he is overpowered with vanity. He first attempts to give hints to young curates how to preach, following on to higher game until he finally lets himself go on Dr. Sacheverell and politics generally.

Although the bitter Dean has used this fictitious character to vilify a great and good man, we can, nevertheless, easily deduce from his general and vivid description what the life of a parish clerk must have been in Queen Anne's reign.

Says Swift: 'In the churchyard (no name mentioned) I read this epitaph, said to be written by himself (i.e., the clerk):—

'O reader, if that thou canst read,

Look down upon this stone:

Do all we can, Death is a man

That never spareth none.'

If this epitaph is not fictitious, then it belongs to an individual named Paul Phillips. Other parishes mentioned in the full narrative are Milton, Yelverton and Waybrook.

Can readers say, please?

BROADCAST RINGING AND CHIMING.

The following appeared in last week's issue of 'The Radio Times':—

'As a regular reader of "The Radio Times," may I make a suggestion that when Sunday services are relayed from various churches and are preceded by bells, some distinction might be made in the announcement, so that listeners may know beforehand if the bells are to be scientifically rung or mechanically chimed? Take, for example, services relayed from St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, and also from St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, both announcements are headed in the same way, viz., "The Bells," and yet the former consist of one man "clanging" out hymn tunes, etc., on a chiming machine, whilst the latter is proper change ringing by a competent band of ringers. The two performances do not bear comparison. Might the word "chimed" or "rung" be inserted under "The Bells" (as the case may be) in order that listeners may be forewarned?—F. C. T.'

Bravo! F. C. T., writes 'F. W. T.' and so say all of us! And might not the 'chimer' at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, be asked to confine his efforts to the playing of hymn tunes only, and to kindly refrain from inflicting his attempts at 'changes' upon the sensitive ears of change ringers?

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MARYLEBONE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: Miss M. White 1, F. G. Newman 2, H. Dyas 3, C. F. Winney 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. Waddington 6, G. B. Cole 7, G. F. Edwards 8. It being Advent Sunday, also the anniversary of the birth of the late Queen Mother, 'De profundis' was recited in place of 'Gloria, Patri.' Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. 'May she rest in peace.'

NORTH SHIELDS.—For evening service, on December 1st, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Gray 1, A. Tully 2, J. E. Scott 3, E. A. Hern 4, G. Dix 5, J. L. Gray (conductor) 6, A. Tugwood 7, A. Skeoch 8. First attempt as conductor.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) by members of the local band, in 44 mins.: F. Green 1, F. W. Cripps 2, R. H. Noakes 3, C. Thomas 4, T. Burtenshaw 5, L. E. Sears 6, J. M. Cripps (conductor) 7, J. Green 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): T. Abbott 1, G. Clapham 2, G. Basford 3, C. Richardson 4, G. Ette 5, A. W. Boddington 6, T. R. Hensher 7, J. R. Main (conductor) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.—For Confirmation service, on November 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Clapham 1, T. Abbott 2, H. Tompkins 3, A. W. Boddington 4, J. R. Main 5, T. R. Hensher 6, G. Basford (conductor) 7, C. Richardson 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Sunday, December 1st, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Butler (conductor) 1, W. Mellin 2, B. Rawlinson (first peal in method) 3, A. Evers 4, W. S. Butler 5, E. Bright 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: W. Butler (conductor) 1, W. Mellin 2, V. Glass 3, E. Bright 4, A. Evers 5, W. S. Butler 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: C. Pidcock 1, F. Slingsby 2, E. Bridges 3, S. Baker 4, S. Binfield (conductor) 5, W. Kitchin 6, F. Farley 7, T. Anderson 8. C. Pidcock and S. Baker hail from Cheriton.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: F. Garner 1, H. Arrand 2, E. Clarke 3, C. Otter 4, E. Cooper (conductor) 5, James McCluskey 6, T. Revill 7, T. Bysoff 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Garner and Mr. J. McCluskey.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes, Brooks' variation): F. Edwards 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, H. L. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis, jun., 4, W. H. Hayward 5, H. C. Bond 6, H. S. Parsons 7, J. Talbot Gardiner (South Cerney) (first quarter-peal of Triples) 8. For evening service, at the Parish Church, 547 Stedman Caters: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, jun., 2, H. L. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, H. S. Parsons 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Hayward 9, W. Wrigley 10.—On Sunday, October 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, A. W. Bond 3, H. C. Bond 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—For evensong, November 24th, in 23 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Pilgrim 1, R. King 2, C. Gouldthorp 3, S. Reed 4, J. W. Ward (conductor) 5, F. Harper 6.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, November 24th, for divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: F. Sanders 1, C. Cottrell 2, Miss O. Sanders 3, G. F. Swann 4, J. Preston 5, W. J. Meers (conductor) 6, W. J. Davies 7, J. W. Pemberton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Preston. Miss O. Sanders hails from Guildford and Canterbury, and this was her first quarter-peal.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, November 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,296 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Ginn (local captain for 15 years) on his 53rd birthday.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, November 24th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Heath 1, E. Coombes 2, A. Rowley 3, P. Heath 4, R. Addis 5, T. Carter 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, J. Bovey 8.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, November 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Hutton 1, T. Ricketts 2, J. Penny 3, S. Hopper 4, J. Woodroff 5, J. Roberts (conductor) 6, N. Alnatt 7, G. Lawrence 8. All are Sunday service ringers, and belong to St. Mark's band.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, October 13th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: F. G. Symonds 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, W. Dickinson 4, H. W. Strickland 5, H. Ellis 6, J. G. Nash (first quarter of Triples as conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.—On Sunday, November 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: H. Ellis 1, Miss P. A. Upsher 2, W. J. Ellis 3, H. A. Barnett 4, E. A. Hull 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, J. G. Nash (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, H. W. Strickland 8.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), 5.30. Business meeting after tea.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next bye-meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Bassetts or S.W. Transport Bus, return fare 1/- from Swansea or Llanelly.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. Cheap tickets issued on District Railway to Central Hounslow, then bus to church.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the North Norfolk Branch will be held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m., for the election of officers and committee. The ring of bells (12) of St. Peter Mancroft will, by kind permission of the Reverend H. McMullen (Vicar), be available after the meeting. A good attendance of members is kindly requested at this first meeting of the branch.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary and Treasurer.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Sat., December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Business: Questions on Central Council. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells from 3 to 7.30. Service at 5. Tea at usual terms 5.30. Meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited. Please advise me for tea.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A., at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at the Parish Hall. All ringers welcome.—A. J. B. H., Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice, All Saints', Wokingham, Saturday, December 7th, 6 till 9 p.m. Committee meeting, Church House, 4.30 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Netherton, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. A good muster is required. Business meeting afterwards. — Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on December 7th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5, business meeting after. Service at 6.30, address by the Vicar. All are heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, December 7th. St. Peter's bells available at 2.45 until 5 p.m., the Cathedral bells after tea. A service will be held at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made. All are welcome.—W. Nash, District Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Nominations for two representatives on committee.—William Horam, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A district meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Evelyn's Tea Rooms, Ashted. Please note that all nominations for district officers for the ensuing year must be handed in at this meeting.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Southern Districts will be held at West Hartlepool, Saturday, December 7th. Meet St. Oswald's 2.30 p.m. Bells available at three churches. Tea in St. Oswald's Mission Room, Dale Street, 5 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Robson and J. T. Titt, Joint Secs.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 7th. Service 4.15. Tea (free to branch members) and business meeting 5, at St. Sidwell's Institute. Bells available: St. Sidwell's (10), St. David's (8), St. Thomas' (8), Heavitree (8), St. Petrock's (6). All ringers welcome.—E. Lomas (Miss), Hon. Sec., Whimble, Devon.

RICKMANSWORTH, ringing at, on Saturday, Dec. 7th, from 3.30. Tea (Red Spider) 5.45. Cheap tickets from stations. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Clapham on December 7th, for the election of officers for the coming year, etc. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea and business meeting at 5. Service at 4.30. It is hoped every member of the district will make an effort to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—A meeting for ringing only will be held at the Parish Church, Bowness-on-Windermere, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, December 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—W. Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Oxtan (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Thomas' Chapel at 6 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on December 10th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (at 8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; St. Magnus' on the 19th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GORING, OXON.—The recast peal of bells (augmented from 6 to 8) will be dedicated on Wednesday evening, Dec. 11th, at 6 o'clock by Bishop Shaw, after Confirmation.—J. Bower.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 5 p.m. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by December 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6. Those intending being present please inform Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, not later than Wednesday, December 11th. A good muster is especially requested. Canon Elsee will be present.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th, when it is hoped members will make an effort to be present. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Bethersden on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. A card for tea by Dec. 11th will oblige. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hill Gardens, Tenterden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society, the Barnsley and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at 1s. 3d. each. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. E. Pammenter, 110, Goosebutt Street, Parkgate, near Rotherham, by December 11th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —A meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. S. Sadler, 16, Greenhow Place, Burley, Leeds, not later than Tuesday morning, December 10th.—F. Hutchinson, District Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Gillingham (8 bells), on Saturday, December 14th. 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 December 6th at the latest. Towers available: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Motcombe (6), Silton (5), and Kington Magna (5).—A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. B. J. Langham, of Maiden Newton. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Greyhound Hotel, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea kindly send names to T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport, not later than Dec. 12th.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Members are requested to make their own arrangements for tea.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The meeting on Dec. 14th, at Wotton Underwood (6 bells). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please reply to the hon. sec., Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgecote Rectory, Aylesbury. Wotton Station, Metropolitan Railway; near the church. Trains few, but convenient.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at the Co-operative Tea Rooms, close to the church.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5. Will all who intend to come let me know not later than Wednesday, December 11th? All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Midland Red buses leave Central Hotel, Rugby, at 3.15, 4.20, 4.45, and may be caught near the L.M.S. station at the junction of Railway Terrace and Wood Street.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

A JOINT MEETING of the Oxford Guild and the Gloucester and Bristol Associations will be held at Shrivenham on Dec. 14th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me or Mr. G. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon, Berks.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Dec. 14th. The Bellfoundry Campanile and Bellfoundry will be open from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Arrangements will be made for tea for those who notify the secretary by Dec. 8th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. J. Bailey, Roach Bridge, Samlesbury, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 11th. A good attendance is requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Minster bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, 5 p.m., to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 11th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Dec. 14th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. All requiring tea please inform me by Dec. 10th. — A. G. Selley, The Square, Silverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea kindly advise me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 21st. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Next meeting, All Saints', Wandsworth, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 to 8.30. Service 5. Tea and meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome. A postcard? Good! Social hour if possible.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos' (Pro-Cathedral), Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Waters Lane Mission Room. Business meeting to follow. Bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' Churches available before and after the meeting.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. P. C. Williams, hon. treasurer, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, has removed to 34, Victoria Park, Fishponds, Bristol.

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LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on November 11th of Mr. F. Merrison, a member of the Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, company. He joined the band at this church when the bells were opened, and gave valuable assistance to the band of learners. He was for many years previously a member of the band at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, and rang between forty and fifty peals for the Yorkshire Association.

On November 19th, at Burton-on-Stather, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half muffled, in memory of the deceased, by: A. Rowbottom 1, A. Thornton 2, A. Tomlinson 3, G. Hobbins 4, J. Coles 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Deny's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,152 changes) in 48 mins.: F. Hammond 1, R. Collins 2, E. Bishop, jun., 3, T. Holder 4, E. Bishop, sen., 5, S. Russell 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hammond 8.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on November 2nd, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 43 mins.: M. Parker 1, J. Gratton 2, A. Bryant 3, H. Parker 4, I. Farmer (conductor) 5, B. Stevens 6.

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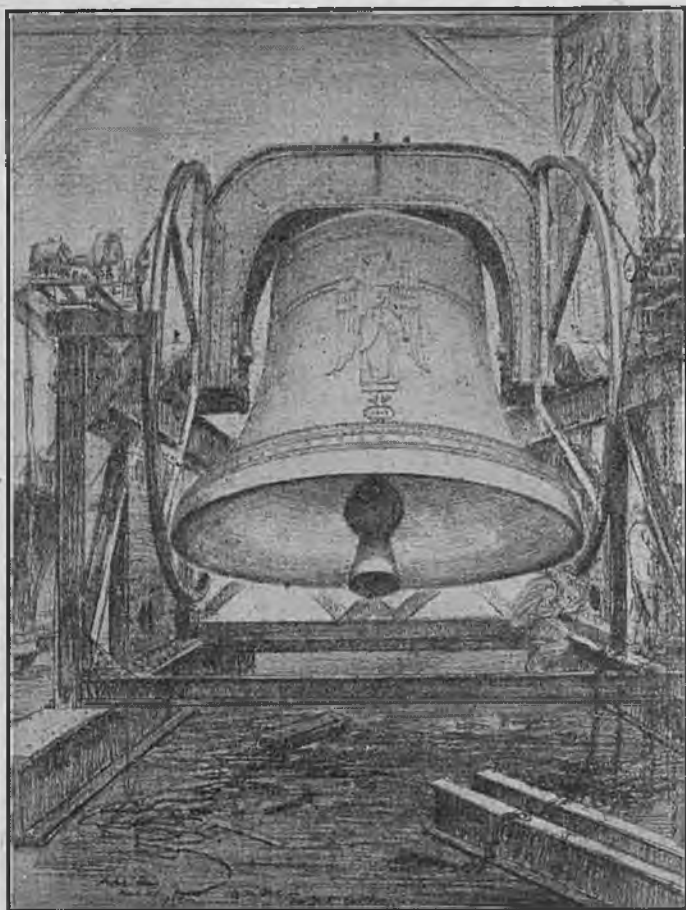
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When a departure is made from a well-defined practice in ringing, complications inevitably arise, often in a direction which the originators of the innovation did not anticipate. During the last three or four years, there have occasionally been rung peals on eight bells, in which Triples and Major have been spliced together and on ten bells in which Caters and Royal have been spliced. Now the question has been asked, Is it permissible to ring a mixture of Doubles and Minor and call it a peal? It is a pertinent question, and one which requires a definite ruling. There will doubtless be divergent views held on this question, but as things stand, it is difficult to see how any differentiation can be made between the practice on eight and ten bells and the application of similar principles on six bells. If Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters can be combined in a peal; and Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, why not Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles? But if this last is to be admitted, it is going to add further complications to the definition of what shall constitute a six bell peal?

The present rules of the Central Council, although they have been amended to provide for the splicing of methods when they are of like nature, for instance, all Major, as in the ten method Surprise peal recently rung, or all Triples, did not contemplate the splicing together of odd and even bell methods, and it is open to question whether such performances are strictly entitled to be recognised under 'the conditions required for peals.' There is certainly no provision for ringing both Minor and Doubles in the same peal. In the case of Triples combined with Major it would seem to depend on whether the definition of a peal on seven bells (with or without a covering bell) applies to such a performance. At present the rule requires, in a peal on seven bells (and when it was framed it was doubtless intended to apply to all peals in which Triples are rung), that 'the number of changes be not less than 5,040 rung . . . without interval, being the extent of the changes in the method or methods chosen. . . . ' The definition of a peal on eight is wider—'that there be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval'—and it is only if this rule can be construed into including Triples, and if Triples, spliced into a peal with Major is excluded from the other definition, that Spliced Triples and Major can be strictly recognised as a peal. The position with regard to Caters and Royal is, perhaps, a little less questionable, for the rule as to Caters states that 'there shall be not less than 5,000 true changes . . . with the addition of a covering bell,' while that relating to Royal is exactly the same as for Major.

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Undoubtedly the whole question requires clarifying. Either the Council must discourage the splicing of odd and even bell methods in peals, or they must amend the rules so that this new development in ringing is 'legalised.' The definition of a peal of Minor is likely to be again in the melting pot; it might, therefore, be a good thing if the whole of the 'conditions' for peals were overhauled. It seems rather obvious that the position cannot remain as it is, otherwise the whole of the rules governing peals might as well be scrapped, and that would be a distinctly retrograde step to take.

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* HERBERT KNIGHT 5	ALBERT E. NORMAN 11
FRED PRICE 6	* ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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JACK BRAY 4	LEONARD RODMELL 9
HARRY RODMELL 5	EDWIN WOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 5
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LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

* CHARLES H. SONE Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 6
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 7
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MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF SS. MARY,
DENYS AND GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 6021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt.

DONALD BROWN... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD	6
BEN THORP... ..	2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	7
HAROLD B. WILSON	3	† F. RALPH WILLIAMS... ..	8
* WILLIAM H. OWENS	4	FRED PAGE	9
RALPH RAVENSCROFT, JUN. ...	5	JOSEPH WILSON ... ..	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. THORP.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bridgford. Mr. Bridgford has been conductor of the Cathedral band and a worker in the Sunday School for many years. F. Page's 100th peal for the association. * First peal. † First peal of Caters away from the tenor. Ringers of treble, 8, 9 and tenor are members of Manchester City Police, B. Thorp is from Ashton-under-Lyne, the remainder belong to the Cathedral band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD J. BEER ... ..	...Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	5
EDWARD W. SPICE	2	EDWARD G. MORRAD	6
EDWARD E. ROCK	3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD... ..	7
EDWARD D. SMITH	4	EDWARD HADLOW ... ..	...Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

This is believed to be the first 'Edward' peal ever rung. Mr. Edward D. Smith was elected a member of the Kent County Association previous to starting for the peal.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 2, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

REUBEN S. GOODCHILD	...Treble	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH	... ..	5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	... 2	THOMAS EMSDEN	... ..	6
JOHN LYDDIARD	... ..	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
HERBERT NEVILLE	... ..	4	JIM HURRELL	... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung with the hearty congratulations and best wishes of the band to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, on attaining his 78th birthday.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM MUSK ... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR W. LEEDER	5
JOHN SOUTER	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ALBERT G. HARRISON... ..	3	WILLIAM STEGGALL	7
CLEMENT J. MORRIS	4	GEORGE ARCHER ... ..	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Messrs. William Musk and George Archer, whose birthdays occurred on that and the following day respectively. The 50-course composition, containing the 6th the extent at course-ends in 5-8 without the second in 6th's or the 6th in 2nd's, is now rung for the first time.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Tuesday, December 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Ellis 1, A. G. Wood 2, P. Massam 3, A. Wormald 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band except ringer of 5th.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

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On Tuesday, December 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM JACKSON	5
HAROLD JACKSON	2	* CHARLES H. OLLIER... ..	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	TOM WILDE... ..	7
FREDERICK PAGE	4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... ..	...Tenor

Composed by EDWARD JENKINS.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First touch of Double Norwich. Rung on the twenty-first anniversary of the dedication of the daughter church of St. Agnes. It was also a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the ringers of the treble and third, and the youngest daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 4, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CUTTERIDGE	<i>Treble</i>	PERCY E. JONES	5
EDGAR G. SWIFT	2	EDGAR HANCOX	6
JAMES H. LUCAS	3	FRANK CORKE	7
JOSEPH J. PRATT	4	CHARLES A. NICHOLLS ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN	...Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY	...	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	... 2	*JOHN R. RODMELL	...	6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS	... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER...	...	7
FREDERICK G. COLE	... 4	OWEN H. GILES...	...Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the eve of St. Nicolas, and the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the eight bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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HARRY MANCE	2	* HENRY J. MARTYN	6
* WALTER H. COE	3	* HAROLD E. WEEKS	7
RALPH MAKILL	4	WILLIAM ESSERY	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Essery.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN FITTON ... ..	...Treble	JAMES E. SHAW	5
MISS ROSE BELL	2	GEORGE STAFF	6
HAROLD HUMAR	3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY	7
WALTER STAFF	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT... ..	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

The 2nd ringer hails from Cross Stone, tenor from Todmorden, the rest from Parish Church, Milnrow. Rung as a birthday peal for the treble ringer, who attained his 75th birthday on the previous day. The band also extend their heartiest congratulations to the mother-in-law of the captain of the Rochdale Parish Church band, who that day attained her 75th year. The peal also commemorated the 21st anniversary of the Rochdale Parish Church Dramatic Society.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. CLODE Treble	GEORGE WILSON 5
†CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	†C. ERNEST SMITH 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	†WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the Guild. C. E. Smith's 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr, 13 lb. in B.

FREDERICK S. PRICE Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 2	HARRY L. SMITH 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 3	EDWARD READER 7
ALBAN DISNEY 4	LEONARD JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
†FRANK LAWRENCE 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
WILLIAM C. JONES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT G. BLACK Treble	†JOHN W. LINES 5
*ARCHIE HENMAN 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
JAMES T. WARD 3	GEORGE LINES 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal of Superlative. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. This peal was arranged to mark the completion of thirty years' service as a regular ringer at this church by Mr. George Lines.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK BROWNING, Branch Committee Treble	
†WILLIAM ATTERBURY, Branch Ringing Master 2	
ARTHUR ROBINSON, Branch Committee 3	
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE, Central Committee 4	
BERTIE O. SODEN, Central Committee 5	
†HARRY ENGLAND, Branch Committee 6	
TOM TEBBUTT, Branch Secretary 7	
THOMAS LAW, Branch Treasurer Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. All the above ringers are officers of the Northampton Branch, and it is the first officers' peal to be rung for the Guild.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE A. BAKER Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	SIDNEY ELTON 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 3	JOHN PERRY 7
KENNETH C. TAYLOR 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment both to the ringer of the treble and to Mr. Herbert Knight.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	JOHN J. PRICE 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
WILLIAM R. NASH 3	FRANCIS EVANS 7
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 4	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EVANS.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM PIPER Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
PERCY GREEN 2	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6
*ERNEST TOWNSEND 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
GEORGE PIPER 4	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal in the method and the first peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of F. Suckling, a member of the local band. G. Green, P. Green and Dr. S. Phillips from Great Baddow, and W. Lincoln from Chelmsford. The rest belong to the local band.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY C. ALFORD Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 2	JESSE ELDRIDGE 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
F. DONALD BOREHAM 4	ERNEST BRETT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. BRETT.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 27, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN POWER Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 4
†JOHN CHARNOCK 2	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE 5
FRED BLACKLIDGE 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKLIDGE.

Rung with bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Joseph Greaves, churchwarden at the above church for 54 years, who was interred here the same day. * First peal, and proposed a member of the association previous to starting for peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1929, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

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.

*GEORGE WHITE Treble	*PERCY BONNETT... .. 4
JOHN POTTER 3	PEARL INSKIP 5
*FRANK TYSON 3	HERBERT HARLOW Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal in seven methods.

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

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure 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 W. SHARPLES.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to John H. Gartside, of Chorley, who was a ringer at Chorley Parish Church for a large number of years.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*JOHN TAYLOR Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
CLIFFORD PAGE 2	STANLEY WALLIS... .. 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 1, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, viz., two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*RAYMOND GRANT Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4
*PERCY L. JOHNSON 2	ARTHUR COOK 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Minor.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.

*ERNEST W. RILEY Treble	CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE 4
† HAROLD DOUGHTY 2	HAROLD FRADGLEY 5
WILSON ALLIN 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. ENGLAND.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harold Fradgley.

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GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Single Court and Double Court. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ARTHUR J. FARR Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL 2	JOHN CURRY 5
GEORGE LADD 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in nine methods by ringers of 3 and 5.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS GLADYS NICHOLSON ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES 4
SYDNEY WHALEY 2	ARTHUR W. WARD 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

Rung to commemorate the sixth anniversary of the dedication of the bells by the Dean of Lincoln.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SILVER END, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At 33, VALENTINE WAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE WIFFEN 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Royal.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1929, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At RYE MILL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on handbells by all except the conductor.

BUSY LOUGHBOROUGH BELL FOUNDRY.

It will no doubt be of interest to many of our readers to note the wonderful capacity which the Loughborough Bell Foundry has for turning out work, their bell hangers being engaged on no less than ten different jobs, all of which are to be completed this month. The following list gives details of these particular restorations, etc.:-

Shirley, Warwickshire, augmenting peal of five to six and hanging, in a new iron frame, with modern fittings.

Bradden, Northants, recasting the ring of five and hanging with modern fittings in the existing framework.

Whimple, Devon, rehanging peal of six with modern fittings in new cast-iron frame.

Claybrooke, Leicestershire, recasting the treble of four and adding four new trebles to complete the ring of eight, and hanging, with modern fittings, in new cast-iron framework.

Yatesbury, Wilts, adding new treble to ring of four and hanging, with modern fittings, in a new iron framework designed for six bells.

Radstock, Somerset, adding new tenor to make ring of six, and hanging with modern fittings in oak bell frame.

Tilsworth, Beds, recasting ring of five into peal of six, and hanging, with modern fittings, in new cast-iron framework.

Thatcham, Berks, adding two trebles to complete the ring of eight, and hanging, with modern fittings, in new cast-iron framework.

Goole, Yorks, rehanging peal of eight, with modern fittings, in existing framework.

Glastonbury, Somerset, rehanging peal of eight.

The dates of the openings of the above will be advertised in our notices columns, and those of the first five will be found in this issue.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT ASHTEAD.

The Leatherhead District held its last district meeting for the year at Ashtead on Saturday, and good progress was made in several directions. The attendance was small, only 16 ringers putting in an appearance from the following towers: Ashtead, Banstead, Epsom (St. Martin's), Haslemere, Dorking, Leatherhead, Woking and Guildford (Cathedral). Actually only 12 district members were present. This is not good enough, and does not repay the efforts of the men who try to make these meetings a success.

Methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Bristol Surprise Major were practised with varying degrees of success. Some useful 'spade work' was accomplished, and all enjoyed their practice on this handy ring of bells, which have probably been more 'worked' by peal 'fiends' than any other tower in the diocese.

The Rector, Rev. E. J. Austin, conducted the service, and in an impromptu talk welcomed the ringers to Ashtead. He mentioned the fact that he had never before been in charge of a church which possessed a peal of bells, and said that he had grown to love them, as also had his parishioners (a remark which will doubtless delight the said 'peal fiends'). He outlined the work of ringers and its value to the Church, and his address was much enjoyed by all.

Tea followed the service, and was partaken of at Evelyn's Tea Room. The tables presented quite a festive appearance, and each one had a Christmas cracker, some of which, appropriately enough, contained bells.

The tea and following business meeting was quite a jolly affair, and the spirit of comradeship, so necessary to a ringing meeting, was much in evidence. Three new honorary members were elected, viz., Miss E. A. Cleeve, of Dorking, Mrs. T. P. Walker, wife of Admiral Walker, as an hon. life member, and the Rev. E. J. Austin. These elections were carried unanimously amidst great applause.

At this point the Rector had to leave, and Admiral T. P. Walker proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to him for all he had done to make the meeting a success, and also to all those who had contributed their services in various ways. In reply, the Rev. E. J. Austin said how greatly honoured he felt in being made a member of an organisation which was doing such good work for the church, and promised to further its interests as and when he could. He said he felt he must apologise for refusing to grant the bells for a peal on one occasion, but he wondered whether the bells would annoy some fresh parishioners of his. He felt the ringers would understand his point of view, but there was now no need for apprehension in that direction.

He left the meeting amidst applause, and the Leatherhead District feels that it has made another friend among the incumbents.

The next item on the agenda was the nomination of district officers for 1930. The Leatherhead District must be fairly satisfied with its present officers, as few changes were reported. Mr. Albert Harman had no rivals for the position of Ringing Master, and neither had Mr. Alan R. Pink as district secretary. The two representatives on the Executive Committee (Mr. Alfred H. Winch and Mr. George Marriner) were again nominated, and one other, Mr. William James, of Cobham, the idea being that the six-bell towers should have a representative.

Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge was again nominated as the representative of the honorary members. This was the extent of the business, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman (Major J. H. B. Hesse). The members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which ended at 9 p.m. by letting the bells down in peal. This latter we feel would have met with the approval of the 'West Country' experts.

A. R. P.

FORMER SALISBURY RINGER'S DEATH.

There passed away at Bassett, Southampton, on November 24th, Mr. H. D. Adams, who, about 40 years ago was an active member of the band at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, in the palmy days of W. W. Gifford, A. W. Barkus, A. P. Goddard, T. Blackburn, W. S. Wise, S. Lawrence, Macey and others, including J. W. Washbrook. He had rung nearly forty peals for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on tower and handbells, but he had been out of ringing for some years.

Mr. Adams was formerly a colleague of the late Mr. Gifford in the Wilts and Dorset Bank at Salisbury. He had retired and settled at Bassett, and about a year ago he became Rector's warden at North Stoneham, in which parish Bassett is situated. He was 66 years of age.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Dore on Saturday, November 30th, when two members of the Lincolnshire District also attended. An excellent tea was prepared by Mrs. Johnson.

The Vicar's warden gave an interesting speech of welcome in the belfry, and Mrs. Scott proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the churchwardens and the gentlemen present. After the ringing had ceased, the meeting was held in the vestry, Mrs. Scott being voted to the chair. The place and date of next meeting were left in the hands of the secretary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JOINT MEETING OF DISTRICTS.

A joint meeting of the Eastern and Southern Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday. There was only a fair attendance of members present, a few of whom arrived at St. Oswald's Church at 2.30, and rang a well-struck 720 of Oxford Minor. More members then turning up, the bells were soon going to Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Caters.

Tea was the next important item, and a good spread awaited the ringers in St. Oswald's Mission Room.

After tea a short meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. T. H. Lilburn (Vicar of St. Oswald's).

Mr. Burnett, vice-president, moved a vote of condolence with the relatives of Canon Knowlden, of St. Aidan's Church (who passed away in November after a long illness), the ringers standing in silence for a few moments.

Mr. Titt moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and Mr. Lilburn, in reply, welcomed the ringers to West Hartlepool, where, he said, they would always be assured of a hearty welcome when they came. The bells of St. Oswald's would also be available for them at any time. The Vicar referred to those people who objected to the bells, and said they should be ignored, as the bells would certainly be missed by a great majority of the people.

Mr. Metcalfe proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the excellent tea, and Miss Stephenson suitably replied.

Gateshead will be the place of meeting to be held some time in January.

After tea the ringers went to All Saints', Stranton, but owing to some misunderstanding the church was locked up. They therefore proceeded to St. Aidan's Church, where touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were rung until nine o'clock.

The ringers all agreed that this was an enjoyable meeting, but the presence of a few more ringers would have been welcomed.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTER'S BADGE.

A silver replica of the badge worn by the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths has been presented to the London Museum by Mr. W. H. Fenton, of Heston House, Heston, Middlesex. This medal was struck in 1837 to celebrate the bicentenary of the society, and that worn by the Master as a badge of office was formerly the property of James Mash.

The one now presented to the London Museum was the property of H. Mills, and recently came into the possession of Mr. Fenton, who has given it to the metropolitan collection at the suggestion of Mr. E. A. Young.

TIMBERSCOMBE RINGER'S DEATH.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins., for morning service at the Parish Church, Timberscombe, Somerset, on Sunday week, in memory of the late Mr. E. J. V. Thorne, who died on the previous Friday week, and who was a member of the tower band. The ringers were: G. Stacey 1, S. Grabham 2, J. Pugsley (conductor) 3, F. Date 4, F. Boyd (first quarter-peal) 5, I. Farmer 6, E. Gould 7, W. Yeandle 8. During the course of his sermon, the Vicar, Prob. the Rev. H. H. Bell, alluded to Mr. Thorne as a good sportsman, and referred in felicitous terms to his devoted service to the church as a ringer and member of the choir.

BELLS IN A COAL MINE.

Three hundred and sixty yards down in the bowels of the earth handbells were rung on Sunday week. Four members of the Midland Counties Association descended a coal mine in the North Midlands, and at the bottom rang a course of Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples. It was a strange experience for the little company, who would like to know if handbells have been rung underground before. The ringers had to undergo the usual search for matches and cigarettes before going down.

TILEHURST RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on November 30th of Mr. E. M. Shepherd, who was a ringer at Tilehurst Church, near Reading, for a considerable number of years. He was 48 years of age. The funeral took place on Thursday week, and in the evening the local company of ringers rang the 'whole pull and stand' and a 504 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a token of the esteem in which the deceased was held by his colleagues. The ringing was done by A. Haines 1, H. Hunt 2, R. Runham 3, R. Chapman 4, J. Barnes 5, C. Watts 6, H. Goodyear (conductor) 7, R. Hames 8.

WEARE, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, November 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Hunt (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Ham 2, C. Weare (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, W. E. Wiseman 4, W. Braddock 5, C. Drunton 6.

'GODFATHERS' FOR EAST DEVON TOWERS.**AN INTERESTING PROPOSAL.**

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild was held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on December 7th. Although a large number were present, many others were prevented from attending by the ravages of the storm. A hearty service was held in St. Sidwell's Church, the Rector officiating and giving an interesting address.

At the business meeting which followed the tea, at St. Sidwell's Institute, the Rev. E. V. Cox, chairman of the branch, presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell (president) and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. Lanyon Owen, the Rev. E. A. Jullian and others.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and the local ringers was carried with acclamation.

The hon. secretary and treasurer's report on the year's progress and finance of the branch was adopted, and showed a slight decrease in the membership.

A resolution was carried that the committee should take steps to evolve a scheme whereby one or two experienced ringers should act as 'godfathers,' so to speak, of each of the various towers, with a view to maintaining the interest of members, improving the standard of the ringing, and furthering the progress made in new methods, etc.

It was decided that the spring meeting should be held at Whimble on March 1st. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have rehung the bells there, and they are to be dedicated to-morrow.

Several new members were elected, and some change ringing certificates presented by the president.

The Rev. E. V. Cox was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Miss E. Lomas hon. secretary and treasurer.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, Heavitree, St. David's, St. Thomas' and St. Petrock's were available for ringing by kind permission of the Dean and the respective incumbents.

BROADCAST RINGING AND CHIMING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a ringer and listener, I wholeheartedly support the suggestion made by 'F.C.T.' that some distinction might be made in the announcement in the B.B.C. programme with regard to scientifically rung changes or mechanically chimed hymn tunes, by inserting the word 'Chimed' or 'Rung' in the announcement in both 'The Radio Times' and the daily Press, for the benefit of those who are not aware of the difference. The two performances (if not the performers) do not bear comparison.—Yours truly,

E. I.

ASSHETON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

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Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFERY GOSSIP.

Cambridge University Guild has received some seven or eight recruits this term who are very keen and have learned to manage a bell. Change ringing instruction is going on on handbells, and in this the veteran president (Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) continues to give valuable help.

Berkshire's new ring of twelve, at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, will be dedicated at 8 p.m. on December 20th. Owing to the lateness of the hour there will be no general ringing, but, as announced in our notice columns, the tower will be open for ringing on the afternoon of Boxing Day.

One of Benjamin Annable's many great performances was conducting a peal of 8,008 Grandsire Cinques at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on December 15th, 1735. He rang the 10th on this occasion, and three men rang the tenor. In February of the previous year Annable called a 7,018 in the same method, and on that occasion assisted two others in the ringing of the tenor.

Twenty-five years ago next Sunday the first peal was rung in South Africa—a peal of Grandsire Triples at Woodstock.

We record this week a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Royal rung at Leeds, in Kent. It is interesting to recall that the first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, on December 17th, 1888.

In reference to last week's letter, headed 'Silent Holt's Original,' another of the band, writing from the Isle of Wight, affirms that so far as he is concerned he feels still capable of taking his part in a repeat performance.

To-day, Mr. Francis E. Dawe celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal, Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Wilton Road, London, called by James Pettit. Mr. F. T. Gover, of Paignton, Devon, is the only other survivor of that band.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Bottesford on November 30th was Clarence F. Briggs, not Bird, as printed.

At the special invitation of the Dean of Worcester, a large party of Birmingham ringers and friends visited Worcester Cathedral on Sunday, and rang for an hour and a half for the evening service. The visitors made up a party of 17, and touches of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus were rung.

THE EXTENSION OF NEW DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Cave's letter, and to make certain that I am not wrong (it was very unlikely in this instance), I have interviewed the officers of St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers, and they corroborate my statement that New Doubles extended to Oaters was rung upon at least two occasions, at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol. This was before May, 1926. At Chester or Ipswich, it is difficult to remember, I asked a Central Council member's opinion about it; hence my statement, namely, about three years ago. The member's opinion was that it was irregular, and that is perhaps why no more was rung at St. James' or St. Stephen's.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

A PEAL BY EIGHT EDWARDS.

At Gravesend, on Saturday week, a band of eight Edwards pulled off a peal of Stedman Triples. Other 'name' bands, led by the Williams of Shipway's day, have rung peals, but this is believed to be the first time that the Edwards have accomplished such a performance. Six of them were residents of Kent, and the other two came from across the Thames. The conductor was Mr. Edward P. Duffield, of Colchester (who rang the 11th in the record peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne), and the others in the band were Messrs. E. Hadlow, E. Beer, E. Spice and E. Morrad (all of Gravesend), E. Allen (Rochester Cathedral), E. Smith (Stratford) and E. Ruck (Ashford).



THE EIGHT EDWARDS.

E. J. Beer. E. D. Smith.
E. P. Duffield. E. A. G. Allen. E. W. Spice.
E. G. Morrad. E. Hadlow. E. E. Ruck.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD

TO-MORROW'S LONG PEAL ATMAINTSWICK.

All being well, an attempt will be made at Painswick, Gloucestershire, to-morrow, for a new record twelve-bell peal. The present longest length is the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August Bank Holiday. To-morrow's attempt is for 16,565 Grandsire Cinquses, and ringing will begin about 8.30 a.m. Good wishes for success will go out to Mr. Albert Wright (the conductor) and his band.

From the earliest days of ringing, Painswick has been famous for long lengths, and several records have been set up there. Among the long peals in this famous tower have been the following:—

- 12,006 Grandsire Caters, in 7 hrs. 55 mins., on April 18th, 1737.
- 12,312 Grandsire Caters, in 7 hrs. 44 mins., on May 5th, 1817.
- 10,224 Treble Bob Maximus, in 6 hrs. 50 mins., on December 9th, 1833.
- 15,001 Grandsire Cinquses, in 8 hrs. 45 mins., on February 14th, 1920.

BELLS REOPENED AT WOOLTON HILL.

A HAMPSHIRE RING REHUNG.

On Sunday, December 1st, the bells at St. Thomas' Church were reopened after being rehung with modern improvements, including ball bearings, by Messrs. Mears and Stambank. The result is that the bells now go perfectly.

To mark this occasion, special mention of the bells and change ringing was made by the Vicar (Rev. E. E. Utterton) in his sermon. He spoke of the various uses of bells and of the great art of ringing. He told his congregation that it was far more difficult to learn change ringing than many people imagined. He also spoke of the position of the bells and ringers, saying, that as the bells were hung in the highest part of the church, one naturally had to look up to the bells and ringers, and he himself looked up to any ringer who mastered this great art.

After the service, he said the bells would be rung in various methods, and he asked the congregation to stay to listen to the ringing, and many did so. Some good ringing was done by the local band and visitors from Highclere and Newbury in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman, and Plain Bob.

Change ringing has flourished somewhat at Woolton Hill during the past few years, and it is hoped to get back to the original standard of Surprise ringing in the near future. The ringing included 720 of Bob Minor by: H. Curtis 1, J. Scott 2, J. Berry 3, F. Knapp 4, L. Robbins 5, R. Rex (conductor) 6, followed by 360 in the same method by J. Robbins 1, A. Challis 2, F. Knapp 3, J. Berry 4, S. Beaven 5, R. Curtis (conductor) 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, in fine weather. The useful peal of eight, with tenor of 20 cwt., were set going at three o'clock, and made good use of. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Edgar Neale), assisted by the curate. The address, given by Rev. E. G. Benson, of Tewkesbury, was listened to very eagerly, the preacher himself being an expert change ringer.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, where all were the guests of the Vicar, who had a band of willing lady helpers.

The business meeting was held in the same room, and the Vicar, on being voted to the chair, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. He was, he said, always willing to do all he could for the ringers at any time.

The chairman was supported by Canon F. W. Sear (Leckhampton), Rev. Smith (curate), Rev. E. G. Benson (Tewkesbury Abbey), and over 40 members, including a number of visitors from Bourton-on-the-Water, Fairford, Minchinhampton, etc.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. J. Pennington, who has gone south on retirement, saying how he regretted having to sever his connection with the branch.

The following officers were elected: Branch chairman, Canon F. W. Sear (Leckhampton); branch representative, G. H. Walters (Prestbury); branch hon. secretary, W. Yeend (Swindon). The two latter were thanked for their past services.

At the invitation of the Rev. W. Downes, Badgworth was selected for the next meeting in March.

The secretary was instructed to send the following message to Mr. Albert Wright: 'That the members of the Cheltenham Branch gathered at Charlton Kings for their annual meeting send their best wishes for the success of the band in their record long peal attempt at Painswick on Saturday next.'

On the proposition of Mr. F. Clements, seconded by Mr. G. Noch, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for all he had done to make the meeting such a success, also Rev. E. G. Benson for his able address, and the lady helpers.—Rev. E. Neale and the Rev. E. G. Benson responded, and this concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, and much useful practice obtained.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, on Saturday, November 30th, 16 towers being represented, together with the local band. The bells, a nice peal of eight, were raised soon after 3 p.m., and some good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round. Rounds and Queens were also rung for the beginners.

The service was taken by the Vicar (Rev. M. E. Thorold), a vice-president of the association, who gave a very interesting address.

Tea followed, and there were over 40 members present at the business meeting.

Mr. J. Gould (chairman) asked the members to stand in silence as a token of respect and sympathy for the late Mrs. W. H. Thomas. Deceased was very popular in the Bristol Branch, and will be greatly missed at these meetings. She was present as recently as the last monthly meeting of the branch at St. Matthew's.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. W. H. Thomas, the president of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, in which he thanked the members for their letters of sympathy and floral tribute.

The next meeting, as is the usual custom, will be held at Brislington.

THE AMERICANS AND HALESWORTH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I expect I know Halesworth and its ringers as well as anyone living at a distance. In case any of your readers should be led to the erroneous conclusion by your last week's paragraph, that our brethren there hobble up to the church with a pair of walking sticks or anything like that, I would like to mention that this is by no means so. It is merely a case of there being not much young blood in the band, but I venture to say the present company can (D.V.) carry on with Grandsire Triples and Bob Major under their enthusiastic conductor for many a year yet.

Halesworth can by no stretch of the imagination be called 'a little village deep in Suffolk.' It is a fair-sized market town, with a station on the direct London-Yarmouth line, and a fine Parish Church with a melodious peal of eight. The drawback to ringing is that the ropes hang something like this: 1 3 2 6 4 3 5 7, which is rather puzzling to beginners. The Halesworth men are of the right sort. A visiting ringer would be sure of a hearty welcome, and, indeed, would be an inspiration. The bells merely want rehanging, and, who knows, perhaps some day a fresh eight will come along there, and then things would go ahead. As for the Americans wanting the bells—I should say, let them keep their money.—Yours truly,

HARRY BARTON.

Ventnor.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.

ANCIENT RULES FOR THE ORDERING OF RINGERS.

In an article in these columns a fortnight ago we briefly outlined the history of the Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers, an old Bristol Society which, while it is not now connected with ringing, had its origin in the ringers of that church more than three hundred years ago. To-day the Guild devotes its energies largely to raising funds for the preservation and restoration of the church.

There has recently been published on behalf of the Antient Society a handsome volume. The author is Mr. H. E. Roslyn, a member of the Guild, who has compiled an exhaustive history of the Guild, so far as it can be traced, based mainly on the minute books which, with one exception, are intact from 1682. An interesting history of the church is also given, as well as a description of the handsome tower.

The church was founded between 1247 and 1291, and was attached to Glastonbury Abbey, this connection lasting until the dissolution of the monasteries, when the patronage passed to the Crown, in whom it is still vested. The church was rebuilt about 1470, the tower being erected at the sole cost of Master John Shipward, who also gave the great east window. Shipward was one of the most important citizens of Bristol of his day. He was a wealthy merchant, and was the second of his family to fill the highest office in the city. His father was Mayor in 1444 and 1453, and he himself served as Mayor in 1463 and again in 1469. He also represented Bristol in Parliament in 1460.

He left directions for a most elaborate funeral, as was the custom of rich men in those days, and also for the observance of the anniversary of his death. He charged his property with the maintenance of two chaplains for twenty-five years, and after that one chaplain in perpetuity to celebrate daily at the high altar of St. Stephen's for the good of his soul and the souls of his parents. A solemn requiem mass was to be celebrated every year on August 3rd, in connection with which there were a number of bequests, including twentypence for tolling the bells.

In the records of the Antient Guild, however, probably the most interesting portion to ringers is 'The Ordinances,' sometimes known as the 'charter.' These ordinances have been transcribed at various dates, but they are directly traceable to 1620, and it is supposed that even those of this date were a transcription of an even earlier copy. The ordinances, which are read every year, as a part of the ritual observed at the annual banquet, begin with the following preamble:—

'It is agreed and determined that everyone that is or shall be of the Company or Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, shall keep all Articles and Decrees that are or shall be specified in this Ordinary concerning the good government and Peaceable Society of the said Company, and that none shall be of the said Society but those that shall be of Honest, Peaceable and Good Conversation, and such that shall be at all time and times ready to defend whatsoever shall be alleged against the said Company as well in regard to any Challenge as of any other Wrong or Injury that shall be offered and done by anyone of what estate or Condition soever he be, so that we may not only stop the mouths of those that would or shall exasperate themselves against us. But also gain credit and Reputation by our Musical Exercise that others of our rich neighbours hearing these loud Cymbals with their ears may by the Sweet Harmony thereof be enlarged in their hearts to pull one string to make it more sweet and for these and other causes We have procured this Ordinary and do confine ourselves to those Articles following.'

'Then follow the twenty-six Articles as under:—

1.—Item. For the choosing of every Master you shall put three honest men into the Election, and he that hath most voices to pass on his side shall be Master of the Company of Ringers for the year ensuing.

2.—Item. For the choosing of Wardens you shall put four honest men into the Election, and those two of the four that have most voices shall be Wardens of the said Company for the year ensuing.

3.—Item. You shall have four Quarter days every year (that is to say), the first, St. Stephen the Martyr; the second, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the third, St. John the Baptist; and the fourth, St. Michael the Archangel.

4.—Item. Upon everyone of the said Quarter Days everyone that is a Freeman of the said Company shall pay to the Master for the time being for his quarterage one penny, and if he doth or shall deny or neglect to pay the same he shall pay for such his offence threepence, one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other two pence to the Company.

5.—Item. Every Master for the time being shall settle up his account on the seventeenth day of November all Quarterages and fines as he shall receive in his year, and if he shall deny or neglect he shall pay for his offence the sum of twenty shillings to the Company of his own proper money.

6.—Item. Every Master shall be chosen on Michaelmas Day between five and eight of the clock in the morning. If the Master shall neglect to send the Wardens to warn the Company so that by that means the day be deferred, he shall pay for his offence the sum of six shillings to the Company.

7.—Item. There shall be none made free of the said Company unless he give the Company a Breakfast or pay the sum of three shillings and fourpence in money.

8.—Item. If the Master for the time being shall send to the Wardens to warn the Company, and if they neglect the same shall pay for their offence fourpence apiece, one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other threepence to the Company.

9.—Item. If the Master for the time being shall neglect or forget to warn the Company once within every fourteen days for to ring a Bissit sett peale he shall pay for his offence one shilling to be divided amongst the Company.

10.—Item. If the Master for the time being shall send to the Sexton concerning a peale that shall be rung either at night or in the morning or at any other time that the Master shall please to ring, if he shall deny or neglect to come at the every hour that the Master doth appoint him he shall pay for his offence twopence to be divided amongst the Company.

11.—Item. Everyone that is made free of the said Company shall pay to the Sexton fourpence for his fee.

12.—Item. If anyone of the said Company after the time that he shall come into the Church to ring shall curse or swear or make any noise or disturbance either in scoffing or unseemly jesting that the party so offending shall pay for his offence threepence to be divided as aforesaid.

13.—Item. If any of the said Company after the time that he shall come into the Church to ring shall be so saucy as to take a rope to ring before the Master for the time being and the eldest of the said Company who have been Masters shall be settled where they please to ring, the party so offending shall pay for such his offence twopence, one penny thereof to the Sexton and the other penny to the Company.

14.—Item. If any of the said Company shall miss to strike his bell at the second sway in the rising of a peale he shall for his offence pay one penny to the Company.

15.—Item. If any of the said Company shall speak or make any manner of noise when the Bells do ring so that the ringers or any of them by that means may make a fault, the party so offending shall pay for his offence threepence, to be divided amongst the Company.

16.—Item. If any of the said Company shall take a rope out of a fellow's hand when the bells do ring well and do make a fault to fly off or come too near, he shall pay for his offence one penny to the Company.

17.—Item. If any of the said Company do or shall after they have come together quarrell or misuse any of the said Company before they do depart, the party so offending shall pay for the offence sixpence to the use of the said Company.

18.—Item. It is agreed that everyone that shall be chosen Master of the said Company shall spend of his own proper money the sum of two shillings towards a breakfast, and the rest of the Company to pay the rest of the reckoning.

19.—Item. It is agreed that the persons who shall be chosen Wardens shall give unto the Master for the time being a pint of Wine apiece.

20.—Item. If any of the said Company shall be chosen Master and he shall refuse the same contrary to our Ordinary, he shall pay unto the Company three shillings and fourpence.

21.—Item. If any one of the said Company shall be chosen a Warden and shall refuse the same, he shall pay unto the said Company one shilling and sixpence.

22.—Item. If any of the said Company shall be so rude as to run into the Belfrey before he do kneel down and pray as every Christian ought to do, he shall pay for the first offence sixpence and for the second he shall be cast out of the Company.

23.—Item. If any one of the said Company shall deny to pay any fine or fines that shall be imposed on him by the Master and shall perempterly stand and contend in the same, he shall for his offence pay the sum of two shillings or else to be utterly excluded for ever without Bail or Mainprize.

24.—Item. It is agreed that yearly there shall be a peale rung upon the eighth day of October in remembrance of Mr. William Eyton deceased, who gave a legacy of Four Pounds unto the said Company, and if any shall refuse to assist to ring the same peal warning being given by the Master, he shall pay fourpence, and if the Master and Wardens for the time being shall fail to give warning they shall for their neglect pay one shilling apiece to the said company (who deceased in the year 1656).

Items 25 and 26, couched in the same terms, relate to the knells of George Witherly and William Nicholls.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged £3 6s., ringers of Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, 10s., Mr. J. Bentley, Hoylake 5s. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson, who is totally incapacitated, and has a daughter entirely dependent upon him, will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindie, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn, Lancs.

BELLRINGERS AND CLERGY.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to the Vicar of Measham's letter in your issue of November 29th. It may interest your readers to know that Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, is an illustration and a confirmation of the point with which he deals in his admirable letter.

Some time ago the conductor of our bellringers approached me with a view to the clergy visiting the belfry on Sundays.

I gladly welcomed the suggestion, and now before every service (at which the bells are rung), either I or one of my clerical staff climb up to the ringing chamber and hold a short service there.

We say the Lord's Prayer together, and pray for the blessing of God upon the work of our bellringers, emphasising the value of the service rendered by them to the glory of God.

This custom (which I trust will never be discontinued) is already bearing fruit, and is bringing home to the hearts of the ringers that they are regarded as an important group of churchworkers.—Yours faithfully,

F. P. WATKIN-DAVIS,
Rector of Llandudno.

The Rectory, Llandudno, North Wales.

A TASK FOR RINGERS TO DO.

Dear Sir,—The letter headed 'Clergy and Ringers' in your issue of November 29th, and your leading article under the same title in last week's issue brings out what is, indeed, a main object of practically all our ringing societies.

Will either help in bringing about this much desired ideal? Directly, I hardly think so. It is a case of preaching to the converted. The ringers who read these two items will concur that it is to be desired. The incumbents who read 'The Ringing World' are, in the majority, ringers themselves, and, of course, having the interest of ringers at heart, will also concur.

This is not enough. How many ringers who, as I have already stated, agree to this ideal, will approach their own incumbent and bring these two items to his notice? How many incumbents will approach their clerical brethren, or their Archdeacons, or even their Bishops, and do likewise?

In this way only—again a case of spade work for the enthusiast—can the appeal be spread on to new ground, and if we, as ringers, consider this idea to be an ideal, it is up to us to arouse the interest of those whom we desire to be interested.—Yours faithfully,
'LAYMAN.'

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

A meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Gorsceinon on Saturday last, when about 30 members attended from Aberavon, Cadoxton, Morriston, Swansea, Llanelly, and the local band. The bells (eight) were kept going until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. J. Thomas), and the curate (Rev. D. T. Price) presided at the organ. A meat tea was then partaken of in the schoolroom, most generously provided by the Vicar, and with a willing hand of ladies to look after the wants of everyone, this was very much enjoyed by all present. Unfortunately the Vicar had to leave when tea was over, but before departing he gave the Guild a hearty welcome to the parish, wished it continued success in the future, and he hoped all had enjoyed themselves.

The business meeting followed, when the Master (Mr. A. J. Pitman) was voted to the chair. The election of officers for 1930 took place. Mr. E. Stitch was re-elected secretary, and Mr. G. W. Hollis was re-elected auditor. Baglan was chosen as the place of next meeting.

Two new members were elected. It was decided to have a practice at St. Mary's, Swansea, on January 11th, at 5 p.m., for Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. J. Thomas for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for the tea, to the Rev. D. T. Price for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies for their kindness in waiting at the tea tables.

The tower was again visited, when Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and the bells lowered in peal about 8 p.m., bringing to a close a most successful meeting.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO CHISLEHURST RINGER.

Mr. Thomas Emsden, of Chislehurst, has met with a severe motor accident. He was returning from Bromley on Wednesday evening of last week on a motor-cycle, when he was run into by another machine. No one saw the accident, but both riders were found unconscious in the road. Mr. Emsden had a fractured skull and a broken leg, while his right hand was badly lacerated. Both were removed to hospital, and it was two days before Mr. Emsden regained consciousness. His condition on Monday was still serious, after a restless night. Two days before the accident Mr. Emsden took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Chislehurst, rung in honour of the 78th birthday of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE!

Owing to the necessity for going to press much earlier in Christmas week than usual, notices of meetings for our issue of December 27th must reach us at latest by first post Monday, December 23rd.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION AND POLICY.**DISCUSSION AT A LANCASHIRE MEETING.**

A well-attended meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Churchkirk on Saturday, December 6th. Members were present from Blackburn (Cathedral and St. Michael's), Burnley, Accrington, Helmshore, Rishton, Oswaldtwistle, and a full muster of the local company. Ringing during the day consisted of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Major.

During the meeting a short paper was read by one of the members on 'The Constitution and Policy of the Central Council' and the suggested alteration to its rules, as contributed to 'The Ringing World' of October 18th. The members were unanimously of the opinion that the time had come when the Central Council should be the real head of the Exercise in practice as well as in name, and that the societies comprising the Council should loyally accept its rulings and decisions.

A long discussion took place on the relative merits of the triennial and annual election of representatives, and in the end the majority favoured the existing system of triennial elections, it being urged that it takes some time for a person newly elected to the Council to settle down to the ways and means of his new surroundings, and therefore before he becomes a really useful member he may be displaced.

It was agreed by all that the societies ought to pay their full quota of subscriptions on all representatives they are entitled to send.

It was also thought that a notice of motion coming from a society through its secretary or other official would carry more weight and receive greater consideration from the other bodies.

Mr. W. H. Hunter, of Burnley, occupied the chair, and a very successful meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their usual kindly welcome and their good example to other towers in attending en bloc at their own local meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**BEDFORD DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES.**

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Clapham, on Saturday, December 7th (owing to the bells of St. Peter's, Bedford, not being available). In spite of the stormy day, about 28 members were present, and ringing on this light peal of six (tenor 5½ cwt.) commenced about 2.45 p.m. At 4.30 a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. J. K. Cowburn (Vicar), who gave an interesting address, in the course of which he spoke of the early uses of bells, and also set forth his idea of the ideal ringer—one whose heart and soul was behind every blow of the clapper, one who was regular and punctual for Sunday ringing. We generally fall short of the ideal, he said, but if we got nearer to it the message the bells rang out on Sunday would have greater effect on those they summoned.

An excellent tea, prepared by the wives of the local ringers, was served in the schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held. The Rev. J. K. Cowburn took the chair. The secretary read a brief review of the year's activities. Twelve meetings had been held at the following towers: St. Peter's, Bedford, Sharnbrook, Houghton Conquest, Milton Ernest, Willington, Bromham, Elstow, Kempston, Wilden, Turvey, Biddenham and Clapham, and all were well attended. During the year 14 new members had been elected, chiefly through the energies of the late secretary, Mr. J. T. Newington, who, unfortunately, had to resign that office owing to business taking him to Peterborough. Four non-resident members had been elected. There was a total of 83 ringing members in the district. Ten peals had been rung, two members ringing their first peal, and one conducting his first peal.

The secretary also presented the balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £3 18s 8½d., which was considered satisfactory and accepted.

The following officers were elected: District secretary, Mr. P. C. Bonnett; district committee, Mr. H. Stapleton, Mr. P. Inskip, Mr. E. Freeman, Mr. G. Wright and Mr. L. Williams.

It was decided that one member of this committee should take charge of the ringing at the meetings in turn.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to Mrs. J. Barker for presiding at the organ, and to the local ringers and their wives concluded the meeting.

Ringing was carried on in methods ranging from Bob Doubles to Cambridge Surprise until 8 p.m.

Members present represented the following towers: Bedford, Bromham, Clapham, Harrold, Kempston, Wilden, Keysoe, Thurleigh and Stagsden.

The next meeting is arranged for St. Peter's Church, Thurleigh, on January 14th.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, 1,155 Stedman Caters in 48 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, J. Armstrong (conductor) 2, G. Slater 3, D. Ovington 4, W. Pickworth 5, J. Miller 6, S. Wade 7, H. Miller 8, N. Tomlinson 9, A. G. Crane 10. This was the first visit to this church of the Right Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, Bishop of Willesden. Longest length on an inside bell in Stedman Caters by ringers of 3rd and 4th.

BROMLEY.—On Sunday, December 8th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Flint 1, O. Gilbey 2, W. H. Hewett 3, G. B. Cole 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. Emery 6, P. Spice 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, December 8th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Petty 1, A. Reeve 2, F. Corney 3, C. Petty 4, J. Petty 5, C. Moss (conductor) 6. First 720 by A. Petty, aged 14 years, and rung at first attempt.

LONDON.—At St. Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square, on Sunday evening, December 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. B. Peck 1, E. J. Walsom 2, G. N. Price 3, A. A. Hughes 4, P. E. Clark 5, J. Rumley 6, A. E. Macdonald (conductor) 7, A. H. Gamble 8. Arranged as a birthday compliment to E. J. Walsom.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—On Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, at St. Ann's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (15 bobs) in 26 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, J. G. Nash (first 720 Kent Minor as conductor) 2, F. G. Symonds 3, F. Fensom 4, F. E. Ringrose 5, M. Fensom 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 8th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Edwards 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. (first quarter-peal of Grandsire inside and first attempt) 3, H. L. Cook 4, H. Lewis 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, H. T. J. Roberts 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, for Confirmation service, on Sunday, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. D. Ward (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Reeve 2, W. Little, sen., 3, E. D. Lillywhite 4, H. A. Edwards (conductor) 5, H. F. Hull 6, J. H. Crampion 7, C. Whellams (first quarter-peal) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, December 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, 1,120 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Beagley 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6. All are members of the local band.

SOUTH NORMANTON.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, December 1st, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins.: E. W. Riley 1, H. Doughty 2, M. Slater 3, J. W. England (conductor) 4, A. B. Judge 5, Harold Fradgley 6. First 720 of Kent by all except the conductor. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the same ringers in 26 mins.

EDGBASTON.—At the Old Church, on December 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes), first quarter of Double Norwich on the bells: F. B. Yates 1, W. Cartwright 2, H. Williams 3, A. Chambers 4, J. Eaton 5, H. Stanley 6, C. Webb 7, H. Withers (conductor) 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Advent Sunday, for morning service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: W. H. Gutteridge 1, A. G. Twinn 2, G. H. Gutteridge 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, J. J. Pratt 5, F. Corke 6, J. H. Lucas 7, C. Nicholls (first inside in the method) 8, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 9, W. Honer 10.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: D. Pink 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, G. Slater 3, D. Ovington 4, J. Armstrong (conductor) 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, W. Pickworth 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th bells.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service and to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. William Herbert Jones, B.A., who was inducted on Thursday, November 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, W. Williams 2, C. Mathers 3, W. J. Nulton 4, C. Jones 5, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 6, E. Stitch 7, J. Weathersby 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Thursday, December 1st, at St. Mary's Church, the following 720's were rung: Before 11 a.m. matins, 720 York Surprise, 720 London Surprise; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Southwell Surprise, 720 Beverley Surprise. The ringers were F. Wright, L. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, G. Camp, E. Stitch and A. Bradley (conductor).

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: H. Nagington (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Walker 2, S. Hughes 3, W. J. Chesters (first quarter in the method) 4, J. Clark 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, E. V. Rodenhurst 8. W. J. Chesters is late of Lois Weedon, Northants.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, December 1st, at St. Andrew's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green (conductor) 4, C. J. Choct 5, C. W. Pipe 6, E. Brett 7, C. Vtler 8.

FOLKINGHAM, LINGS.—On Advent Sunday, December 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for the Church Army Mission service evensong, 720 Plain Bob Minor: N. Sharpe 1, P. Humphrey 2, L. Pell 3, J. H. Musson 4, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, November 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. Reynolds 1, W. Sharp 2, L. Clay 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, A. Morgan 5, P. Wainwright 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of great respect, for the late Vicar (Rev. T. Robinson).

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's, for evening service, on Sunday, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Jones 1, R. Baird 2, R. Dobbins 3, J. Williams 4, W. Dobbins 5, J. T. Williams (conductor) 6, W. T. Dobbins 7, T. J. Hanson 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Nov. 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 48 mins., with bells half-muffled, for memorial service to the late Mr. M. W. Loam, who was Vicar's warden and headmaster of All Saints' School: A. Millson 1, W. Westman 2, J. Benyon 3, H. Cousins 4, A. Newell (conductor) 5, J. Benyon, jun., 6.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday evening, November 24th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 48 mins.: A. Pashley 1, Miss Doris Turner 2, A. Bassford 3, Miss Eva Hopkins 4, Miss Noel Cawthorne 5, F. Cardwell 6th, H. Taylor 7, F. Watkinson (conductor) 8.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, November 24th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service in 49 mins.: A. Reynolds 1, A. Dunn 2, J. W. Smith 3, A. E. Whatmore 4, H. Amphlett 5, A. Greenfield (conductor) 6, C. Wm. Cooper 7, H. Lawton 8.

KENSINGTON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, on Sunday, November 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. R. Mackrill 1, J. A. Dart 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, W. W. Thorne 4, A. Waddington 5, A. Cutmore 6, W. E. Judd 7, C. Warner 8.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday, November 24th, at the Church of St. Mary, Islington, for evensong, 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. Belcher 1, G. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, W. H. Hewett 3, W. Williams 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, A. Diserens 6, J. E. Davis 7, J. Bullock 8. Longest length of London by ringers of 4th and 6th.

UXBRIDGE.—On Sunday, November 24th, at the Church of St. Margaret, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 44 mins.: J. H. Lucas 1, A. G. Twinn 2, R. Warnett 3, F. Baldwin 4, F. Corke (conductor) 5, W. Home 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service on Sunday, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. C. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, C. Hunt 3, F. Rivers 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, G. Block 8.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 24th, for morning service, 1,248 Bob Major in 45 mins.: Dr. W. P. Roe 1, H. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, November 24th, at St. Andrew's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: C. J. Choct 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, E. G. Garrard 3, R. W. Green 4, George Cole 5, A. C. Darnell 6, Ernest Brett 7, Cecil W. Pipe (conductor) 8. Composed by C. W. Roberts.

DORCHESTER.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 24th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: S. House (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Hayward 2, G. T. White 3, F. C. Benger (conductor) 4, W. J. Simons 5, J. Squire 6, W. J. Benger 7, J. W. Smith 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Dr. G. C. Niven, who has been Rector of the above church since November, 1919, and who is now leaving for Torquay. All the band are local Sunday service ringers.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, November 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. Vincent (first quarter-peal) 1, K. Pattenden (conductor) 2, G. Farr 3, F. Bryant 4, G. Hodson 5, T. Lay 6, E. Curd 7, A. Britt 8 (7-6-8 covering).

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,297 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, T. Lewis 2, W. Ireland 3, F. Cole 4, D. Morris 5, A. Wright (conductor) 6, W. Ranford 7, W. C. Jones 8, G. Checketts 9, W. Page 10, C. Tansell 11, W. Lewis 12.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: R. Multon (first quarter in the method) 1, W. Beard 2, G. E. Cottis 3, F. C. Newman 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, T. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8.

LIGHTON BUZZARD.—For evensong at All Saints' Church, on Sunday, October 6th, the dedication festival, 1,315 of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.: L. Leo 1, R. Butcher 2, H. B. Whitney 3, W. Botsford 4, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 5, F. Plummer 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. Shepherd 8. First quarter-peal by treble ringer and first inside by ringer of the 3rd.

NOTICES.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Bristol, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 5 p.m.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6. A good muster is especially requested. Canon Elsee will be present.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th, when it is hoped members will make an effort to be present. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Bethersden on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hill Gardens, Tenterden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society, the Barnsley and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at 1s. 3d. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, Leeds, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—Tea will be provided at 1s. per head.—F. Hutchinson, District Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Gillingham (8 bells), on Saturday, December 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Motcombe (6), Silton (5), and Kington Magna (5).—A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. B. J. Langham, of Maiden Newton. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Greyhound Hotel, followed by meeting.—T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—The meeting on Dec. 14th, at Wotton Underwood (6 bells). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please reply to the hon. sec., Rev. J. F. Amies, Edgecote Rectory, Aylesbury. Wotton Station, Metropolitan Railway; near the church. Trains few, but convenient.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Members are requested to make their own arrangements for tea.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at the Co-operative Tea Rooms, close to the church.—F. W. Bailey, Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesley on Saturday, December 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Midland Red buses leave Central Hotel, Rugby, at 3.15, 4.20, 4.45, and may be caught near the L.M.S. station at the junction of Railway Terrace and Wood Street.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, December 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

A JOINT MEETING of the Oxford Guild and the Gloucester and Bristol Associations will be held at Shrivenham on Dec. 14th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify me or Mr. G. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon, Berks.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Corse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Minster bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, 5 p.m.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Dec. 14th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. A. G. Selley, The Square, Silverton.

BRADDEN, Northants.—The 5 bells, recast by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be rededicated on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 2.30 p.m.

SHIRLEY, Warwks.—The peal of 6, augmented and rehung with new fittings in new cast iron framework, by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Dec. 14th. The Bellfoundry Campanile and Bellfoundry will be open from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. — D. S. Collins, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea kindly advise me. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; St. Magnus' on the 19th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YATESBURY, Wilts.—Dedication of new treble on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at 7 p.m. Peal of 5 hung with modern fittings in new iron framework by Taylors, of Loughborough.

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, READING.—The ring of 12 bells will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 8 p.m. The bells will be rung on this occasion by a selected band, and owing to the lateness of the hour there will be no other ringing that evening. The tower will be open for ringing on Thursday, Dec. 26th, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., when visitors will be welcomed. Will those interested please accept this, the only, intimation?—R. T. Hibbert, Foreman of Tower.

CLAYBROOKE, Leics.—Ring of 4, augmented to peal of 8 and hung with modern fittings in new cast iron frame by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday, Dec. 21st.

WHIMPLE, Devon.—The rededication of the peal of 6, rehung with modern fittings in new iron frame by Taylors, of Loughborough, is to take place on Saturday, Dec. 21st.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea at 4. Meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please inform me on or before Wednesday, Dec. 18th.—R. D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 21st. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells available: Stoke Poges (6) 3.30 p.m. Slough (8) 7 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District. — Next meeting, All Saints', Wandsworth, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 to 8.30. Service 5. Tea and meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome. A postcard? Good! Social hour if possible.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at Brislington. Ringing from 3 p.m. until 4.15 p.m. Tea in Scouts' Hall, nr. tram terminus, 4.30, followed by short business meeting. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing. Numbers for tea, please, by the previous Monday. All ringers welcome.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m., in the Schools, for those who notify Mr. G. Newton, 6, Carr's Row, Earl Shilton, near Leicester, of their intention to be present by Thursday, the 19th. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham bells (8) will be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 11 a.m. Open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s., at 4.30. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 18th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos' (Pro-Cathedral), Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Waters Lane Mission Room. Business meeting to follow. Bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' Churches available before and after the meeting.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Ninth Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d., now available from Messrs. Walker (Birmingham), Tanner (Weston), Hawkins (London), Grant (Bath), Austin (Gloucester), all Bristol tower officials, or direct from the hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St Michael's, Bristol.

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Monday evening, December 9th, at St. Michael's Parish Church, for Confirmation service by the Bishop of St. Albans, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. A. Wacey 2, R. Hayden 3, W. T. Prior 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, H. M. White 7, W. Wilkinson 8. This was the first attempt for a quarter-peal by Miss Wacey, who is the first local lady ringer to ring a quarter-peal on the bells.

MORTON, Lincs.—On Saturday, December 7th, at the Parish Church, 720 Double Court as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 4th: G. Booth 1, E. Barron 2, A. Scott 3, H. Gibbard 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Machin (conductor) 6.

PRESTBURY.—On Monday evening, December 2nd, on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar (Rev. A. Elstob) by the Bishop of Chester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: J. Bowers 1, W. Gayes 2, F. L. Ronan 3, W. Stevenson 4, J. Tipper 5, J. Worth (conductor) 6, W. Mayers 7, A. E. Hough 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers, who, with the 7th ringer, are local men. The rest are from Christ Church, Macclesfield.

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To the Editor.

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E. GUISE,
Hon. Secretary.

PEAL CORRECTION, No. 2.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Widford, Essex, on Saturday, November 23rd, was not the first in the method 'inside' by Mr. Kemp. He rang the 7th in a peal in the same method in the same tower on Saturday, November 11th, 1922, conducted by yours truly,

H. W. KIRTON.

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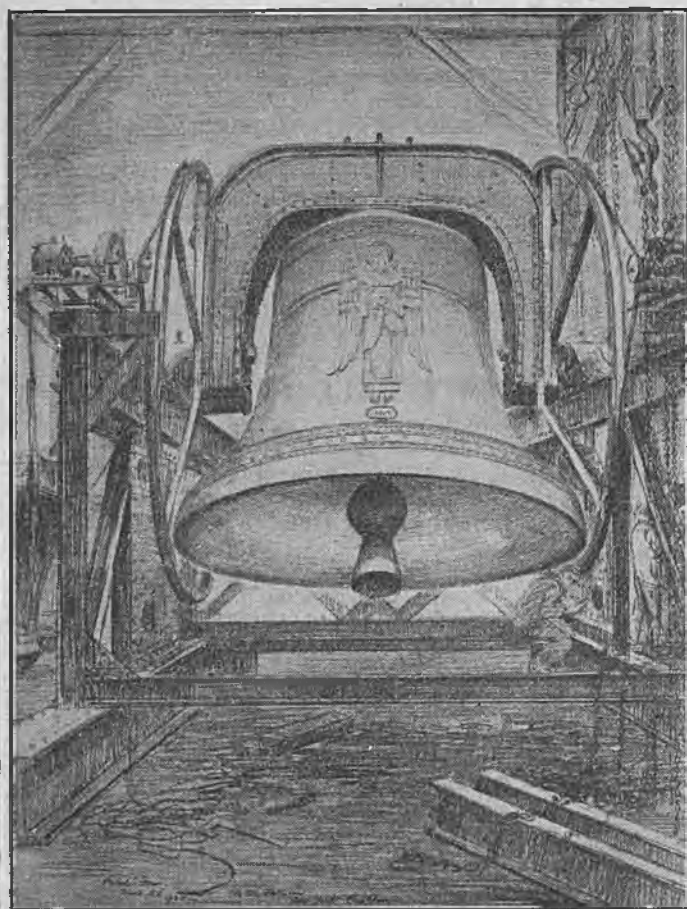
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We are prompted to return to this subject again by the appearance in the Lancashire Association's annual report of a composition of Double Norwich in five parts, with bobs at 1 and 6 only, except for one solitary bob at 4 in the first course of each part. We thought it was a pretty well recognised fact that anything new on this plan was out of the question. The peal under notice has probably been composed at least a hundred times, in different methods, and we have consigned it to the wastepaper basket at least a score of times. Probably Henry Hubbard, who composed an exactly similar peal of Double Norwich to this 70 years ago, has the best title to it, and none of the variations that have appeared since have been any improvement upon it. Even so, it is more than likely that this simple nine course plan was rung to Bob Major long before Hubbard's time; indeed, we should not be surprised to learn that old Ben Annable himself had discovered it.

It may be disappointing to a composer, after a genuinely independent effort, to find that he is not the first, but the last of many in the field, but that does not alter the fact that a composition, appearing in a widely circulated medium such as the Lancashire Association's report, is likely to be rung and the record passed on to posterity as according credit to someone not actually entitled to it. The difficulty, as we have so often pointed out, is that the new composer has no means ready to hand by which he can ascertain if his work is really original or not. The Central Council has in its possession a large nucleus for a register of compositions such as we suggest; but, while the register is already badly needed, and as time progresses, will become more and more necessary, it will not be easy to find those who would be able to undertake the task. In our view, however, it is a matter of sufficient importance to demand attention, and, if necessary, the Council should pay for the work to be done.

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THOMAS BALDWIN 2	WILLIAM STAITER 8
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AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	WILLIAM WILLSON 6
SAMUEL COTTON 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
PERCY H. HARRISON 3	J. RICHARD GRANT 8
CYRIL HOWITT 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
E. HARRY STONELEY 5	JOHN T. GRANT Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal in the method.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

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On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

HAROLD JACKSON ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 7
TOM WILDE 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY 8
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR 9
WILLIAM HORAN 5	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Monday, December 9, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
WALTER P. CROSS 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
FREDERICK TINDALL 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Arranged in honour of the 38th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. T. Smith and the 13th of the wedding of the conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1929, in Three Hours and one Minute

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

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*ROBERT SWIFT ... Treble	*REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
*GEORGE OLLIVER 2	*CECIL NICE 6
*NELSON ELLIOTT 3	†ALFRED J. BULL 7
*KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside' in the method.

BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

MRS. J. COTTERILL Treble	THOMAS B. KENDAL 5
GEORGE TITTERINGTON 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JAMES COTTERILL 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4	*FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Bob Major. Arranged and rung, after meeting short for Royal, to celebrate 51 years' ringing association between Messrs. G. Titterington and J. Broadley.

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

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON Treble	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 5
*ROBERT ANDERSON 2	ADAM DEAS 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	*HENRY B. TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER

* First peal in the method.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	*HAROLD J. LOCKLEY 5
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 2	ARTHUR BENNETT 6
KENNETH C. TAYLOR 3	BENJAMIN DALTON 7
JACK W. TAYLOR 4	THOMAS W. BATE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Lockley, also on the anniversary of A. Bennett's wedding. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BANKS' No. 1.

ROBERT LEES Treble	GILES E. SHAW 5
JOHN SINESTER 2	CHARLES WOOD 6
ALBERT HODGSON 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
SAMUEL FIELDING 4	ALFRED ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
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Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN MARSDEN Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
THOMAS CHAMBERS 2	WILLIAM MILLER 6
*NORMAN KENYON 3	JOHN SANDERSON 7
JOHN HADFIELD 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS CHAMBERS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

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HARRY RODMELL 2	JOHN W. HOBSON 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3	ARTHUR E. WEST 7
ALBERT E. SELLERS 4	LEONARD RODMELL Tenor

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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. COLEY Treble	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JDN. 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
*WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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Tenor 18 cwt.

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FRED BIGGS 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*PERCY NEWTON 4	FRANK WEST Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal and first attempt. This was the conductor's 200th peal.

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BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JONATHAN HONEY 4	†CHARLES R. BETTERIDGE Tenor

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Tenor 13 cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
PERCY PARLOW 4	* WILLIAM CROSS Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
HARRY OVERTON 3	WILLIAM EDGE 7
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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... Treble	HAROLD JENNEY 5
* CYRIL F. HOWITT 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
PERCY HARRISON 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged for Mr. Richard F. Deal, of London.

SOUTHPORT.

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On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES MARCH Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
ARTHUR HAGUE 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Hesketh, for many years churchwarden at the above church, who was interred the same day.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	ARTHUR BRAINS 6
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Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	HAROLD KENT 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	* JOHN A. BRARLEY 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
THOMAS BETTISON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal of Surprise.

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At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F sharp.

* JAMES BOWERS Treble	† JACK TIPPER 5
ARTHUR CHALLINOR 2	JOHN WORTH 6
FRANK L. RONAN 3	WILLIAM GAYES 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4	† JACK WAUMSLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Treble ringer was elected a member before starting.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At Brookfield Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* ARNOLD FEARNHEAD ... Treble	CHARLES OLLIER 5
* EDWARD MAWBY 2	* ERNEST SEDDON 6
JAMES CARTER 3	BENJAMIN THORP 7
ALBERT G. GORRINGE ... 4	JOHN FEARNHEAD Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. J. Carter was elected a member of the association prior to starting for the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Mawby.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	FRANK CORKE 6
ROBERT A. FARDON 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harding on the occasion of their silver wedding, and the band wish to thank them for their kind hospitality after the peal. This is believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

CALNE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 26 cwt. (approx.).

SIDNEY HILLIER Treble	LOUIS A. WILSON 5
ERNEST TRUMAN 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
SIDNEY WILTSHIRE 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
ERNEST BISHOP 4	FRED LAMBETH Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Burry, captain of the local ringers. First peal of Major on the bells. The composition contains all the 746's, 756's, Tittum's, Queen's, and Whittington's changes, and the 6th its extent home. Mr. and Mrs. Burry kindly entertained the band and local ringers to tea after the peal.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... 5
GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 2	LESLIE W. BACON ... 6
*ALFRED H. WHITE ... 3	JOHN L. BLEBY ... 7
WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 4	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member previous to starting the peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK Treble	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... 5
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 2	LAWRENCE POULSON ... 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 7
*WILFRED JARVIS ... 4	THEODORE E. SLATER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal on tower bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of York. This peal contains the 6th its extent home throughout, Queen's, Whittington's, and most of the 4-6-8 and 5-6-8 music.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	EDWARD H. SPICE ... 5
*RICHARD A. CONSTANT ... 2	*HENRY HOVERD... 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

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

* First peal 'inside' in the method. Birthday peal for H.R.H. the Duke of York, also for Gordon Alec, the son of the ringer of the tenor and Mrs. Mitchell.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

SAMUEL WARNE ... Treble	WILLIAM KERBLE ... 5
BASIL REDGWELL ... 2	GEORGE GREEN ... 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 7
ALBERT WIFFEN ... 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. FIRSTOW. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. T. Batram, the 'G.O.M.' of Braintree, who was presented the previous evening with a testimonial in recognition of 50 years' continuous public services.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	LEONARD E. TOWERS ... 6
REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. ... 3	C. HENRY WEBB ... 7
CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Specially arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Alfred Ballard. The ringer of 7th has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. The 25th peal together this year by ringers of 1-2-5.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on Monday, December 9th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Robinson 1, Wm. Bavin (first inside) 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. C. Ginn 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, F. G. Gleaves 6. In a 720 of Kent, G. Whybrow and D. Adams scored their first of Treble Bob.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SHREWTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 17, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 4
WILLIAM LOUD ... 2	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 5
*FREDERICK PRECEY ... 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the 3rd.

THORNHAM MAGNA.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble	ERIC BENNETT ... 4
RAYMOND GRANT ... 2	DAVID WHITING ... 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

KIRKBY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,600 changes of Grandsire and 1,440 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRED W. KNOWLES ... Treble	HUBERT BAILEY ... 3
ARTHUR SMITHSON ... 2	BERNARD BAILEY ... 4
WILFRED RILEY ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of St. Simon's, 2,400 Grandsire and 1,200 Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HARRY PEAT ... Treble	ERNEST MALLENDER ... 3
ARTHUR SMITHSON ... 2	BERNARD PORTER ... 4
FRED W. KNOWLES ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

* First peal. The treble and 4th ringers were elected members of above association previous to starting.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

FRANK BURGESS ... Treble	ISAAC BENNETT ... 3
*FRED BROWNING ... 2	THOMAS WISE ... 4
GEORGE PARKER ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

* First peal on a working bell. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A. TOUT ... Treble	JESSE TOUT ... 4
H. PURCHASE ... 2	WALTER SMITH ... 5
*F. BEER ... 3	A. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First attempt. First peal as conductor.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Oxford and Kent, each called differently, the 4th 720 being spliced at the 360. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILSON ALLIN Treble	GEORGE E. ALLIN 4
ERNEST WILSON 2	CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 5
SAMUEL HURDLE 3	JOHN W. ENGLAND Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. ALLIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Canon F. J. Adams, who passed away earlier in the week, and was formerly Vicar of Sutton-in-Ashfield. This peal is believed to be now rung for the first time for the M.C.A. C. J. Partridge has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

COLNE ENGAINÉ, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JAMES FLEOTY Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 4
ARTHUR SANDERS 2	JAMES FRENCH 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 5th.

GRAFTON, UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty six-scores of Grand-sire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

*FRANK ROBINSON Treble	ROBERT G. BLACK 3
†LEONARD TOSELAND ... 2	*FREDERICK TOOLEY 4
†REGINALD BUTCHER ...	... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BUTCHER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 12, 1929, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT 23, GREEK STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

HAROLD JACKSON 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY
 Witness—PETER LAFLIN.

BROADCAST RINGING AND CHIMING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to see that my letter to the 'Radio Times' on the above subject has been noticed and approved of by listening ringers. I doubt, however, whether the B.B.C. will trouble to act on my suggestion, which I made with the sole object of trying to point out to the many listeners, uninitiated in ringing, that what they so often hear on Sundays broadcast from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields is not ringing, whereas that from other towers generally is; they can then be their own judges of the difference.

While on this subject I should be glad to know if the bells of St. Martin's ever do ring? If so, I should like to hear them in peal, through the medium of my set, as the back eight appear to be of good tone, but the strange weird tones of the trebles, that one hears on the wireless, make me think a little 'Simpson tuning' would be an advantage. Has any other listener noticed this peculiarity?—Yours,

P. C. TURNER.

Newmarket.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT NETHERTON.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, December 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, Worcs, and was very well attended. The bells were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and were kept going merrily until service, which was held in the Parish Church. The Guild's special form was used, the service being conducted by the Vicar of Netherton (Rev. H. C. Kemp), who also gave a very interesting address. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the School House, where an excellent tea was in readiness, and, needless to say, full justice was done to the good things provided. The funds for the tea were obtained by subscriptions from St. Andrew's parishioners, collected by Mr. Albert Prestidge, sen.

The business meeting followed, at which the chair was occupied by the Vicar, who was supported by Messrs. W. S. Sidaway (Vicar's warden) and E. Baker (people's warden). The Chairman said how pleased he was to meet them, and on behalf of himself, the wardens and Church Council he gave them a hearty welcome to Netherton.

After business of a routine character had been disposed of, several new members were added to the roll, including the church-wardens, who readily consented to their names to be added to the list of honorary members.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting, which is the annual one, at Dudley, on Saturday, March 1st.

It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Netherton, the date and other arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.). The question of the Guild's monthly practice was again discussed, and it was arranged that the practice be again proceeded with on the first Monday in each month, meeting at 7.45 p.m., at Dudley Parish Church.

On the motion of Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. James George, a welcome was extended to Mr. Harry Mason after a long absence.—Mr. Mason feelingly replied. He said he had received many letters from his ringing friends, and he very much appreciated their kindness. He had written to a few, but at the moment he had been unable to reply to all, and he hoped they would accept his appreciation and thanks. Mr. Mason proposed that compliments and congratulations be given to Mr. James George on having recently attained his 76th birthday, also to Mr. John Goodman, sen., 'father' of the Dudley band, with the hope that they might be spared for many years yet to come.—Mr. George briefly thanked the members for their congratulations, and Mr. John Goodman, jun., replied on behalf of his father, who was unable to be present.

The secretary mentioned that since their last meeting the Rev. Dr. Swindell, the venerable Vicar of Sedgley, had passed on, and on behalf of the members he had sent a letter of sympathy and respect to the family of the deceased gentleman. The Chairman proposed that the secretary's action be endorsed, and the motion was carried in silence, the members standing.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. S. J. Hughes, and supported by Mr. J. George, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Netherton for his kindness in granting permission to hold the meeting at his church, also for conducting the service and for his admirable and interesting address, for the use of the tower and bells, and the School House in which to hold the meeting, also to the wardens for their attendance and interest, and to the organist for the musical part of the service. A special vote of thanks was given to Mr. Albert Prestidge for his work in making the necessary arrangements for the tea and meeting, and to Mrs. Prestidge and the ladies who assisted her in preparing and serving the tea and who looked after the comfort of all present. Thanks are also added to those who subscribed to the tea fund, and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a happy and successful one.—Mr. Prestidge thanked the members for their vote of thanks, and said that it was a pleasure for him to be of service.—Mr. Churchwarden Sidaway also thanked the members, and said what a pleasure it had been for him to be with them that afternoon.—Mr. Churchwarden Baker briefly thanked the members, and said people missed a lot by not knowing anything about their bells or bellringers. It was a pleasure to him to be with them that afternoon, and he would look forward to meeting them again.—The Vicar also responded. Afterwards some of the members again returned to the belfry and kept the bells going in various methods, and so ended a happy and enjoyable meeting.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday last, at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffs, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but owing to the bad 'go' of some of the bells, it was brought round at half-way (2,520 changes): B. Gough 1, P. Hackett 2, G. Swallow 3, J. Price 4, W. Green 5, H. Goodman 6, J. Goodman (conductor) 7, G. Guest 8.

This was rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss R. Price, daughter of Mr. J. Price, the esteemed leader of the Old Hill ringers, to Mr. J. Cox, also of Old Hill. After the ringing, the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Cox, to whom the ringers extend their thanks, and wish them every happiness in their future life.

The bells need the attention of expert bell hangers.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH'S GRANT TO 12-BELL FUND.**

A very successful quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, December 7th, when the attendance was larger than really had been expected. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Bradwell, Chicheley, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Stoke Goldington, with visitors from Bedford, Husbands Crawley and Linslade. The bells were going in various methods during the afternoon, and the choral service was conducted by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. L. Moxon). Tea was served in the school-room, when about 28 sat down. Very welcome, but unexpected, visitors put in an appearance in the persons of the Master and the Guild secretary (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. R. C. Hibbert), and a very cordial reception was given them.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) announced that there was nothing special in connection with branch business to discuss, but he would like to propose that a grant of £5 be given to the Berkshire 12-Bell Fund. This was carried unanimously.

Both the Master and secretary addressed the meeting, and thanked North Bucks for their generous support of the twelve-bell scheme.

The usual votes of thanks were given to the preacher, choir and organist, and to the ladies for providing tea.

This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

QUICK PEALS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have wondered why no one has raised a query, regarding the extraordinarily quick peal rung at Crayford some time ago.

I can understand why such times as 2 hrs. 20 mins. are considered ordinary at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, when the weight of metal, etc., is taken into consideration, but for a quicker peal to be rung on a peal of bells, with a tenor double the weight, is, to put it mildly, remarkable. I should like to see it repeated, because if it can be accomplished once it can be done again, or, possibly, it could be shortened still further.

In concluding, I might say that my first peal of Major (Treble Bob method) took 2 hrs. 22 mins., and I have also rung in the quickest peal yet on tower bells, which would have been faster still if they had just put on a bit more speed as I asked them to.

TYRO II.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, December 7th. The following towers were represented: Godstone, Reigate, Limpsfield Chart, Horley, Merstham, Burstow and the local band, with visitors from Crawley, Croydon and East Grinstead. The bells were well utilised during the afternoon.

Tea and business followed the usual service. Mr. H. Goodwin and Mr. H. Shelley, of St. John's, Redhill, were elected members, and the election of Mr. Geo. Oliver, of Crawley, prior to a peal at Horley, was ratified.

It was proposed to hold the annual district meeting at Godstone on January 18th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. L. G. Mannering for his address at the service, and for the use of the bells; also Mr. A. Gear for assisting in making the arrangements; and to the ladies who waited at the table.

Ringing was then resumed, and the bells lowered about 8.30.

THE FIRST PEAL AT AMBROSDEN, OXFORDSHIRE.**DEDICATION OF COMMEMORATION TABLET.**

On Sunday evening, December 8th, a peal tablet of polished oak, recording the first peal on the bells, which was rung (as reported in 'The Ringing World') on Saturday, November 16th, by a mixed band of members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was dedicated during the evening service by the Vicar (Rev. C. C. David Oake).

After the third collect, the ringers and clergy proceeded from the chancel to the ringing chamber, which is situated on the ground floor at the west end of, and open to, the church. Here, with the Vicar and special preacher (Rev. Capt. Sharp, of Oxford) standing in the centre, and with the ringers in a circle, each man by his respective rope, the Vicar pronounced the customary dedicatory prayers, immediately after which some well-struck rounds were rung by the following members of the Ambrosden Society and Oxford Diocesan Guild: Frederick Sharpe, Marcus Turner, Sidney Taylor, Joseph Turner, jun., Mervyn Harry Tuffrey, Joseph Turner, sen., Alfred Turner and Arthur Turner.

During the service the Vicar made special reference to the bells, remarking that Saturday, December 7th, was the first anniversary of their dedication, and saying how pleased he was that, within a year, the first peal had been rung, and the peal tablet erected which they had just dedicated.

The service closed with further ringing.

John Taylor & Co.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

'A Merry Christmas' to all our readers.

Whimpe, Devon, bells are to be dedicated to-morrow. By a slip, it was stated in one part of our last issue that the dedication was to take place last Saturday.

The City Corporation has contributed one thousand guineas to the restoration of Bow Church, Cheapside, and, we understand, a definite portion of this is 'earmarked' for the bells. It is to be hoped that this very necessary part of the work will now soon be taken in hand, and that a really comprehensive scheme will be carried out.

Among the earliest peals of Stedman Cinquses was one of 6,334 rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, by the Cumberland Youths on December 20th, 1806. The same band on December 13th had rung over 5,500 changes in an unsuccessful attempt for the same peal, and in the interim, viz., on December 15th, the Junior Society of Cumberland had rung a peal of 5,886. That was in the 'good old days.'

John Cox called the first peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on December 20th, 1836.

The opening of the new ring of eight bells at Claybrooke, Leicestershire, which was to have taken place to-morrow, has been postponed until January 18th. The augmentation of the four old bells into an octave has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, having received many letters of congratulation upon ringing the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all the writers for their kind and encouraging remarks.

The first peal by the Lancashire Association was Grandsire Triples at Bolton on December 22nd, 1877. The last survivor of the company that scored this peal was Mr. H. W. Jackson, who died in January last.

The Christmas holidays have been a favourite time for record-making, and we have not space to mention all the long lengths accomplished. They have included the 11,111 Stedman Cinquses at Birmingham on Boxing Day, 1901, the 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major at Elland in 1831, and the 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow in 1923. Two Superlative records (since surpassed) were also made on Boxing Day, 9,312 at Crawley, Sussex, in 1894, and 9,728 at Clent, Worcestershire, in 1910.

The record length of Double Norwich (17,104) was made at South Wigston on December 27th, 1904, and the Double Oxford Major record (10,176) was rung at Brierley Hill on December 27th, 1909.

Two other interesting performances of a bygone age may also be mentioned. On December 26th, 1782, 5,040 'London Union Trebbles' was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields by the Society of London Youths, 'being the first peal in that method.' What was the method?

Squire Proctor and his band of village residents rang a peal of 6,048 London Surprise Major at Bennington, Herts, on December 26th, 1871, 'being the greatest scientific performance ever achieved in change ringing.'

The late Sir Arthur Heywood, who died in 1918, was born on Christmas Day eighty years ago.

Mr. Perkins, of Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, has had the misfortune to break his ankle, and will be kept from ringing for a time.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT HOLT.**

A meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Katherine's Church, Holt, on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and later on a peal board, recording the two peals of Grandsire Doubles rung by the local ringers, under the conductorship of Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham, was unveiled by Mrs. Scott, of Stanbridge House, Holt, and dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Roberts. This was followed by the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham), Mr. Wicks, of Devizes, being the organist.

In a few well-chosen remarks, the Vicar welcomed the branch to Holt, and referred to the interest the local ringers were taking in their work, as shown by the board which had been unveiled. People

Ringers, including Mr. W. J. Prescott, of Bath, were present from Aldbourne, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Bratton, Devizes, St. Johns and St. Mary, Southdown, Holt, Rowde, Trowbridge and Melksham.

Touces of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. No doubt more ringers would have been present but for the flooded state of the roads.

Holt Church, dedicated to St. Katherine, was restored during the year 1890-91, when the clerestory and chancel were added to the church. The tower dates between 1450 and 1500, the font is late Norman, with herring-bone ornamentation. The east window is a memorial to Miss Edith Mackey, daughter of Mr. Alexander Mackey, who at that time resided at Holt Manor, and afterwards at the Grange, Trowbridge. He was one of the first vice-presidents of the Salisbury Guild, and a great friend to the Trowbridge ringers of his day. The central light of the window shows St. Katherine, the patron saint, with the spiked wheel.

The bells at St. Katherine's Church, Holt, Wilts, are a ring of six, with tenor of 9 cwt. 5 lb., and the most interesting of them is the 5th, a pre-Reformation bell from the Bristol Foundry about the year 1500. It bears the usual Bristol cross and a rare medallion, which is also found at Churchill, Somerset. This bell (36½ inches in diameter) has the inscription, 'Sancte Michael ora pro nobis.' Up to the year 1905 there were five bells—the present 5th being then the 4th—all of different dates. They bore the following inscriptions:—

Treble: William Earle: William Bissie: Benefactors 1665 IE:
LG (bell) W (bell) P.R.P (tree.)
2nd: Thomas Sartain, Curate.
Roger Goor, Churchwarden of Holt (star).
3rd: JAMES BAILEY, C.W., 1716.
W (bell) C.
4th: Present 5th.
5th: THO. CARINGTON: C.W. L (bell) C. 1698.



THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE, HOLT, WILTS.

who had never taken any interest in ringing were now beginning to do so. Ringers, he said, should make the first object of their ringing the glory of God, and then they would get greater pleasure from their ringing.

Tea followed in the schoolroom, Mrs. Scott honouring the company with her presence.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. The Secretary (Mr. F. Green) reported the receipt of £22 2s. from the Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, and £1 4s. from the Parochial Church Council of St. James-the-Great, Bratton.—A vote of thanks was passed to those Councils.

Rev. Tudor Jefferies, Vicar of St. James', Southbroom, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. W. Bolwell, of Hounslow, late of Devizes, a life ringing member.

On the motion of the chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist and to those who prepared the tea.

Of these, the 3rd was by William Cockey, of Frome, and the tenor by Lewis Cockey, of Bristol, who is also found at Sutton Veney.

In 1905 the first three and the 5th were recast by Warner, and a treble added. The treble had the following inscription on the waist: 'To the Glory of God and in Memory of the Rev. H. H. Moseley, B.A., Vicar 1865-1901. This bell was given and the bells re-cast by the People of Holt, 1905'; and the tenor, 'George A. S. Melford, Vicar; William Deverill, Walter Buckland, Churchwardens.'

These bells were a very poor lot, especially the tenor, and consequently they were recently recast (except the 5th) by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

At the time of the Edward IV. Inventory (1553), it was recorded that there were at 'Holtte, iij bells.'

The belfry door, made by a parishioner is interesting. Carved on it are six bells, surmounted by the date, 1475, which is supposed to be the year in which the tower was erected, and below, '1914, Vicar, Rev. T. Roberts, M.A.,' and a St. Katherine's wheel.

BELLS UNDERGROUND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to the query in this week's 'Ringing World' as to whether handbells have been rung underground before, several attempts were made for a peal of Stedman Triples in Chislehurst Caves by a College Youths band in 1904. These caves certainly bear no resemblance to a coal mine, but are completely underground, the spot where the attempts were made being about 80 to 100 feet down.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

IN A COAL MINE.

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to our Leicestershire friends to know that a 336 Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Triples was rung in the West Pit, Cramlington, some years ago, by B. C. Dixon, J. E. R. Keen, O. Simm and yours sincerely,

W. H. HARBER.

Dear Sir,—As far back as 1904, a party of Yorkshire ringers, including the late Mr. Charles Jackson, of Hull, rang a course of Grandsire Caters down a colliery at Gildersome, near Morley, Yorkshire. Trusting this will be of interest to the enquirer, I remain, on behalf of some of the Yorkshire party, yours sincerely,

WM. AMBLER.

WEEKLY PEAL ATTEMPT FOR TWO YEARS.**PERSEVERANCE OF RINGERS A CENTURY AGO.**

On December 22nd, 1828, 'The Times,' then price 7d., recorded the following: 'On Thursday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Junior College Society, members of St. Saviour's, Southwark and Trinity Church, Newington, rang on the bells at the latter place a true and excellent peal of grandsire triples on Stedman's principle, containing 5,040 changes, which was completed in three hours and four minutes, and is the greatest performance ever achieved upon any peal of bells in the Kingdom. The above peal contains 598 bobs and 122 singles, and is the most perfect of the kind ever produced, but has never been rung until the present occasion, when every bob and single was regularly called and made.'

Now, however, comes the most illuminating part of the story. The paragraph goes on: 'Two years have elapsed since the Society first attempted to ring this peal, during which time they have assembled every Thursday evening to perform it, and in the various unsuccessful attempts which have been made, they have rung upwards of 200,000 changes in this most difficult of all the systems in the art of ringing. This system of ringing was invented by Mr. Fabian Steadman, a native of Cambridge, about the middle of the 17th century.'

THE 12-BELL PEAL RECORD.

PAINSWICK ATTEMPT COMES TO GRIEF.

The attempt to set up a new record length on twelve bells at Painswick on Saturday was unsuccessful.

After a rather late start, and with new ropes, the ringing came to grief after two hours. It is hoped to make another attempt early in the new year.

In the afternoon a peal of ordinary length was rung.

NEW RING OF EIGHT AT GORING.

PRE-REFORMATION BELLS PRESERVED.

There were probably few happier and prouder people in the country on Wednesday of last week than John Bower, the foreman of the Goring tower, when, after their dedication by Bishop Shaw, he was entrusted by his Vicar with the ropes of a ring of eight bells.

For upwards of forty years he has kept a Minor band together at Goring, and together with his old friend, James Aberly, has done his best to teach change ringing in the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild.

The old ring of six at Goring was, from a musical point of view, a poor lot, but it contained two pre-Reformation bells, one of which bears the name of Richard Wymbis, who was casting at the end of the thirteenth century, and must surely hold an almost unique place among church bells. There must be few bells that have done duty for six hundred years, including half a century of Minor ringing, as this has done.

These old bells have now been taken out of the ring to be handed as treasures of the church to succeeding generations of Goring folk. The other four have been broken up and have gone towards making as delightful a ring of eight as good ringers love to handle and as bell lovers like to listen to.

At the close of the service the bells were rung in Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge.

Many and hearty were the congratulations received by Mr. Bower from his old friends who were present at the realising of a dream of almost a lifetime.

The entire cost of the bells and necessary work was met by the pious benefaction of one who of late worshipped in and loved Goring Church, and who left in his will a sum of money for this specific purpose. The work has been excellently carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The ringers present were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. R. T. Hibbert, A. A. Hughes, G. Gilbert, J. Shepherd, H. Tucker, J. Aberly, A. Tyler, and Miss S. Davis and the local ringers. Touches of Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW ORGANISATION COMPLETED.

A general meeting of the North Norfolk Branch of the association, the fourth and last of a series under the new constitution, was, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. McMullen), held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Saturday, December 7th, for the election of officers and committee. The president of the association (the Archdeacon of Norwich) presided, and supporting him were Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. C. Duffield, H. J. Borrett (Ringing Master, St. Peter Mancroft Guild), W. B. Duncan, B. S. Thompson and R. W. Cooke (district secretaries), and members from Buxton, Dereham, Fakenham, Gressenhall, Hovingham, Norwich, Reepham and Wymondham.

The general secretary gave a brief review of the new scheme under which four branches had been formed, and said that the special business before the meeting was the election of chairman, hon. secretary, and committee for the North Norfolk Branch.

The President referred to an article which had been contributed by their general secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) to the 'Norwich Diocesan Gazette,' and said as editor of the 'Gazette' he was glad to have had the opportunity of publishing it, and thus bringing such an important matter as that of church bells and ringers before the clergy of the diocese. The President then asked the members to proceed to elect their chairman, hon. secretary and committee.

Mr. George P. Burton was elected chairman, Mr. William D. Duncan hon. secretary, Messrs. William Clover, Robert W. Cooke, William C. Duffield, Ben S. Thompson and Bertie Whiteside members of the committee.

Mr. G. A. Cooke moved, and Mr. Coleman seconded, the election of the Rev. Ernest F. Morison, Rector of Fakenham, M.A., an hon. member of the association.

It was resolved that a meeting of the North Norfolk Branch be held at Wymondham in January, 1930.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. McMullen (Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft) for the use of the belfry, for holding the meeting, and also for the use of the bells after the meeting.

The meeting then closed, and the members rang some short touches upon the bells, but being Saturday and market day the ringing was strictly limited.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, 'The Ringing World' will have to go to press much earlier than usual next week.

Reports of events which have already taken place during this week should be sent in at once, and reports of peals rung and meetings held to-morrow (Saturday) should be forwarded in order to reach us not later than *first post on Monday*. Nothing received after that time can be inserted in the next issue.

Secretaries are particularly requested to note that Monday, first post, is the latest time for receiving notices for next week's 'Ringing World.'

ANOTHER SURPRISE MAJOR METHOD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We shall soon have as many Surprise Major as Surprise Minor methods—mostly variations of each other.

However, before this happens, would these enterprising constructors oblige by giving the Exercise a new Triple method—one really worth ringing? Moreover, if composers of peals would try their hand at producing a fresh peal of Grandsire Triples, the space occupied in your columns would not be taken up.—Yours faithfully,

D. GECIL-WILLIAMS.

Shirley, Southampton.

[It may interest our correspondent to know that Mr. J. A. Trollope, who is working on Surprise methods, has got over 2,000 of them, and they are still coming.—Ed. 'R.W.']

THE EXTENSION OF NEW DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to have to write you again on this matter, but I think you will agree necessity demands it. I, also, interviewed on Saturday, November 30th, two of the officers of the St. Stephen's (Bristol) Ringing Guild, to give it its correct title, and this is their evidence reproduced as faithfully as possible, although not verbatim:—

The Hon. Secretary: 'I don't remember ringing any new method of Caters, unless it was one of those easily explained, such as Erin (from Stedman) or Double Norwich (from the Major). I know nothing of any other.'

The Conductor: 'I believe we did have a "go" at it one night, but we did not ring a course. We did not have a second "go."'

The Sub-Conductor (myself) says: 'If it was rung at St. Stephen's it must have been on a practice night when I was not present.'

It is just possible that (the method being rung at St. James') some of the St. James' band came to St. Stephen's one evening and tried the extension with some of our members standing it. I must confess I have never rung even a course of New Doubles, nor have I been in a tower while it was being rung. In fact the only person who has ever mentioned the method to me (previous to November 30th) was Mr. Guise, when he told me they were ringing it at St. James', and asked if I would stand in a peal of it. He mentioned the extension to Caters and Cinques, and said that two working bells would be on the front dodging together from the time the treble left till she returned. On this account I disapproved of the method, and heard nothing more of it until less than a month ago in 'The Ringing World.'

With regard to my possible absence on the occasion of the method being rung, I would point out that (previous to Whit Monday, 1928) 'absent' marks against my name, either for practice or Sunday ringing, were conspicuous for their rarity.

This morning (December 15th) I interviewed that most excellent servant of our Guild, the steeplekeeper, with regard to the above, and he says: 'I know nothing about it. I have never rung it, and don't want to.' He also said that the hon. secretary (who, I take it, is one of the officials Mr. Guise interviewed) repudiates the statement that he corroborated the assertion, and also repeated, in effect, the words given in my letter above (December 13th, 1929).

This evening a member of the committee also disclaimed all knowledge of the method or its being rung at St. Stephen's. In view of his position as the holder of the keys, the evidence of the steeplekeeper is most valuable, and emboldens me to again say: 'Mr. Guise is wrong. The method has never been rung at St. Stephen's by the St. Stephen's Guild.' I will go further and say that, without the four I have mentioned, and the 'non-effective' members, we could not ring it.

Mr. Guise's last letter was pure bluff, not to call it by an uglier name.—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**A REVIEW.**

The Lancashire Association's annual report is always an interesting as well as an informative one. Established in 1876, the association has grown from very small beginnings to a total of nearly 1,500 members. At the end of 1879 there were 11 honorary and 90 ringing members, at the end of 1929 there are 80 honorary and 1,406 ringing members. These last figures are not the highest totals reached, as in 1927 they were 92 and 1,451 respectively, but Lancashire is suffering badly from the general depression in trade, and this doubtless easily accounts for the falling-off in membership. There is now a total of 1,144 resident ringing members, of whom 99 were elected in the period covered by the report. The year's income amounted to £71 13s. 6d., and the ordinary expenditure to £63 16s. 6d., leaving a net gain on the year of £7 17s. It is pointed out, however, that the amount received only represents 820 ringers.

NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCES.

There were 104 peals rung during the year under review, the outstanding performance being the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, and the heartiest congratulations of the association go out to the ringers concerned on the accomplishment of such a marvellous performance. Grandsire Triples (23) headed the peal list, and these contained a good percentage of first peals. The report singles out for special mention several of the performances.

'We are glad to note,' it says, 'the steady progress made in our Preston Branch, and offer to them our congratulations on their two recent successes, Cambridge Surprise Major at Hoghton and Kent Royal at Blackburn Cathedral, both these peals being the first rung by that branch. It is our pleasure to record a peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung by the local company at Newchurch, near Warrington, in honour of the 400th anniversary of the parish and the silver jubilee of the present church. Peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major have been accomplished at Standish and Church-kirk by the local ringers there. Our Liverpool Branch is again to the fore with peals of Stedman Cinques, Kent Maximus and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at St. Nicholas', the peal of Cambridge along with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bolton being rung in connection with the National Thanksgiving for the King's recovery. Bolton Branch has provided us with a very youthful conductor, and we congratulate Mr. P. Crook, jun., on his excellent performance.'

'A noteworthy feature is again the large number of peals rung by local companies, and we look forward to the time when all our towers will attempt that very worthy object—"To ring at least one peal each year on their own bells, with their own local band." It is always a pleasure to record the footnote, "First peal by all the band," but when this is accompanied also with "All service ringers at the above church," the pleasure is even greater. One such comes from our Wigan Branch at Rainford, and we extend to the ringers there our hearty congratulations.'

'Great credit is also due to our ringers in Manchester for their handbell performances, the peals of Oxford Royal and Oxford Major being the first in that method by our association on handbells. During the year Mr. P. Laffin, of Pendleton, and Mr. A. Potter, of Walkden, rang their 100th peal, whilst their 50th was accomplished by Mr. S. Holt, of Middleton, Mr. W. Horan, of Todmorden, and Mr. W. Taylor, of Penwortham.'

'Fifty-four members rang their first peal, 128 their first peal in some particular method, whilst eight members conducted their first peal.'

PEAL BOARDS PRESERVED.

'During the year the ring of eight at Leyland has been rebung and increased to ten, but unfortunately the association has not been allowed to hold a meeting there. The ring of eight formerly in St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, has been removed to Eccles Parish Church. With the exception of the tenor the bells have been recast, and Eccles is now proud to possess a ring which in tone and weight is worthy of that ancient church. The peal boards formerly in St. John's tower are now preserved at Eccles. The ring of eight at Milnrow has been rebung in a new frame, and the ring of eight at Halewood has also been recast and rebung.'

The report adds: 'We have suffered a great loss by the passing away in January of Mr. H. W. Jackson, of Bolton, who had been treasurer of the association almost, if not quite, from the beginning. He had reached a good old age, but his interest was unabated and his genial presence at our meetings will be much missed. It is proposed that a memorial to him should be placed in the Church of Holy Trinity, Bolton, near to that of his old friend, Joel Redford, a former secretary of the association. We have also regretfully to record the death of three other ringing members, M. Oldfield and E. Oldfield, of Eccles, and W. H. Harrison, of Colne, and of several honorary members. Among them we recall with gratitude the names of Canon Rowntree, late Rector of Stretford; the Rev. T. Taylor Evans, late Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bolton; Dr. A. J. Wilson, late Vicar of St. Mary's, Oldham, who was largely concerned with getting the great ring there recast and rebung; and Mr. A. E. Holme, of Dewsbury, a former vice-president of our association.'

'Our best thanks are always due to the branch secretaries on whose labours in regularly attending branch meetings and keeping in touch with ringers in their districts, the practical working of the association chiefly depends.'

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Newbold-on-Avon, near Rugby, on Saturday last. Members were present from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Husbands Bosworth, Leamington, Lillington, Monk's Kirby, Nuncaton, Shilton, Rugby and Wolvey, together with the local band. The Vicar (Rev. Noel Prentice) extended a hearty welcome to all the ringers, a number of whom were paying their first visit to Newbold to try the ring of six recently rebung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Cambridge and London were rung during the afternoon. At five o'clock the Vicar escorted the members to the Parish Room, where a splendid tea was provided. At the close of the tea Mr. A. Wilkerson (Nuncaton) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindly welcome, adding that it made a great difference to the success of a meeting when the incumbent took an interest in the ringers.

The Vicar invited the members to stay in the room as long as they pleased, and as the room was a cosy one, and a box of handbells had been brought in, the ringers needed no second invitation. Well-struck courses of Grandsire Caters, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung by Messrs. T. W. Chapman (Nuncaton), J. A. Fenton (Rugby), J. B. Fenton (Rugby), J. White (Allesley), J. Hunt (Allesley), T. Beale (Wolvey).

A return was made to the belfry later, when ringing in various methods was continued until about eight o'clock, bringing to a close the last and certainly one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Rotherfield on Saturday, December 7th. Owing to the inclement weather there was rather a poor attendance, about 15 members being present from the following towers: Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), East Grinstead, Heathfield, Mayfield, Lewes, and Sevenoaks, together with some members of the local company. Following the service, the members partook of tea at the King's Arms Hotel, at which the Rector (Rev. H. E. Collins) presided.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector occupied the chair, and in the absence of the hon. secretary, through illness, Mr. A. R. Miles took over these duties. The following members were elected: Messrs. R. C. Mitchell, J. G. L. Mitchell, E. B. Wilson, R. Filtness, E. E. Brazier, H. S. Hineon, all of Rotherfield; Mr. E. L. Taylor, of Sevenoaks, Kent, non-resident life member; and Rev. H. E. Collins, Rector of Rotherfield, hon. life member.

Mr. R. J. Dawe proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address at the service, for presiding at the tea, and also for taking the chair at the meeting. This was supported by Mr. A. R. Miles, and carried.

The Rector, in responding, said how very pleased he was to be present, and hoped that another meeting would be arranged in the near future, and, further, he hoped that the visit could be made in the summer, when Rotherfield would be more attractive.

Mr. W. Booth proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Brazier and to the local ringers for making the arrangements for the meeting. This was also put to the meeting and carried.

The members then returned to the tower and indulged in further ringing until about 8 p.m.

OLD 'WAR HORSE' RETURNS.

At Canterbury Cathedral, on Tuesday, December 10th, as a last short touch for practice, 700 of Grandsire Triples (part of Holt's Original): P. J. Paine 1, C. W. Brett 2, W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., 3, F. G. Brett 4, F. R. Weller 5, H. G. Fairbrass 6, G. G. Jenkins 7, M. W. Pierce 8.

As Mr. H. G. Fairbrass conducted his first 5,040, Holt's Original, at Herne Hill, near Faversham, on May 30th, 1887, it being the first peal on the bells after augmentation to eight, it was suggested that he should call 700 of that peal, but he declined with thanks. However, Mr. W. E. Pitman came to the rescue, and volunteered to conduct it, which he did in a masterly manner, while the ringer of the 6th took to it like an old war horse at the sound of the trumpet.

MR. J. LOWE APPEAL FUND.

The amount received for this fund was £38 4s. 7½d. The expenses were 17s. 7½d., and the balance has been paid to Mr. J. Lowe, who desires to thank all ringers and friends who so kindly came to his assistance. The accounts were audited by Mr. W. H. Shuker.

In the last list it should have been stated that £1 12s. was collected at the Kent County Association Lewisham District meeting at Deptford, and 12s. sent by Holy Trinity, Dartford, ringers and friends.

A PARISH CLERK OF 1710.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—In answer to 'Cascable's' enquiry re 'A parish clerk of 1710,' I would refer him to 'The Parish Clerk,' by P. H. Ditchfield, M.A., F.S.A., pp. 75-78.—Yours faithfully,

F. C. T.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION.**

A meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday. There was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented: Armley, Lindley, Guiseley, Rothwell, Denholme, Calverley, Bradford, Hunslet, Queensbury, Birstall, Bramley, Marsden, Pudsey, Shipley, Keighley, Batley, Far Headingley, and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were kept going in various methods, and at five o'clock tea was partaken of in the Parochial Institute.

Mr. J. Cotterell (vice-president) presided over the business meeting.

Two members were elected, viz., Mr. J. I. Robertshaw (Keighley) and Mr. D. Snowball (Lindley). For the annual meeting, Calverley was suggested, and Mr. C. Pratt said he would be pleased to see the Yorkshire Association at Calverley. He would put the matter before the churchwardens (there being no Vicar at present) to see if a meeting could be arranged.

Mention was made of the regrettable absence of Mr. H. Lindsay owing to illness, and the secretary was requested to write to him expressing the sorrow of the members, and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements made. These were responded to by Canon R. H. Malden and Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Ringing on tower bells and handbells was afterwards indulged in.

SUCCESSFUL JOINT GATHERING AT RAWMARSH.

A joint meeting of the Doncaster and District Society, the Barnsley and District Society, the Sheffield and District Society and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, and proved a great success. The majority of towers in the various districts were represented, and nearly 40 members were present at the service conducted by Canon Seavell, Rector of Rawmarsh. Tea in the Church Room was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rector was voted to the chair and was supported by Mr. Lewis, vice-president, Yorkshire Association, Mr. Nash, president, Barnsley and District Society, Mr. Gledstone, hon. secretary, Doncaster and District Society, and Mr. R. Harrison, jun., hon. secretary, Sheffield and District Society.

Before business commenced, Mr. Lewis made sympathetic reference to the loss the association had sustained by the death of Mr. F. Willey, of Sheffield, a vice-president for many years, and the members stood a few moments in silence as a last mark of respect. The secretary's explanation of the meeting not being held at All Saints', Sheffield, was accepted.

Mr. A. Tate, of Wakefield Cathedral, was elected a new member of the association.

As no invitation was forthcoming for the annual meeting of the division in March, it was left to the committee to arrange.

The Secretary gave a hearty welcome to the kindred associations, and spoke of the very happy relations between them all and the good feeling which existed in the area covered by the Southern Division. Mr. Nash replied in his usual felicitous manner. He hoped that more joint meetings would be held, as they all tended to bring them more together, and were helpful in every way. Mr. Gledstone and Mr. Harrison supported Mr. Nash's remarks, and expressed the thanks of their associations for the invitation extended to them by the Southern Division.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, the churchwardens, the ladies for the splendid tea provided, and to the local company for the arrangements made were heartily carried, and replied to by the Rector in his customary happy manner. It is hoped this will be the forerunner of many such successful gatherings.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**THE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GUILD.**

The first annual meeting of the Wednesday Afternoon Guild was held at Chester-le-Street on December 11th, when a good 'beat up' of 14 ringers gathered. The bells were kept going until late time, and after enjoying a really splendid repast a short meeting was held.

The president of the association wished the Guild a long life, as it filled a gap by enabling ringers who could not, owing to their business, attend Saturday meetings, to ring.

Mr. Geo. Siddle (Chester-le-Street) was unanimously re-elected secretary, and the next meeting was fixed at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, February 12th.

The ringers then returned to the belfry, where the bells were kept going merrily throughout the evening. The methods rung were Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Monday evening, December 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: R. Colyer 1, H. Ive 2, P. Thrift 3, W. Bunce 4, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 5, T. Collins 6, H. Kilby 7, T. Humphreys 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A WELCOME TO HESTON.**

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Heston on Saturday, December 7th, when, in defiance of the boisterous elements, 36 signed the roll. The bells pealed forth at 3.30 prompt, and methods from Grandsire Triples up to and including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major were practised, and rounds for the probationers were rung.

The company were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall by the Rev. George Craggs (Vicar) and Mrs. Craggs. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. C. Bird (vice-president of the association), Mr. J. A. Trollope (hon. treasurer), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Goodfellow, and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier).

The Vicar gave the Guild a most hearty welcome to Heston, and expressed the pleasure of Mrs. Craggs and himself to meet them there that afternoon.

A social, as well as the business meeting, followed tea. Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, J. A. Trollope, E. S. Turner, W. G. Wilson, and J. R. Mackman rang a touch on the handbells.

Mr. Mackman and his son Howard rendered some fine selections on their handbells, which were greatly appreciated by the company.

The following members were elected: Mr. T. Setter, to St. Andrew's, Hillingdon; Mr. Wm. Bolwell and Master Brian Rose, to Heston; and Mrs. Craggs an honorary member.

St. Andrew's was selected for the next meeting on Saturday, January 11th, of which due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World'.

Further ringing on handbells in several methods took place, after which a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Craggs for their kind hospitality and for the hearty welcome given to the Guild. The Vicar, on rising to respond on behalf of himself and Mrs. Craggs, was received with acclamation.

Thanks were accorded to Mrs. Spackman (hostess) and her assistant, to Mr. and Master Mackman, to Mr. Wm. Lewis, of the local band, and to all who assisted in making the last meeting of the year 1929 successful and enjoyable.

The tower was then again visited, and ringing resumed until nine p.m., and all agreed that a most enjoyable afternoon and evening had been spent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.**

The annual meeting of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday, December 7th. The ringers attended a special service in the choir of the Priory at 4 p.m., the Guild form being used.

The Rev. H. N. Lerner, Vicar of Milford-on-Sea, gave the address. The other clergy present were the Rev. Canon W. H. Gay, Rev. A. B. Bennett, Rev. Dr. M. C. Potter and Rev. C. A. Phillips, secretary of the East Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and members from Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Lymington, Lyndhurst, Christchurch, Ringwood, Poole, Sopley, Milford-on-Sea, Wyke Regis, and Mr. R. H. Dove, of Croydon. Tea was provided at the King's Arms Hotel, followed by a business meeting.

Apologies were received from Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Guild, Mr. G. Pullinger, general secretary of the Guild, Mr. Bennett, Bournemouth, Mr. Ravenscroft, Mr. Hardman and Mr. England.

The balance sheet showed the receipts to be £14 17s., and the expenditure £6 12s., including £3 for instruction given, leaving £4 6s. 7d. to the general fund and £3 16s. 7d. as balance to the district.

The following officers were elected for 1930: Mr. E. C. Elliott, chairman; Mr. G. Preston, hon. secretary and ringing master; Mr. F. Sparshott, representative to the Central Committee; and Mr. A. N. Wooff, auditor. Mr. Preston thanked the meeting for re-electing him as their secretary for the twenty-sixth time, and said that during that time the district had grown from 25 members to over 100.

It was decided to hold meetings during 1930 at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Brockenhurst, Ringwood and Lymington, and Christchurch for the annual meeting. It was resolved to hold a combined practice with the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild at Ringwood in February. It was also decided to attempt the first quarterly peal at Milford-on-Sea. Five new members were elected to the Guild.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £4 1s.; Mr. William Willson, Leicester, £1 1s.; Sympathiser, Gainsborough, 2s. 6d. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson, who is totally incapacitated and has a daughter entirely dependent upon him, will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn, Lanes.

MR. TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £15 16s. 6d.; County Councillor Sidney H. Godfrey and Mrs. Godfrey, £1 1s.; Mr. Wm. Fussell, 5s.; Mr. J. R. Mackman, 2s. 6d.; an Ealing friend, 2s. 6d.; total, £17 7s. 6d. Donations will be gratefully received on Mr. Beadle's behalf by Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, F. G. Goddard 2, H. Dyas 3, W. H. Stevens 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, E. E. Hawthorne 6, C. J. Tricker 7, C. Gash 8.

DALSTON.—On Sunday, December 15th, at the Church of St. Mark, after evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, W. H. Hewett 3, E. F. Pike 4, A. Diserens 5, J. E. Davis (conductor) 6, C. W. Roberts 7, C. Randall 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday, December 15th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins.: R. Oliver 1, W. Insley 2, F. Vickers 3, F. Dedman 4, F. Jeffs 5, W. J. Jeffs 6, W. Jeffs, jun., 7. First 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor by all.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 15th, at St. Laurence's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 47 mins.: J. W. Baxendale 1, L. W. G. Morris 2, J. C. Booth 3, R. Myers 4, W. Barton (conductor) 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, J. Ambler 7, J. W. Cordingley 8. Arranged for, and rung as, a birthday compliment to Mr. W. R. Madgwick.

DEEPING ST JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 15th, for evensong, 720 College Single Minor: R. Bennett 1, E. A. Sneath 2, W. Clark 3, W. V. Bennett 4, H. M. Day (conductor) 5, J. O. Landan 6. First in the method by all except 5 and 6.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, December 15th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins., rung also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor: W. Evans 1, Miss D. Richards 2, J. Phillips 3, F. Hannington 4, J. Davies 5, E. Hunt 6, P. Heath 7, A. Farnell 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday morning, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins.: H. C. Chandler 1, W. Bolwell 2, W. A. Lewis 3, H. Belcher 4, C. S. Bird 5, E. Gladman 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. Humphries 8.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Sunday, November 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. Horton 1, I. J. P. Taylor 2, E. L. Box 3, S. Wiltshire (conductor) 4, H. Bury 5, H. King 6, W. Paul 7, W. Haines 8. First quarter-peal by all the band except the ringers of the 3rd and 4th. All are Sunday service ringers, except Mr. S. Wiltshire, who has been their instructor for the last six months. Through his efforts and the enthusiasm of Archdeacon Colter and the local company, the bells are now rung regularly for Sunday service.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, November 10th (St. Martin's Eve), for festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins.: Miss M. E. Romaine 1, C. F. Smith 2, S. Macey 3, L. Harris 4, W. A. Romaine 5, A. Bennett 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, A. Fry 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble, 2nd and 5th, also first as conductor. The ringer of the treble is the first lady ringer to learn change ringing in Salisbury.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, November 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 44 mins.: J. Norton 1, J. G. Geary (conductor) 2, R. Russell 3, A. E. Kitchen 4, A. N. Geary 5, F. Bennett (first quarter-peal) 6. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Day anniversary.

WEDNESBURY.—On Sunday morning, November 10th, for civic service, at St. Bartholomew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Burkitt 1, G. Hughes 2, W. E. Brittan 3, J. Barber 4, T. Palfreyman 5, L. S. Griffiths 6, A. Mincher (conductor) 7, A. J. Hubble 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for ringers of the 5th, 7th and tenor.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, November 3rd, at St. John's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. H. Gutteridge 1, F. G. Baldwin (conductor) 2, W. E. Gutteridge (first quarter-peal inside) 3, A. Twinn 4, W. Honor 5, J. J. Pratt 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, E. Hughes 8. Also on Sunday, November 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 51 mins.: W. E. Gutteridge 1, A. Twinn 2, J. J. Pratt 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, J. H. Lucas 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, W. Honor 7, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8. Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: G. N. Mitchell 1, F. G. Baldwin 2, W. E. Gutteridge 3, A. Twinn 4, J. H. Lucas 5, G. H. Gutteridge 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, W. Honor 8.

CONGRESBURY.—On Sunday, November 3rd, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Fisher 1, A. E. Standen 2, F. Gosling 3, L. Pulling 4, J. E. Lilley 5, G. Fisher 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. James 8. Longest length of Stedman by all except ringers of 5th and 7th.—On November 29th, on the eve of the dedication festival, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Fisher 1, F. Gosling 2, J. E. Lilley 3, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4, A. E. Standen 5, G. Fisher 6, R. Fisher (first 504) 7, G. Jones 8.

STAVELEY, YORKS.—For evensong, by the local band, who are all Sunday service ringers, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Markwell 1, A. White (first quarter-peal) 2, W. T. Palmer 3, S. Smedley 4, F. Parsons, sen., 5, J. Knott 6, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 7, L. G. Palmer 8.

NOTICES.

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CLAYBROOKE, Leics.—Ring of 4, augmented to peal of 8 and hung with modern fittings in new cast iron frame by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be opened on Saturday, Jan. 18th, and not Dec. 21st, as previously advertised.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, READING.—The ring of 12 bells will be dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Shaw on Friday, Dec. 20th, at 8 p.m. The bells will be rung on this occasion by a selected band, and owing to the lateness of the hour there will be no other ringing that evening. The tower will be open for ringing on Thursday, Dec. 26th, from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., when visitors will be welcomed. Will those interested please accept this, the only, intimation?—R. T. Hibbert, Foreman of Tower.

WHIMPLE, Devon.—The rededication of the peal of 6, rehung with modern fittings in new iron frame by Taylors, of Loughborough, is to take place on Saturday, Dec. 21st.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 21st. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells available: Stoke Poges (6) 3.30 p.m. Slough (8) 7 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, All Saints', Wandsworth, Dec. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 to 8.30. Service 5. Tea and meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome. A postcard? Good! Social hour if possible.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21st, at Brislington. Ringing from 3 p.m. until 4.15 p.m. Tea in Scouts' Hall, nr. tram terminus, 4.30, followed by short business meeting. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing. All ringers welcome.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m., in the Schools. A good meeting is hoped for, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham bells (8) will be dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 11 a.m. Short service at 3 p.m. Open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s., at 4.30. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

THATCHAM, Berks.—The dedication of the two new trebles to make 8, the completed peal having been hung in a new iron frame, with modern fittings, by Taylors, of Loughborough, will take place on Sunday morning next, Dec. 22nd.

RADSTOCK, Somt.—The dedication, by Archbishop Farrar, of the new tenor bell is to take place on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 3 p.m. The peal—now a ring of 6—has been hung with modern fittings in a new oak bell frame by Taylors, of Loughborough. Ringers' opening day, Saturday, Dec. 28th.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—The peal of 6, rehung with new fittings in a new frame and augmented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be re-opened at the Midnight Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 24th. Ringing from 11.30 p.m. to midnight, and after the service. All ringers welcome.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos' (Pro-Cathedral), Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Waters Lane Mission Room. Business meeting to follow. Bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' Churches available before and after the meeting.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — A special meeting, following the augmentation, will be held at Radstock on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by the 25th?—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, Bath.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at the Cathedral, Derby. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in belfry. A good attendance is desired. Seats can be reserved and tea obtained at King's Café, St. Peter's Street, on notice being given in the belfry during the afternoon. — George Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4th, in the belfry of St. Martin's Church. Business to commence punctually at 5.30 p.m. Bells available later.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlington on Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 4.30. Meeting follows. — Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 4 o'clock. Unveiling of peal tablet by Rev. P. McCormick at 4.30. Meeting in Church House at 7. Tea will be provided to all who send me a postcard not later than Jan. 6th.—J. Sparrow, Sec., 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Ninth Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d., now available from Messrs. Walker (Birmingham), Tanner (Weston), Hawkins (London), Grant (Bath), Austin (Gloucester), all Bristol tower officials, or direct from the hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

GREETINGS.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild and all ringing friends is the sincere wish of

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Mr. Taylor was for many years a ringer at Ringmer Parish Church, and was a very efficient tenor man. He rang a few peals, one of which, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in the year 1894, was the fastest on the bells. It was rung in 2 hrs. 32 mins.—not bad going with a 14½ cwt. tenor.

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FAREWELLS.

At St. Andrew's Church, Wickhambreaux, for the farewell services of Rev. W. Horne, on November 17th, in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Maytime 1, W. Maxted 2, S. Walter 3, J. Walter 4, H. Smith 5, S. White 6. And in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Maytime 1, W. Maxted 2, S. Walter 3, E. Wood 4, H. Smith 5, S. White 6. Both conducted by Stanley White.

At Aldermaston, Berks, on Sunday, November 17th, for evensong, as a farewell to the Vicar, who has resigned through ill-health, 504 and 336 of Grandsire Triples: E. Richardson 1, J. Abrey 2, W. Clark 3, A. Arlott 4, H. Smith 5, R. Frankum 6, A. J. Frankum (conductor) 7, A. Cox 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WICKHAMBREAUX.—As a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, on Monday, December 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins.: W. Maytime 1, W. Maxted 2, S. Walter 3, J. Walter 4, H. Smith 5, S. White (conductor) 6.

TENBY.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church on Saturday, November 8th, to commemorate the election of the new Mayor: H. Lillycrop (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Yeomans 2, R. H. Jenkins 3, T. W. Griffiths 4, G. G. Jenkins 5, Rev. F. A. Oswett 6, H. L. Jenkins (conductor) 7, J. H. Williams 8.

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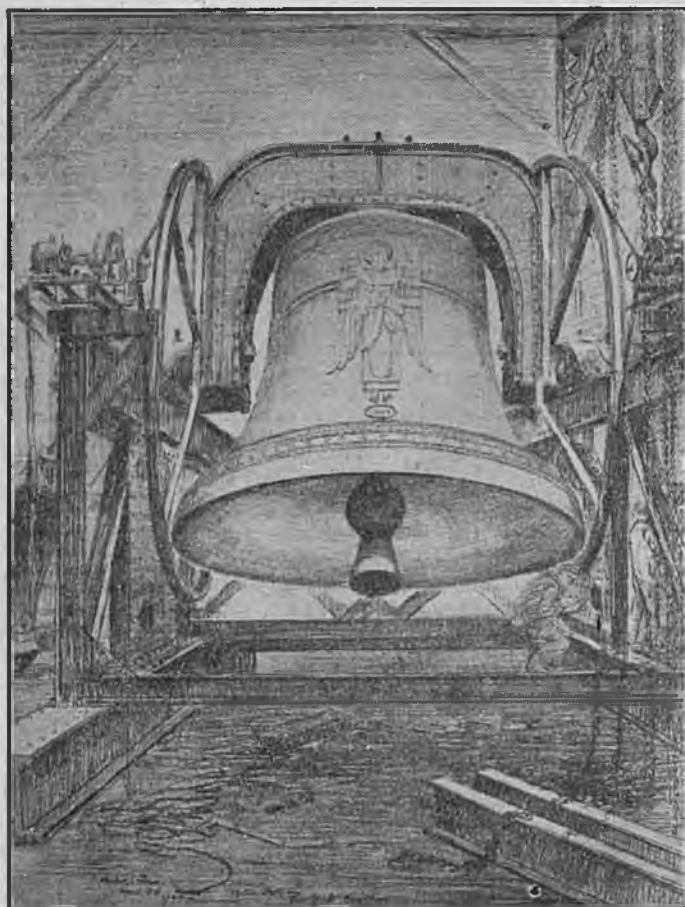
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The year which is just closing has been one of great activity in bell restoration and augmentation, and it is a striking testimony to the work which has been done by the bellfounders that, within a few days of Christmas, one firm alone had in hand the completion of no fewer than ten important contracts. Not the least interesting of the augmentations which have been carried out is that which has resulted in giving the county of Berkshire its first ring of twelve bells, the consummation of the scheme being witnessed last Friday, when the service of dedication took place at St. Laurence's, Reading. This is the second ring of twelve to be brought into existence this year—the other being at Walsall—and it will be welcomed because it establishes another twelve-bell tower in a part of the country where, hitherto, opportunities for twelve-bell practice have been lacking, and, what is more, in a centre where there is every chance of real use being made of the facilities. There are to-day forty-seven peals of twelve in the British Isles, hung for ringing, but we doubt whether in much more than half the towers is twelve-bell ringing regularly practised. From time to time, doubtless, twelve-bell ringing takes place in all of them, but there are many where it is only occasionally heard.

The growth in the number of twelve-bell rings has been really remarkable since the war. In the last eleven years there have been as many rings added as there were in the previous fifty years. A century ago there were just fourteen peals of twelve, in 1878 they had grown to 25, and now there are 47. York Minster was the first to possess twelve bells, the augmentation being made in 1681, but there was a considerable interval afterwards, when there were only ten bells there, and the famous church of St. Bride, Fleet Street, can claim the largest unbroken history for a twelve-bell peal, the trebles being added to the then existing ten in 1719. At one time the practice of change ringing on twelve bells was confined to the privileged few, and except perhaps in London, Birmingham and Norwich, there were no twelve-bell companies that lasted for any length of time, until the latter half of the nineteenth century. To-day, of course, the position is much different, and twelve-bell companies can be found in many places, but, what is more, the number of competent twelve-bell ringers has vastly increased, thanks to the additional facilities for practice which are now enjoyed. There is every reason to hope that Reading will provide an active centre, where twelve-bell ringing will be encouraged on an ample scale. The Berkshire twelve-bell scheme was launched as a venture of faith; it has

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lb.

*JOSEPH H. COX Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in a Surprise method. The 100th peal by C. Skidmore and the 50th peal by H. G. Bird for this association.

SHAROW, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

EDWARD HUDSON Treble	ROBERT LANCASTER 5
WILLIAM BROADLEY 2	HERBERT E. PICKERING 6
THOMAS METCALFE 3	HENRY CLAYTON 7
JOHN HARRISON 4	FRED E. ADDISON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FRED E. ADDISON.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells and first peal since 1911. Treble ringer belongs to Sharow, 2nd to Darlington, 3rd to Middlesbrough, and rest to Tadcaster.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

STANLEY COPLING Treble	ARTHUR G. KING 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	JAMES SPALDING 6
JOHN C. DICKEN 3	WILLIAM LEE 7
*ROBERT SPALDING 4	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Major, and in his 80th year.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ROBERT HEAZEL Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	FRANK G. RINGE 6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 3	HARRY TURNER 7
*ALBERT PRYKE 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Butler and Mr. F. G. Ringe.

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At the Church of St. Paul.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* WILLIAM BROOKS Treble	EDWARD A. HERN 5
* ROBERT S. STRATFORD ... 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
* RICHARD A. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal of London.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 6
ROBERT SWIFT 3	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 20, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	JOHN WHKADON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt (age 11 years). The ringers of 1, 2 and 7 are three generations.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HUBERT BAILEY Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON 4
ERNEST MALLENDER 2	BERNARD BAILEY 5
* BERNARD PORTER 3	FRED KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED KNOWLES.

* First peal of Minor. Treble, 4th and 5th ringers hail from Blackwell, 3rd from Teverall and the others belong to the local band.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	* NELSON ELLIOTT 4
* ROBERT SWIFT 2	* CECIL NICE 5
* KENNETH SNELLING 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

THRADESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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 10 cwt.

WILLIAM MUSK Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
ALFRED J. BERRY 2	WILLIAM STEGGALL 5
DAVID WHITING 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Owen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each 720 called differently, 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE WHITE Treble	PERCY C. BONNETT 4
* FRANCIS BURNE 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
FRANK C. TYSON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal inside. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are members of the local company.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 19, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

HAROLD JACKSON 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY

A GREEK DISAPPROVAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Apropos of your recent leading article, a young Greek at my hotel was enlarging a few days ago on his objection to bells. The illustration on the front page of 'The Ringing World' had aroused his curiosity, and coining a new Greek word for the purpose I explained that it was 'a journal for lovers of bells.' At that he queried how I could find either 'necessity or beauty' in bells, and proceeded to tell in quaint English how they had disturbed his slumbers at Locarno. He was staying at an hotel near the Church of Madonna del Sasso, 'and the monk,' he said, 'belled at 5 o'clock. Oh!' (At this point he jumped in his seat to indicate the effect that it had on him.) 'And then he belled it again every half-hour till eight o'clock.'

As the young gentleman in question makes a practice of coming to breakfast in his night attire just before 10 a.m., one can readily understand that the good monk's efforts to encourage early rising did not secure his approval!—Yours truly,
F. LL. EDWARDS.
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THE MAKING OF A BELL.

LECTURE BY A BELL FOUNDER.

A lecture on the technical side of bell founding was given by Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, before the Newcomen Society for the Study of the History of Engineering and Technology, at a meeting held at Prince Henry's Room, Fleet Street, London, on December 18th.

In the course of an interesting lecture Mr. Hughes pointed out that fundamentally the actual processes of moulding and casting have altered only slightly during the last six or seven centuries. The first step in the founding of a bell was to design the shape, and the making of this design was perhaps the most important part of the whole work, for the satisfactory quality of tone depended upon correct shape and correct proportions of thickness at various points. The quality of metal, whilst of importance, was secondary to design. Mr. Hughes went on to describe in detail the process of moulding, and contrasted the care necessary in this part of the work compared with that for commercial castings, in which it is customary to add a percentage of thickness to allow for machining. In the case of bells there was no machining in the accepted sense of the word, and the founder designed his bell to produce the note required. It was for this reason that such particular care was taken with the moulding, as the limits for correction by the tuning machine were very small. The moulds of both core and cope are subjected to drying at several stages in order to reduce shrinkage to the lowest possible point, and are finally given a dressing of plumbago and polished to produce a clean, smooth surface on the casting, also to prevent the metal from burning into the mould and to allow of easy 'stripping' after casting.

QUALITY AND TONE.

Bell metal, continued Mr. Hughes, was an alloy of copper and tin, and, for church bells, the mixture was about 76 per cent. copper and 23 per cent. tin. Many experiments had been made, but this copper and tin alloy had been proved to be the best for producing a clear, pure tone. The note of a bell depended upon its diameter at the mouth and its thickness at the soundbow. Two bells of the same size, but of different thicknesses, would therefore have different notes, the thinner of the two being the lower in pitch. A peal of eight in the diatonic scale were calculated from the following proportions: Taking the tenor as 1, the diameter of the others from the 7th to the treble would be 8-9ths, 4-5ths, $\frac{3}{4}$, 2-3rds, 3-5ths, 8-15ths, $\frac{1}{2}$, and each bell would, of course, be cast on the same scale of thickness. As, however, weights varied at the cubes of the diameters, in the case of bells to be hung for change ringing the weights obtained in a peal cast exactly to this natural scale, would not be satisfactory, and the smaller ones would be overpowered by the larger ones. It was, therefore, necessary to depart by calculation from the natural scale and gradually to increase the weights from, generally speaking, the 6th. This naturally necessitated making them larger, and, in order to retain the desired note, the thickness must be proportionately increased. The result was that the treble would be about 30 per cent. of the weight of the tenor instead of, according to the natural formula, 12½ per cent.

EXACT TUNING.

In modern tuning, the note and harmonic tones were recorded by means of special tuning forks, registering the rate vibrations per second for each note. Each bell was treated on the lathe, until its note responded exactly to the desired forks, and a ring of bells so tuned could be guaranteed to be absolutely perfect in tune. It was in designing and tuning that the great advance had been made. The first tuning machines constructed were laid down at the Gloucester Foundry of the renowned Rudhall family, and at the Whitechapel Foundry about 100 years ago. From descriptions handed down, these machines were worked by horse or donkey, and it was the machine which revolved, not the bell, as on modern lathes. With these early machines, it was only possible to tune a bell in one zone, i.e., the soundbow, and the harmonic tones were, therefore, neglected. Previous to these first machines, tuning was effected by hand-chipping metal from the soundbow. Sometimes a bell would be sharpened by chipping metal from the extreme edge, the reduced diameter and retention of the original soundbow thickness resulting in lesser amplitude, and, therefore, quicker vibration, giving the higher note.

It had been stated that a few of the early English founders had some knowledge of the theory of correct design. The examples were mostly found in the Eastern Counties, and one could only assume that they might have gained a certain amount of knowledge by contact with the Flemish founders, or by having paid visits to the Continent. One of the most renowned bells in East Anglia was the tenor at Lavenham, Suffolk, cast by Miles Graye, of Colchester, in 1625, and weighing about 24 cwt. This bell was almost perfectly correct in its tones. The curious thing, however, was that, as good a founder as Miles Graye was, his bells were not consistent in quality, and one could, therefore, only assume that his knowledge was limited. Mr. Hughes said his own opinion was that these early founders, like their successors, believed that all bells, irrespective of size or scale of thickness, could be designed on exactly the same lines.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH: APPRECIATION OF HON. SECRETARY'S WORK.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Bridport on Saturday, December 14th, about 60 ringers attending. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. S. H. Viggars (Rector), and an address was given by the Rev. B. J. Langham, Rector of Maiden Newton.

The usual meat tea followed at the Greyhound Hotel, presided over by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, chairman of the branch, supported by the Revs. B. Langham, B. Hutton, C. H. d'Ombrian, Messrs. F. Bugler (Ringing Master), W. H. B. Northover (Deputy Ringing Master), and Mr. T. Hervey Beams (hon. secretary).

At the business meeting, the president, Ringing Master and Deputy Ringing Master were all unanimously re-elected to office.

The unwelcome announcement had then to be made that Mr. Beams felt unable, on account of his ill-health, to carry on all the duties required of the secretary and treasurer. Mr. Beams spoke on his own behalf, regretting his inability, but offering whatever counsel and direction he could to whosoever was appointed to succeed him.

It was unanimously felt that the branch was anxious to retain Mr. Beams upon its list of officers as long as possible, and the warm sympathy of the members was expressed to him. He was, therefore, re-elected formally as secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. Brooks, of Beaminster, was appointed hon. assistant secretary, with the understanding that he would shoulder all the active work.

The Chairman then spoke of Mr. Beams' association with the Guild during the twenty-three years since his coming to Bradpole, of his untiring devotion to the cause of bells and ringing, and of his persistence which had resulted in the established position of the branch to-day and in the existence of change ringing over a wide area where it was previously unknown. He asked Mr. Beams to accept the gratitude of the branch, which owed all its progress to Mr. Beams.

On behalf of the members, the Chairman then presented to Mr. Beams a framed address, accompanied by some useful gifts, towards which every tower affiliated to the branch had sent a subscription.

Mr. Beams, in expressing his thanks, hoped that the members would assist his successor in every way.

Bradpole, Maiden Newton, Whitchurch, Netherbury and Beaminster were chosen for the quarterly meetings, and it was resolved to hold a bye-meeting at Litton Cheney.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded the Rector of Bridport, the preacher, the organist, and all the incumbents who had welcomed the Guild at their towers during the year.

A strong recommendation was passed that the Diocesan Guild should press for the inclusion of a practical ringer on the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

The towers in the neighbourhood were available for ringing, and many young ringers enjoyed some good practice.

THE MAKING OF A BELL (continued from previous column).

It was, of course, now known that this was not the case. With all these early founders' products, it was noticeable that one or two bells were better than others, and he (Mr. Hughes) thought there was no doubt that they worked largely by rule-of-thumb methods. It should not be inferred, concluded Mr. Hughes, that all the old rings of bells in the country should be recast. There were still many old rings throughout the country which, despite technical faults, were regarded favourably, and the general effect in ringing was pleasing. It was also possible to retune many old peals, getting their fundamental notes correct and their harmonic tones as nearly in line as possible, with satisfactory results.

Mr. Hughes' lecture, which was much appreciated, and followed with close interest, was illustrated by lantern slides and models.

NOTES BY THE WAY (continued from page 821).

The forthcoming Minor Methods Collection contains an appendix which is both an opportunity and a challenge—an opportunity for the Exercise to see if it has any use for a new style of peal composition in Minor and Doubles, and a challenge to those who think that only what has always been done should still be done.

Let us remember that ringing is an art based on a mathematical science, a science so exact and rigid that it makes its own rules. You cannot get very far from them. Its long history and its many developments have left ringing substantially the same thing as when it started, and we need have no fear that it will ever be spoilt by lawless innovations. So I am all in favour of experiments, and the more the people who make them understand the nature of ringing the better chance they have of being successful.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Wednesday, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. Mitchell 1, P. E. Jones 2, J. H. Lucas 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, C. Nicholls 5, F. Corke 6, E. J. Swift (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 7, T. Setter 8.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

RULES FOR PEALS—A TIME OF EXPERIMENT.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The recent editorial in 'The Ringing World' on the subject of 'Conditions for Peals,' raises a rather interesting problem. We are reminded that spliced ringing has become a fairly common practice in late years, and that not only have peals been rung in several Major methods, but Triples and Major and Caters and Royal have been rung in the same peal. And we are asked, 'What about Minor and Doubles?' May they, too, be rung in the same peal? Well, the answer depends, I suppose, largely upon how you are going to mix them. You might ring six complete 720's of Minor, followed by six complete 120's of Doubles, and although such a performance cannot be said to be covered by the accepted rules, it is hardly likely that anyone (save, perhaps, a few purists who are not six-bell ringers) would seriously object. But you could not call it spliced ringing any more than you could call a complete touch of 2,520 Bob Major followed by a complete touch of 2,520 Grandsire Triples spliced ringing. And there hardly seems to be any sufficient reason for ringing such a peal. The essence of spliced ringing is that two or more methods are employed in the same composition, and in ringing you pass from one to the other in the middle of the touch, and with no more notice than you get at a bob. It is one thing to start a fresh method from rounds, and quite another to pick up the work for a new method at any odd lead-end. In proper spliced Doubles and Minor ringing you must have a true 720 made up of the two. Such a thing is no doubt possible, but it would involve making each of the bells in turn a covering tenor, a thing which for obvious reasons is not to be recommended. Apart from the detestable musical result, it would, I think, violate the sound rule of the Exercise that no bell should strike in any one position more than two consecutive blows.

One other way, perhaps, you might do it. You could start a 720 of Minor, then in the middle of it switch over into Doubles, ring a whole or part of a six-score and pick up your Minor again, and so by shifting from one to the other ring a complete 720 and a complete 120. It would not be true spliced ringing, but it might be interesting as an experiment. But would it be worth while? The band that wants to ring it are the only people who can really answer that question, but I should say, seeing that the scope of real spliced Minor ringing is so wide, that it would not be worth while.

But then comes the question, What about the Central Council rules for peal ringing? Cannot we settle this question by seeing what they say and loyally abiding by it? I should say that they have nothing to do with it at all. They were drawn up at a time when nobody thought of spliced ringing, and they do not contemplate these things in any way. True, they do not allow them, but it is not fair to say that they forbid them. Nor do I think that we need worry, at present, about bringing our rules up to date. We are passing through a time of development in peal ringing, and experiments are being made. We want to see what is going to come out of them, and when we know that we can rewrite our rules. We do not want to legalise formally all these experiments, but we certainly do not want to stop them being made.

But people say, 'That won't do. If we have got rules we must keep them, otherwise better to do away with them altogether. And do we want to have a state of lawlessness in the Exercise, where everyone does just what he thinks good in his own eyes?' The answer to that argument is that you must understand what the nature and use of rules in ringing are. And on this point there is a good deal of misunderstanding. People think that our rules are like the rules in such things as cricket and football, which are necessary to the game, and which, if a player breaks, he is guilty of unfairness. But they are not. When the essence of a game is competition between two people or two sides, you must have rules to hold the proper balance between them, and if one side breaks them it is guilty of unfairness. For instance, the bowler who throws in cricket is unfair to the batsman. But in ringing there is nothing of that sort. Competition only enters into it as a side issue. Our rules are not restrictive. They are not intended to prevent people from doing things. They are really directions how to get the best out of ringing. They are the result of the experience of the Exercise during centuries, and they say to ringers, 'If you want to get the best out of ringing, do this and do not do that.' But, if a band chooses to do otherwise, they are quite within their rights, and are guilty of no unfairness. It follows that if sufficient reason occurs any band may break any of these rules and be justified in doing so. Nor will these exceptions alter the fact that for nearly every case the rule is good and should be observed. No rules should stand in the way of the legitimate and natural development of ringing. The final test must be whether the novelty is a legitimate and natural development. And that, I think, time alone can solve. Fifty years ago (much less than fifty years ago) a representative body of ringers would have condemned out of hand such things as Little Methods, or spliced peals. The time was not ripe for them. But now they have fitted themselves into our scheme of things, and we feel they are right and proper and a gain to our art. Novelty just for novelty's sake and things that are freaks are to be sternly discouraged, but if ringing is to live and flourish it must develop.

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READING'S RING OF TWELVE.

DEDICATION AT ST. LAURENCE'S, READING.

It is remarkable what results may be achieved when everyone concerned does his best, and at the same time makes it possible—and attractive—for others to do theirs. This is practically the story of the St. Laurence Twelve, which were dedicated by Bishop Shaw on Friday, December 20th. The matter was only taken in hand at the end of June, and some time before six months had elapsed the money was assured. The result is also a witness to the fact that you can have a ring of twelve possessing beauty, body and balance with a tenor of under 24 cwt. Every bell is heard distinctly in the ringing room, and all are restrained. The 'go' is all that could be desired.

Besides adding two trebles, the treble of the old ten has been recast and the whole ring tuned and hung with new fittings in a cast-iron and steel frame. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, whose representative in charge of the work in the tower was Mr. Frank Smith.

It was the wish of the church authorities that the ringing at the dedication should be carried out by experienced twelve-bell ringers, so the foreman of tower, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, applied to Mr. H. Langdon, of the College Youths, who brought down for the occasion some of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, most of whom are also members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the bells were heard to good advantage in a 504 of Stedman Cinques rung at the close of the service.

The original ten bells were a ring by Robert Catlin, which were restored in 1882, when some of the bells were recast.

TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.

A COMPLETE LIST.

The practice of having twelve bells, hung for ringing, in a tower goes back to the earliest days of change ringing. York Minster possessed the first, set up in 1681, but these were recast into a peal of ten in 1765, and there was not twelve in the tower again until 1844. It was at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, that the first twelve-bell peal was rung, and the bells here were made twelve in 1719. Cirencester followed in 1722, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (1726), St. Michael's, Cornhill (1728), and St. Saviour's, Southwark (1735) came next, but it was not until 1770 that another ring of twelve appeared in the provinces. In that year the twelve was completed at St. Mary's, Cambridge, but in the meantime, as mentioned above, the twelve at York had disappeared. Two famous peals followed soon after—Birmingham in 1772 and Norwich in 1775.

It is interesting to note that two rings of twelve of former days are no longer in existence. That at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire in 1836, and the ring of twelve at St. Peter's, St. Albans, completed in 1868, was afterwards reduced again to ten.

Here is the list of rings of twelve in Great Britain and Ireland, with the approximate weights of the respective tenors:—

	Approx. weight, tenor, cwt.		Approx. weight, tenor, cwt.
London:			
St. Paul's	62	Leicester	33
St. Bride's	28	Lincoln	24
St. Martin's	30	Liverpool	40
Southwark	50	Macclesfield	26
Cornhill	41	Newcastle	38
Bow	53	Norwich	38
Shoreditch	29	Oldham	34
Cripplegate	36	Oxford	31
Ashton-under-Lyne	25	Painswick	26
Birmingham	37	Quex Park	15
Bristol	51	Reading	24
Buckfast Abbey	40	Saffron Walden	24
Cambridge	28	Sheffield	40
Canterbury	30	Shrewsbury	40
Chelmsford	35	Taunton	30
Cheltenham	23	Wakefield	31
Cirencester	28	Walsall	26
Dublin	45	Waltham Abbey	39
Exeter	72	West Bromwich	23
Great Yarmouth	30	Winchester	30
Halifax	25	Wolverhampton	33
High Wycombe	31	Worcester	50
Ipswich	32	York	60
Leeds	36		

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, November 18th, a 720 Plain Bob: Mansfield Ginn (first 720 on tower bells) 1, D. Adams 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, C. Robinson 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: H. Robinson 1, C. Robinson 2, B. Wayman 3, F. C. Ginn 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by 1st, 2nd and 3rd ringers, and the first by the Over Society.

SPlicing PLAIN MAJOR METHODS

PEALS IN 15 METHODS.

BY STEPHEN H. WOOD.

This article is really a continuation of, or a sequel to, one which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of August 30th, 1929. In that article I was dealing mainly with the first 15 methods in the C.C. Collection, namely, all those which are produced by adding one or more of the following to 'plain hunting': '3rd's and 4th's round the treble,' '5th's and 6th's round the treble,' '2nd's place,' '7th's place.'

We succeeded in splicing seven of them into a peal, and, later, added six 'Little' methods to this number. In doing this we limited ourselves to the use of bobs only, with the exception of two Singles—one at the end of each half—to turn the 'course' of the rows; and I promised to return later and see whether we could get any further by using Singles as well as Bobs. I have since investigated this matter, and hope to explain in this article how the use of Singles enables us to splice the whole 15 methods into a peal.

In my previous article (referred to above) I divided the 15 methods up into four groups and showed how there are eight false course-ends between any two of them, namely:—

34256,	35426,	63254,	42635,
42356,	52436,	43652,	35264,

The problem before us now is, therefore, to produce four sets of natural course-ends which are such that no member of one repeats with any member of any of the others when transposed by any of these eight false course-ends. This sounds rather alarming, but in reality it is not nearly as hard as it sounds. We can at once get two sets—one in-course and one out-of-course. What we have to do, therefore, is to write down two sets, both in-course, which satisfy these conditions; we can then write down the two corresponding out-of-course sets, making up the necessary four.

There are several solutions to this problem, giving in each case a total of 60 course-ends—i.e., just half the full number (and, incidentally, just about enough to give us a peal).

The following is the most obvious and symmetrical solution:—

(In-course.)	(In-course.)	(Out-of-course.)	(Out-of-course.)
23456	24365	23465	24356
42356	32465	42365	32456
34256	43265	34265	43256
42635	32546	42536	32645
34625	43526	34526	43625
23645	24536	23546	24635
35264	46253	36254	45263
25463	26354	26453	25364
45362	36452	46352	35462
62534	52643	52634	62543
64523	53624	54623	63524
63542	54632	53642	64532
56234	65243	65234	56243
56423	65324	65423	56324
56342	65432	65342	56432

In the above, A and B are in-course, and it will be found that the rows of B are just the rows of A written backwards. C and D are out-of-course, and are the same as A and B with 5 and 6 reversed. These four sets will be found to satisfy the conditions.

Now, we could have got as far as this before, but our trouble was that, while we were limited to the use of bobs only, it was impossible to get from A to B, or from C to D. The Singles will overcome this difficulty, and it now remains for us to see how we can best join up these 60 courses into one round block.

Here again we are likely to get temporarily stuck; but it is obvious that there must be a way of doing it, so that if we think about it long enough and hard enough we shall probably get an inspiration or brain wave. Now it will be observed that the 60 course-ends which we are using are rather peculiar; in each of them 5-6 are either 'at home' (i.e., in 5-6, either the right way or reversed), or else are coursing each other; and these 60 course-ends have already been joined into an admirable peal of Double Norwich some years ago by the Rev. E. Bankes James.

I would ask any who are interested in these matters to follow this through very closely, because the way in which Mr. Bankes James' peal of Double Norwich is bound up with our present difficulties, and the manner in which it overcomes them all with one fell swoop, as it were, and saves us from any further worry about falseness, is one of the most fascinating and beautiful things which I have yet met in the world of composition.

The figures of this peal are as follows:—

23456 5 6

42635 x

64523 x

65423 S

46352 x

34265 x

Eleven times repeated, with two similarly-placed Singles, one in each half.

This is in itself a very clever peal of Double Norwich, but I doubt whether even such a far-seeing man as Mr. Bankes James can have foreseen when he composed it that it would enable the Exercise

several years later to splice many methods into a peal of Major with such a maximum of simplicity. To begin with, it contains just the courses which we are dealing with, but it does more than this; it uses only two calls, Bobs at 'Home' and Singles at 'Out.' Now a Single at 'Out' in an 8th's-place method has the same effect as a Single at 'Right' in a 2nd's-place method, and by making this slight variation we at once make room for our 2nd's-place methods as well as our 8th's-place methods, and, moreover, the calls are now in both cases right at the end of the course, so there is no possible chance of bits of one course repeating with bits of another, each one being an entirely separate and independent unit. In fact, it is all almost too good to be true!

If we write out the peal in full and mark A, B, C or D opposite each course according to which of the four groups the previous course-ends appears in above, we can find out at once which methods we may use for each course; there will in each case be a choice of two. For instance, I have taken the—

Plain Bob, Double Bob and Reverse Bob group for A, Lavenham, Maidstone, Edmonton and Chesterfield for B, Shipway, Highbury, Winchester and Marlborough for C, and Double Norwich, Pershore, Double Oxford and Hereward for D.

Suppose we make opposite a course, then if the calling is 'Bob at Home,' the method to be rung is Reverse Bob, and if the calling is 'Single at Right,' we may ring either Plain Bob or Double Bob. And again, if D is marked opposite a course, we can ring either Double Norwich or Pershore if the calling is 'Bob at Home,' and either Double Oxford or Hereward if it is 'Single at Right.'

So far things have been going well for us, but we now find ourselves up against two snags. The first is fairly easily overcome; we have got to put in two Singles, one in each half, and in doing this we must be careful about changing the method. We must always change from one group to another at a Single, and as in this case we must make the Singles in the middle of the course, we shall have to change the method in the middle of a course.

The second snag is more serious; it is this: as the calling is 'Bob at Home' in all the 8th's-place method courses, these courses will in no case contain the full seven leads. The Reverse Bob courses will give six leads and the Double Norwich five, but the others will give only four, three and two, according to where the 'Home' position occurs in the course. The result of this is that although we have 60 courses (and 45 full ones are enough for a peal), even if we spin out the length of our round block as far as possible by putting in only one course of Pershore, Maidstone, and Highbury, we are still nearly four courses short of a 5,000. This is a tragedy, and something drastic must be done about it. There is no choice; if we are to get a peal at all we must splice in some courses with the tenors separated. I have done this as simply as possible (and having due regard for 'truth') by making three calls at '5th's' in each half, and by making the first of them in each case a Single instead of a Bob, we get over our first snag at the same time, and so avoid messing up the composition any more than is absolutely necessary.

I will now give the figures of the peal:—

A SPliced PEAL OF PLAIN MAJOR IN 15 METHODS.
5,008 CHANGES.

(5th's)	H. R.	23456	43256
x		42635 Reverse Bob.	24635 Double Norwich.
x		64523 Reverse Bob.	62543 Double Norwich.
S		675234 P. Bob; Dbl. Oxf.	675432 Dbl. Oxf.; Plain Bob.
—		645732 Double Oxford.	625734 Plain Bob.
S		65243 Double Oxford.	65423 Plain Bob.
x		26354 Lavenham.	46352 Shipway.
x		32465 Lavenham.	34265 Shipway.
x		43526 Maidstone.	23546 Highbury.
x		54632 Lavenham.	52634 Shipway.
S		56432 Chesterfield.	56234 Marlborough.
x		45263 Double Norwich.	25463 Reverse.
x		24356 Double Norwich.	42356 Reverse.
x		32645 Pershore.	34625 Reverse.
x		63524 Double Norwich.	63542 Reverse.
S		65324 Hereward.	65342 Double Bob.
x		36452 Lavenham.	36254 Shipway.
x		43265 Lavenham.	23465 Shipway.
x		24536 Lavenham.	42536 Shipway.
x		52643 Lavenham.	54623 Shipway.
S		56243 Edmonton.	56423 Winchester.
x		25364 Double Norwich.	45362 Reverse.
x		32456 Double Norwich.	34256 Reverse.
x		43625 Double Norwich.	23645 Reverse.
x		64532 Double Norwich.	62534 Reverse.
S		65432 Double Oxford.	65234 Plain Bob.
x		46253 Lavenham.	26453 Shipway.
x		24365 Lavenham.	42365 Shipway.
x		32546 Lavenham.	34526 Shipway.
x		53624 Lavenham.	53642 Shipway.
S		56324 Edmonton.	56342 Winchester.
x		35462 Double Norwich.	35264 Reverse.
x		43256 Double Norwich.	23456 Reverse.

The calling for the second half is the same as for the first
(Continued in next column.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. A MEETING AT BEVERLEY.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Beverley on Saturday, December 14th, and was but poorly attended. The service was held in the choir of the minster, where the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Rigg, D.D., delivered an appropriate address, in the course of which the demise of the late Vicar, Canon Nolloth, was touched upon in affectionate terms.

Tea was served in the Minster Parish Room to members representing towers at Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Selby, Sutton, Withernsea and the local company. The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Vicar.

The annual meeting was arranged to be held at Goole in March, and Mr. E. E. Taylor, of Withernsea, was elected a member of the association.

A vote of condolence was moved by Mr. F. Cryer and seconded by Mr. W. Gibson, with Mrs. Nolloth on the death of the late Canon, the members standing a few moments in respectful silence.

A unanimous hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Dr. Rigg for the use of the magnificent peal, service and address, also to the ladies who kindly administered to the wants of the visitors, and to Mr. W. Gibson for the excellent arrangements.

This concluded a small but a very enjoyable and harmonious meeting, to which the Vicar contributed in no small degree.

(Continued from previous column.)

N.B.—In the 3rd course Plain Bob is rung till the '5th's' position comes up (at the second lead), and Double Oxford is then rung till the course-end, the course consisting of four leads. In the third course of the second half, Double Oxford is rung till the '5th's' position comes up (at the 5th lead), and Plain Bob is then rung till the course-end, the course consisting of ten leads. In arranging the methods I have as far as possible put the harder and less known methods early, and in this and other ways made the practical performance of it as easy as its nature allows.

This peal contains one or two rather unsatisfactory features; to begin with there are seven methods which only appear once, and in three of these cases only for a short course. There are also the four courses with the tenors apart, which we had to put in.

I have, however, composed another peal which gets over these difficulties to a great extent. I will publish it, and the groups of course-ends A, B, C, D from which it is produced, in a later issue. It is based on the same idea, but at the expense of elaborating the calling a little bit I have reduced the number of short courses, so that the 60 courses, instead of giving a round block of under 5,000, now give 6,048, which is a big improvement.

MR. GEORGE GILBERT'S 200 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles in three methods	1	1
Doubles in four methods	1	1
Minor in one method	1	1
Minor in two methods	1	1
Minor in three methods	3	3
Minor in four methods	10	7
Minor in five methods	3	2
Minor in seven methods	48	11
Grandsire Triples	20	12
Bob Triples	2	2
Oxford Bob Triples	1	—
Stedman Triples	18	—
St. Clement's Triples	1	1
Bob Major	15	8
Double Norwich Major	11*	1
Little Bob Major	1	—
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	5	4
Kent Treble Bob Major	16	7
Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major	1	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	7	—
Superlative Surprise Major	9	1
Bristol Surprise Major	4	—
London Surprise Major	11	—
Stedman Caters	4	—
Bob Royal	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	—
Cambridge Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Stedman Cinques	1	—
	200	65

* Includes 11,008. Rung in 89 different towers and 10 different counties.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AT DOVER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to the inquiry by Mr. C. Turner in your issue of December 6th, the College Youths rang a peal of Bob Major (5,040 changes) in 3 hrs. 2 mins. at Dover (St. Mary's) in the year 1732.—Yours faithfully,

F. WARRINGTON.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic post-cards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

A happy and prosperous new year to all our friends. May good fortune always attend them, and their shadows never grow less.

The St. James' Society (which is now the London County Association) was established to give the members of the College and Cumberland Youths the opportunity of meeting and ringing peals together. It was established over a hundred years ago, but it was not the first society that existed to meet this particular requirement. As long ago as 1738 there was in London 'the Friendly Society of Ringers.' How long it lasted we do not know, but on December 27th, 1738, under its auspices, a peal of 6,160 Bob Major was rung at St. Andrew's, Holborn.

A 'John' peal, composed by John Holt, reversed by John Carler and conducted by John Jagger, was rung at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Hagley, on December 27th, 1902. The Johns, too, rang a peal of London Surprise at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on January 2nd, 1904, but the first John peal was rung by the Bromley Youths in 1828.

On hundred and eighty years ago to-morrow the 'Twickenham Scholars' rang a peal of 6,000 Bob Major at Twickenham.

A peal of 12,000 Bob Major was rung at Bromsgrove on December 29th, 1738, and on the same day, two years later, a 10,080 was rung at Leeds, Kent.

The 29th is also the anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich in Surrey, rung in 1848 at Holy Trinity, Newington, composed and conducted by John Cox; and the 35th anniversary of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at Irthlingborough, which was conducted by Charles W. Clarke.

Two records in their day, set up by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, were made on December 31st, when, in 1831, 15,041 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton; and in 1892, 12,036 Double Norwich at Maidenhead.

James Barham rang his 100th peal on January 1st, 1793. The total age of the band was 582 years.

On New Year's Day, 1776, a peal of 8,046 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, conducted by W. D. Crofts.

The first recorded peal in the belfry of St. George's, Gravesend, was rung on January 1st, 1786, fifty years after the bells had been installed. The church was burnt down in 1727, and the restoration completed in 1736. The present bells are a fine-toned peal by Messrs. Taylor and Co., dedicated in 1923.

Mr. Robert Spalding must have created something of a record when on Saturday week he rang his first peal of Major, for he is in his 80th year. Age is no bar in ringing. Prior to this peal of Kent Treble Bob, Mr. Spalding had rung only one other eight-bell peal, namely, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 17 years ago.

If you want to buy or sell handbells, advertise in 'The Ringing World.' An advertiser writes: 'I had seven applications from my two advertisements of set of handbells, and sold them satisfactorily.'

Mr. H. A. Barnett has completed fifty years as a ringer at All Hallows', Tottenham.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Huish Champflower, December 14th, and reported in our last issue, should have been credited to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

EAST BERGHOLT'S QUAIN'T BELL HOUSE

The quaintest belfry in this country with a ring of bells is East Bergholt in Suffolk, where at the parish church, dedicated to St. Mary, there is a heavy peal of five bells, the tenor reputed to be about 28 cwt., hung in a cage in the churchyard. They are roofed over, but have neither ropes nor wheels. Each ringer stands on a ledge about two feet from the ground by the side of the bell frame and swings his bell by hand by the stock. The ringers



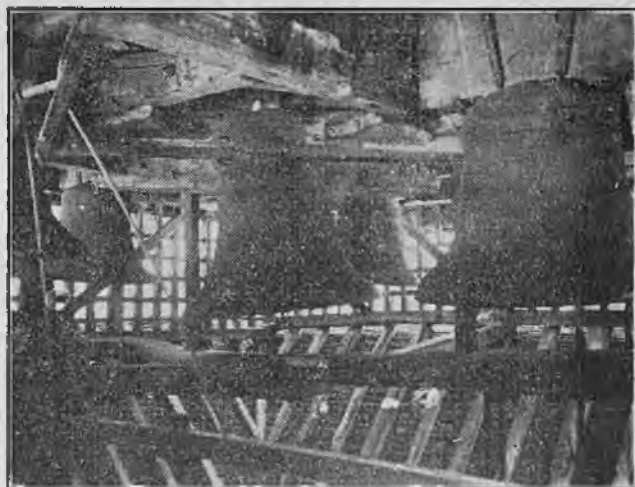
THE BELL HOUSE.

are quite dexterous in handling their bells and the ringing of them is always an object of interest.

There are various traditions accounting for the strange state of affairs; the least probable being that every time an attempt was made to build a bell tower his satanic majesty, annoyed over something or other, pulled it

down. A more likely explanation is the one that Cardinal Wolsey started the new tower but his 'fall' put a stop to the work. The former nave was taken down in 1520 and a base for a new tower prepared, but this was never completed, and the bells were housed in the cage as it is seen to-day. Some of the bells have been recast.

The church of St. Mary is chiefly of the decorated period, with a spacious chancel dating back to 1450, containing a beautiful marble floor and well carved oak choir stalls. The windows all round are large, and some very



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beautiful, giving the building a very bright interior. An oaken chest, 1400 A.D., is placed near the organ, whilst an unexploded German bomb, one of forty dropped from an airship in September, 1915, is hung on the south wall. A short distance away from the church is the birthplace of John Constable, the artist.

CLERGY AND RINGING

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I, as a parson who has recently taken up ringing, join in the correspondence re the above?

First let me say that, while from the ringers' point of view the ideal thing would be for every parson to be also a ringer, there is another side to it, and one which must not be lost sight of. For it is obvious that to learn ringing absorbs much time. Some, it is true, pick it up much more quickly than others, but it requires, say, a year or more to become at all proficient at change ringing. How many overworked clergy and curates in large parishes can give one or two nights a week during that time to learn the art in the midst of all their other engagements? Even a country parson finds himself much occupied by evening classes, and many might well argue that his time might be much better spent than in the tower week after week. But if he is not a ringer, how is he to get in touch?

He may visit the ringers on practice nights, if he has time and is not otherwise engaged, but the probability is that he will not understand what they are doing, and will feel very much in the way. On Sundays the bells are ringing before he gets to church, and if they are having quarter-peals his arrival in the belfry will disconcert the ringers if he attempts to start conversation with them during the peal. If they are having change ringing, it is not easy to time one's arrival for the few minutes in between the changes. By the time they stop ringing for tolling in he is probably in the vestry getting ready himself for the service. And do not forget that there are often many things he must see to just before the service if all is to go with that smoothness which is so necessary to devout worship.

It may be said that he should be there early to take the opening prayer. But if the parson is single handed, and possibly in the country with two churches some distance part, this may entail a very early start, and I think there are many of my brethren who would agree with me that the last half-hour is a very sacred and precious

preparation for prayer and meditation, and not one to be lightly dispensed with. Having for some years lived about a mile and a half from my church, I know something of what time and distance mean.

My point is that there is a very real difficulty in getting in touch with the ringers, even with the best will in the world. It is easy enough for the ringer to say, 'If parson were different it would be all right, but the question is, 'Is it always his fault?' I honestly think that if the parson rings himself it helps to bridge the gulf, but, as I have tried to point out, that is not always easy.

But are we not in danger of losing sight of the main crucial point? The office of bellringers should be as sacred an office as that of Sunday School teacher or any other churchworker. Quite so; then we must go one step further. Spiritual men and women for spiritual work. Aim, pray, work for converted bellringers. Then there will be no gap between parson and bellringer; both will be one in their aims and purpose, they will not only meet in the belfry, but in many other phases in Church life and work. And there will grow up between them that holy, happy bond of Christian fellowship which is only to be found between those who are truly one in the deepest spiritual things. Their bellringing will then be not merely a hobby nor an occasion for social intercourse, but it will be a bit of spiritual work undertaken from the highest motives.—Yours truly,

F. ARTHUR ROUGHTON,

Vicar of Galleywood, Essex.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On December 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins., by the following members of the St. Lawrence Society: H. James 1, Mrs. F. A. Clements 2, A. W. Wright 3, H. Gillett (conductor) 4, T. Banning 5, B. T. Phillips 6, F. A. Clements 7, C. Pratley 8. Mr. Gillett's first quarter as conductor. He is an old and respected member of the St. Lawrence's Society.

JOSEPH J. PARKER.

PIONEER IN COMPOSITION.

A NOTED SOUTH BUCKS RINGER.

Among the names that will go down to history in ringing is that of Joseph J. Parker, who, as an investigator of and a pioneer in new ideas of composition, was among the leading composers of a generation ago. Mr. Parker has produced peals which are classics, and, if only for his famous twelve-part of Grandsire Triples—in its original and transposed forms it is the most widely rung Grandsire composition to-day—his work will always be known in the Exercise. But while ringers have the advantage of his work, what of the man? One of the most retiring of individuals, one who has never sought the limelight, Joseph J. Parker, loved by his intimates who ring in and around South Buckinghamshire, is personally unknown to the larger world outside, and it is a delight to us, through the sketch which follows, from the pen of 'W. H. F.', to introduce him to the ringers of a new generation. Mr. Parker has just completed fifty years as steeplekeeper at Farnham Royal Church, and the present is therefore a particularly fitting opportunity for such an article.

Born near the River Colne, in the parish of Horton, Bucks, on March 7th, 1853, Mr. Joseph J. Parker migrated as a young man to Salt Hill, near Slough, for two years, and then on to Farnham Royal in 1870, where he was married to an Eton lady, by the Rector, at St. Mary's Church on April 25th, 1865.



MR. J. J. PARKER.

Two children (a son and daughter) survive of a family of four, the elder son—named Joseph after his father, and who had rung a peal or two—passing away in his prime in the year 1920. Early in June this year Mrs. Parker was called away in her 84th year, and as troubles never come alone Mr. Parker almost followed her a few days afterwards, having been run down by a fast motor-car while cycling near his home. Fortunately serious results were not apparent—although his machine was crumpled up and he was cut about and bruised considerably—for he may yet be seen occasionally riding a brand new cycle through the village.

Mr. Parker's trade as a practical boot and shoe maker was carried on at two shops in the Village Square, facing the well-known 'pump house' in the centre. One he occupied for 17 years, the other for 14 years, with the added responsibility of the Post Office work to his numerous undertakings.

Some 20 years ago he was obliged, by a nervous breakdown, to retire to his present residence, Ellesmere, in the Stoke Poges Lane, where we hope he will be spared for many years to hear the bells of St. Mary's.

IN THE BEGINNING.

Farnham Royal Church tower was rebuilt in 1876, and the present back six bells, with new frame, etc., hung by Mears and Stainbank. They were made up as a 'six' with four old bells, two of which (by Pack and Chapman, dated 1752) were cracked, and two new bells. On Whit Monday, 1877, ceremonious rejoicings at the opening of the restored tower and bells took place with 'open house' to neighbouring bands of ringers and their clergy, from Berks and Bucks towers, with service in the church and a suitable address, and luncheon in a marquee in a field adjoining. To the Slough ringers (a six-bell band in those days) was allotted the honour of opening the bells, and the writer has vivid recollections as a young 'prentice hand' with that company of taking the second bell in a few call changes and his first meeting with Mr. Parker 52 years ago.

There were present Rev. A. H. Drummond, of All Saints', Boyne Hill, inducted Vicar in 1877, and his eight-bell band of ringers, whose tower and bells had been opened in 1875. During the speeches reference was made to 'half-pull' ringing and bellfry reform, several letters having appeared in 'Church Bells' upon these matters.

Local clergy were not slow in appreciating the advice of Canon Ellacombe in the current issues of that weekly, whilst the newly-formed West Middlesex Association and the Devonshire Guild, both in 1874, followed by Yorks Association, 1875, and Lancashire, 1876, pointed the way to a Berks and Bucks Association for the advancement of change ringing in this district.

It took over twelve months to bring the organisation into shape. Drummond was president, Marshall treasurer, and Edward Rogers hon. secretary. Rules were drawn up, and the annual fee fixed at 2s. per head. A number of meetings and practices were held by the ringers, Messrs. Rogers, Smith (from Devonport), Parker, Flaxman, Bissley, Alder and Fussell, during 1878, and on January 1st, 1879, subscriptions were first paid in, the writer treasuring No. 14 receipt of that date, now in his possession.

Mr. Parker is the only survivor of the old Farnham team—Messrs. Batten (schoolmaster), Beaumont, verger, a big man who could scarcely climb the old stairs, Bovingdon, Crockett, Deadman and Flaxman—and with them he learned to pull a bell, his assistance having been previously secured as a musician to enable them to master handbell tune playing for Christmas.

PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS.

Mr. Parker's appointment as tower foreman followed, and he set about getting new hands, and soon mastered tower bells in Doubles and Minor. Then he turned his attention to simple compositions on six bells, little dreaming of the mass of figures he was to wade through in after years. When Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee came along, it was Mr. Parker who urged the 'trebles' in opposition to other suggestions, and in 1897 he collected the whole of the funds for the new bells and fittings.

With his neighbour, the late George Alder, of Burnham, he at once set about hanging the new bells in a new frame without professional help, and in October, 1898, with his own band conducted his own composition for the first peal on the octave. On the death of the Rector, the Rev. F. Stirling Marshall, a well-beloved ringers' friend, who had been incumbent for 37 years, the parish decided to keep his memory by installing a striking clock in the church tower, and the whole of the funds for this were collected as a labour of love by Mr. Parker, who has ever since 1891 cared for and attended to its regular timekeeping.

When the Parochial Council was formed, under the Local Government Act of 1894, Mr. Parker was one of the first members elected, and has served on it ever since. He now holds the position of vice-chairman, with the added dignity of being Father of the Council. As a fire brigade volunteer he took on the care of the hose reel and hydrants of the parish for some time. Fond of music and a natural musician, he early joined the choir as a tenor singer and played a great part in concert work in many of the neighbouring parishes, with occasional violin and English concertina performances of merit, and solo handbell table pieces.

It is to be hoped my account is not wearying to the readers of 'The Ringing World,' but one cannot hold a friendship with a fellow churchman for over half a century without going into a little detail of his life. How much should we appreciate to-day a similar history of some of the early founders of the art, such as Garlton, of Norwich, Annable and Holt, of London, and several others of centuries ago?

HIS PEAL RINGING.

When the Oxford Diocesan Guild was formed in 1881, the Berks and Bucks Association was taken over en bloc by the diocesan body and allowed to retain its old title as a branch. For the Guild, Mr. Parker has scored over a century of peals, details of which are appended, but it is doubtful if he will add another to the list owing to his recent accident. The writer consoles himself with the fact that he shared in Mr. Parker's first (Ealing in 1883) and last (Ritchin in 1925) performances.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Caters	...	1
Grandsire Triples	...	54
Oxford Bob Triples	...	31
Stedman Triples	...	16
Bob Major	...	7
Double Norwich	...	5
Superlative Surprise	...	4
Cambridge Surprise	...	1
Kent Treble Bob	...	5
Seven methods on six bells	...	1
Five methods on six bells	...	1
Four methods on six bells	...	4
One method on six bells	...	1
	131	56

Of these, 101 peals were rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, 19 for the Middlesex County Association, and 11 for other societies.

It will be noticed that 'Grandsire' predominates in the list, which shows that the veteran was born too soon, at a time when half-pull men were scarce, and long journeys on foot had to be undertaken.

for an 'attempt' that was frequently repeated. For instance, at Wraybury Mr. Parker made nearly a dozen attempts, some of almost three hours' duration, before he was rewarded with 'That's all.' In addition to the Oxford Guild and Middlesex Association, he also joined the College Youths, St. James' and Waterloo Societies in London.

IN THE REALM OF COMPOSITION.

Success with his early efforts in Minor led Mr. Parker to plain 'Triples' compositions in Union, Court and Oxford Bob methods, and several new peals were sent to Harry Burstow, of Horsham (an old friend), and were rung by the Warnham company. Indeed, Mr. Parker was so well recognised as an authority on these methods that he was asked by the Rev. Earle Bulwer to classify a collection, but he gave way in favour of the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter, of Croydon. No composer of note is free from numerous applications from budding conductors for information, often of an 'impossible nature,' and Mr. Parker's postbag of the past 40 years would fill a good-sized box.

He has produced several peals of value in Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Superlative, but it is in the development of new ideas from 1889 onwards that J.J.P. surprised the Exercise by his compositions. All leaders in the realms of method building and composition have, at one time or another, communicated with him to their mutual satisfaction and the advantage of the Exercise—Snowdon, Bulwer, Dains, Washbrook, Pritchard, Carter and Sir Arthur Heywood, all now deceased, as well as J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, G. Baker, of Brighton, G. Lindoff, of Dublin, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. With the last-named, a good deal of the spade work was done to produce the two modern works on ringing, viz., 'Grandsire' and 'Stedman.' It is on record that Sir Arthur Heywood, on seeing certain productions by Mr. Parker, threw over a whole pile of work in order to start afresh.

During the early years of the Sussex County Association challenge cup era certain of the committee rather feared for the truth of the peals rung in the Warnham district, not knowing till later who was the actual composer. Quite recently Mr. Lindoff produced a ten-part peal of Stedman Triples and wished to claim it, but was referred to the 'Bell News' of 1889. Again, Wm. Sevier, of Gloucester, sent him years ago a ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples by the Rev. H. L. James, which Mr. Parker converted into an excellent five-part peal. In recent conversation I have ascertained that much of his early work was entirely wasted in endeavouring to 'produce an impossibility,' and it was only after elaborate diagrams, with columns of part-ends to correspond with the 'bob sets' of calling, had been prepared that it was possible to answer the question: 'Will it go?'

Carter's '20 courses,' with the help of the two Parkers, soon became 30, and then 40 courses as we know them to-day, and, strange to say, working independently, each man produced them in exactly the same way.

The Waterloo Society rang Holt's Original reversed by Carter, and it was questioned by Challis Winney with letters to Mr. Parker, who pointed out that by cutting out the three leads between the Singles, and placing them in the body of the peal, it was quite true. There was a very interesting half-hour with Carter at the 'Goose and Gridiron' soon afterwards, during a College Youths' meeting there.

Harvey Reeves, the late editor of 'Bell News,' had an ambition to call a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow. Carter arranged the composition—a variation of Thurstans' four-part—to suit the 4th bell as the observation. This Reeves called, and had a board erected for it in the belfry. That peal proved false, but the same composition with the 2nd as observation by Parker runs true. When 'Bell News' started, Harvey, a portly man, often visited Farnham Royal for a week-end, when he would engage a pony and chaise to drive through the famous Burnham Beeches with Parker, and I often heard a good deal of talking and figuring in various methods by the pair during our drive, which usually finished up at the Duke's Head to moisten the course ends.

Mr. Parker had the pull on him once when Reeves returned his two peals of Grandsire Triples on the six-part plan as false, whilst they were perfectly true, a plan which other composers have since followed up.

What do you consider the most effective composition in Grandsire? I asked. 'My 12-part; it is capable of endless variation,' replied Mr. Parker. 'I have it transposed with the second bell as observation for a conductor, who is unable to ring at the back end of a ring of eight.'

This contribution would not be complete if attention were not drawn to Mr. Parker's fourfold jubilee, an accomplishment that does not fall to one individual very often, viz., as chorister, towerkeeper and Berks and Bucks ringer, and, last but not least, fifty years of happy married life. His many services as a ringer, composer and a committee man for the Oxford Diocesan Guild were acknowledged by electing him to honorary membership of the Guild in 1889, and there is every prospect of his making another jubilee in 1931.

On St. Leonard's Day four Berks and four Bucks men met at Farnham Church and rang a 'complimentary peal' (as already reported) for Mr. Parker to celebrate his jubilee. One of his favourite methods, 'Oxford Bob,' was selected. W. H. F.

THE STANDARD OF STRIKING IN PEALS.

SOME PERTINENT REMARKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Far be it from me to cast animadversions upon other people's peal ringing. The standard of striking in peals is necessarily arbitrary, for various reasons. However, there is a definite minimum of performance below which no ringers should go.

I am moved to these remarks by what I heard of a peal at Painswick on Saturday last, by the band which had attempted to regain the twelve-bell record for length. I trust that no one will think I exaggerate, or that I approach the subject with anything but an open mind. I say, then, that this performance was no peal, for neither did it start from nor did it end with rounds. Not one of the opening rounds was clean, and owing to the careless ringing of two of the little bells, rounds did not come up where it ought to have done. Of the forty minutes or so of the ringing that I heard, the least said the better. It reminded me of nothing so much as a billiard player idly knocking the balls about the table, with no definite object in view. If a ball goes in a pocket, all well and good. If it doesn't, nobody cares. And this was from the band which, had it succeeded in keeping the bells going for the proposed length, would have taken precedence over the band which rang the Southwark Stedman, a magnificent performance, and over the Ashton Maximus band.

I have just read through the foregoing, and see no reason to withdraw one jot or tittle of my remarks. The two very efficient ringers who were with me at the time agreed with me that the ringing was very bad indeed.

I do sincerely trust that the band, among which are some of my very good friends, will take these strictures as they are offered, i.e., in a spirit of friendly criticism.

Now, Sir, I am not the man to take an attitude which may be construed as purely destructive. Hence I have a suggestion to make in regard to all record performances. Is it impossible for the Central Council to appoint competent judges to listen to the ringing of these peals? The difficulty which crops up immediately is that were such judges to be appointed, they would have no fixed standard on which to base their conclusions, but they would have their own very good sense, and that is not an unreasonable criterion.—Yours truly,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Somerset.

OLD SLOWE'S GHOST.

A GRAVE WARNING TO YOUNG RINGERS.

'Tis oft times repeated as 'how there's no ghosts.'
But, don't you believe it; for he who sure boasts
Upon this moot point—well, just doesn't know
Our long defunct change ringer—Benjamin Slowe.
Now 'Benjy,' while wearing this ill-fitting coil
Which poets call mortal, gave much of his toil
To the art of change ringing; but always insisted
That 'striking' came first, the remainder—existed.
'Tis known for a fact that old Benjamin 'walks.'
He was buried in seventeen forty, and folks
Declare that on practice nights he's 'nosing' round,
When you'd think he was safe tucked away underground.
If the 'striking' be had, then an 'aura' is seen
To materialise over the closely cropped green
Into 'Benjy' himself! a-dancing a jig,
In his three-cornered hat and his pump-handled wig.
When the bells 'fall' in peal, and the light are turned out,
It is then that had 'strickers' their fears try to flout.
Quite useless, however! they just have to face him:
If they take to their heels they can never outpace him.
The end of this race is a terrible thwack,
As a shrewd blow goes home 'cross the broad of the back.
The striker now stricken, ducks—bellows for mercy,
And as Barham would say, 'it's now quite wisey wersey.'
But afterwards, in the smoke-laden saloon
Of that good house of cheer, 'The Yorkshire Dragoon,'
It's then that 'mine host,' from the victim in pain,
Takes toll, winks, and says, 'What! old "Benjy" again?'

'CASCABLE.'

THREE GENERATIONS IN A PEAL.

Edwin Barnett the third has scored his first peal at the age of eleven years, and will earn the hearty congratulations of the Exercise upon his achievement. 'Granddad' called the peal, and father also took part, so that the performance is specially noteworthy as being one of the very rarer examples of three generations taking part. We hope the three Edwins may ring many more peals together, and that some day Edwin Barnett I. and Edwin Barnett II. will ring in a peal conducted by Edwin Barnett III.

GLIMPSES OF THE PAST.

LAVENHAM'S FAMOUS TENOR.

The 'Saturday Magazine' of October 17th, 1832, had the following paragraph in praise of Lavenham tenor, still held to be one of the finest old bells in the country: At Lavenham, an obscure little town in Suffolk, once celebrated for the manufacture of blue cloth and hand-spun yarn, stands a noble monument of ancient munificence, ranked among the most beautiful Gothic fabrics in the kingdom, both for durability and grandeur. In the steeple of this church is a bell, weighing only 2,576 lb., with such a melodious note as to be universally styled 'The Matchless Tenor'; and 'Magna Britannia,' treating of Lavenham bells, says: 'The tenor hath such an admirable note, as England has none to compare to it.'

'Its weight, its shape, its size alike admir'd,
And tone wherewith each ringer is inspired,
The merry eight with music fill the ear;
Enterpe, too, invites from far and near.
And though, in floating, all sounds slowly die,
They're quick revived by Echo's sweet reply.
Heard through the woods their soft melodious ring
Inspires the warbling feathered tribe to sing,
Nestling 'mid leaves, or skimming o'er the plain,
Distinct to hail each harmonising strain.'

Tradition says that at the time of casting this tenor bell at Lavenham (1625) some rich wool staplers there and other gentlemen in the neighbourhood contributed great quantities of silver, and even gold, to the usual metal, which may, perhaps, account for the vast superiority of its tone. Three roods of land were left to the church by some admirer of ringing for the repair of the bell ropes. Judge Hale, Simon De Ewes (one of the most learned antiquaries of his time and lord of the manor of Lavenham), and William Cecil (Lord High Treasurer of England) were celebrated bellringers, and no doubt travelled miles to assist at the rejoicings of village festivals.

BOW STEEPLE.

Bow bells, still silent for want of that attention which all ringers are hoping will soon be given to them, are perhaps the most famous in the world, and the steeple is one of Wren's masterpieces. It is recorded that about the year 1190, one Longbeard, ringleader of a furious mob, sought refuge in the spire of Bow Church and refused to surrender himself to the authorities until compelled to do so by their setting fire to his place of retreat. In 1271 part of the steeple fell, and, says Stow, the historian, 'slewe manie people, men and women, that then were in the church, or dwelled neere there or about.' The old steeple was entirely rebuilt about 1460, when the Common Council of the City of London ordered that 'Bow Bell' should be rung nightly at nine o'clock in order 'to release the London 'prentices.' This bell, says, Stow, being usually rung somewhat late, as seemed to the young men 'prentices and others in Cheap, they made and set up a rhyme against the clerk as followeth:—

'Clerke of the Bow Bell, with the yellow locks,
For thy late ringing thy head shall have knocks.'

Whereunto the clerk, replying, wrote:

'Children of Cheap, hold you all still,
For you shall have the Bow Bell rung at your will.'

This Bow steeple suffered in the Great Fire of London, and Wren's noble structure is its successor.

FORTUNE SPENT ON BELLRINGING.

One of the most notable of the lords of the manor of Cowley (Gloucestershire) appears to have been Henry Brett. He was an eccentric man, and was remarkable for his fondness for bellringing, which he gratified by constantly travelling about the country with a company of ringers. So costly was this amusement that in the end he is said to have thus dissipated a splendid fortune! He gave a ring of six bells to the Church of St. Mary, at Cowley, in the year 1730.

WHEN 'GREAT PAUL' CAME TO TOWN.

When 'Great Paul' was brought from Loughborough Foundry to London in 1881 it made a kind of triumphal progress through the country. It was drawn on a trolley by traction engines, the vehicle with its load weighing about 22 tons. One day's journey was planned from Leighton Buzzard to Dunstable, but between Fenny Stratford and Breckhill the trolley became stuck in the mud, and many attempts had to be made before it could be extricated by jacks. The roadway was too soft for the narrow wheels of the heavily-loaded wagon, and the experiment was made of putting down boiler plates for the vehicle to travel on. This, however, met with little success, and only 100 yards was covered in the day.

The first 'Big Ben,' cast at Stockton-on-Tees, also met with misfortune on its journey. It was brought by boat to London, and while being unshipped fell into the water. It was recovered, only, however, to be fractured and rendered useless.

FINED FOR NOT RINGING.

Of ringing upon historic occasions there are many quaint records in old parish documents, the details having been preserved because of the payments made by the churchwardens to the ringers, which were duly charged up in the parish accounts. At the time of the civil wars, the parson and the ringers did not apparently always feel safe in their celebrations, and veered from side to side in their

loyalty. At Wrington, Somerset, the ringers were paid to ring when Henrietta Maria rode through the little town on her way to France, but in 1651 a payment of five shillings was made to the ringers 'for ringing for joy of the route of Worcester,' and in 1652 the like sum, 'when the Lord Protector was proclaimed,' with another payment in 1657 for 'God's discovery of the bloody plot against the Lord Protector.'

Sometimes the non-ringing of bells brought its penalties. The people of Twickenham, while busied in reaping, neglected to have the bells rung when Charles I. passed through their town in 1647, and it is recorded that they were mulcted in a penalty of 13s. 4d. 'for default of ringing in harvest when the King came by twice.' In 1529 Queen Catherine was at Reading, and in consequence of the bells failing to be rung the sum of eightpence had to be paid to her almoner. Earlier still, in 1410, Archbishop Arundel suspended certain churches in London, 'with God's holy organs and instruments in the same,' because when in open daylight, passing on foot through the city with his cross borne before him, the bells did not ring out.

A DUKE'S EXPERIMENTS AT BRISTOL.

It is said that the St. Nicholas' Guild of Ringers, Bristol, owes its charter to a royal visit which Queen Elizabeth paid to that city. One of her victims, Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, whose death warrant was thrice sealed, but only twice effectually revoked, had some love of ringing, and experimented on bells in Bristol. At the Temple Church, where there is the famous leaning tower, it is said he had the bells rung to see whether the tower rocked during the process. It must have been well tested, if it was not more gently tried than was the belfry of St. John's in the same city, where there is entered in the church accounts for the same year, 'Paid for reparation upon the church at the ringing of the Duke of Norfolk, 9s. 11d.,' a sum which represents about £10 in modern money.

PEALS AT SHREWSBURY.

The 'Shrewsbury Chronicle' has given the following details of peals rung in that town up to 50 years ago:—

'The recorded peals of 5,000 or more changes, rung on our town church bells within the last 144 years, amount to 21 or a little more, on an average, than one peal for every seven years. The first of these peals was rung at the Abbey in 1735, comprising 5,040 Grandsire Triples, and the same peal was repeated the following year in the same tower. It is stated that three peals in the same method, and containing the same number of changes, were rung at Old St. Chad's in 1762, 1769 and 1770 respectively, and, in the same old tower, a peal of Grandsire Caters was successfully performed in 1772. Mr. Holt's celebrated peal of Grandsire Triples seems to have been rung for the first time in our town at St. Mary's in 1778: a peal of Treble Bob Major was rung at the Abbey in 1783; in 1798 a peal of Grandsire (eight-in) was rung at St. Mary's. Our local society of change ringers must have been in good form at that date, for in the following year (1799) they succeeded in completing a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Chad's remarkably distinguished for its fine striking; and in 1800 they surpassed themselves by the far more difficult task of ringing a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in the same tower.'

THE RINGERS OF CHEW.

AN OLD RHYME.

Here's a health to John Northcote,
And James Rendall, too,
They made a new Sconch*
For the ringers of Chew.
This new sconch was made
For to rise and to fall,
And the name of John Northcote
Shall reign above all.

In the year of 1804
This noble fine sconch
Was brought into Chew Tower,
Which made all the ringers
Rejoice and to sing,
Here's a health to John Northcote,
And God save our King.

If a Gentleman calls
This new sconch to see,
There's no harm in treating
Such ringers as we.
We can ring Bobs and Singles,
Extremes and true blues.
There's no ringers can compare
With the ringers of Chew.

Chorus:

Twinkle, dillo, Twinkle dillo, Twinkle dillo, dillo, dillo, dillo,
For he that loves a pretty girl is a jolly good fellow.

* Sconch=sconce?—a three-branched candlestick. Chorus is reminiscent of the Sussex blacksmith's song.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXETER.—On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service, at Heavitree Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Sandover 1, W. Lethbridge 2, J. Oke 3, T. Laver 4, W. Richardson 5, C. Glass 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

STONY STRATFORD.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Sunday, December 15th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: E. Yates 1, H. E. Tomkins 2, T. C. Tompkins 3, E. C. Lambert 4, W. Neale 5, W. W. Bonham 6, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 7, T. Trazler 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, December 15th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Vickers 1, H. V. Sear 2, J. Mead 3, A. Crane 4, J. Marks 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, W. Sear 8. Rung on the occasion of Mr. E. Marks' golden wedding.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, December 15th, at the Parish Church, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) by the local band in 50 mins.: F. W. Buckland 1, Miss K. E. Fletcher 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, Harry Wingrove 4, Jesse Harrison 5, W. H. Fletcher 6, R. Buckland (conductor) 7, F. Lamb 8.

SHERBORNE ABBEY, DORSET.—On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 52 mins.: S. Gallop 1, W. Lamber 2, D. Clothier 3, F. Price (conductor) 4, C. Vowles 5, J. Ellis 6, P. King 7, H. Pope 8. This was the first quarter-peal ever rung on the Abbey bells by a local band, and it was rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Canon S. H. Wingfield Digby) upon his election the previous day as chairman of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

WORKSOP.—On Advent Sunday, at the Priory Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: W. Brunt 1, Miss Ethel Winrow 2, B. Smith 3, S. Jordan 4, S. Walker 5, G. Hardwick (conductor) 6, H. Jordan 7, S. Eastland 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday, November 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Dr. W. P. Roe 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, H. Ellis 7, E. A. Hull 8.—On Sunday, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: *H. W. H. Strickland 1, *Miss P. Upsher 2, *W. J. Ellis 3, H. A. Barnett 4, J. G. Nash (first quarter in the method as conductor) 5, M. Fensom 6, N. Tomlinson 7, E. A. Hull 8. *First quarter-peal in method.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 17th, for Remembrance service, 1,024 Bob Major: S. Fisher 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, C. J. Rogers 3, G. Hayward 4, J. C. Newman 5, F. Fludder 6, L. A. Clark 7, C. Button 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 10th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Dale 1, W. Keeble (conductor) 2, G. Hayward 3, J. Elliott 4, W. Elliott 5, C. Button 6.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Sunday evening, November 10th, half-muffled for the Armistice, 720 Bob Minor: C. Everitt 1, E. Nicholls 2, H. Stopp 3, H. Jones, jun., 4, H. Jones, sen., 5, J. Stopp (conductor) 6.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, November 10th, for Armistice service, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled in 45 mins.: J. House 1, C. Field 2, W. Webb 3, J. Tossell (conductor) 4, F. Tossell 5, E. Tossell 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: D. Adams 1, H. Robinson 2, Wm. Bavin 3, R. Thoday 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

AVERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: C. Hughes 1, W. Williams 2, W. Nulton 3, E. Stith 4, C. Mathers 5, F. E. Stone 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles in 46 mins.: M. Johnson 1, A. Waddington 2, W. Henniker 3, W. Good 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, A. Foreman 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for the festival of 'the harvest of the sea,' at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. H. Taffender 1, A. F. Petrie (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, E. J. King (conductor) 3, W. D. Grainger 4, J. Waugh 5, F. W. Thornton 6, W. Rogers 7, E. J. Brown 8. Also after morning and before and after evening service, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were rung, in which Messrs. W. Hardy, T. Wyatt, E. J. Moye, A. Cutmore, G. Dawson, A. Prior, E. D. Smith, G. Cross, E. Garrard, W. Bullen, G. Card, G. Gilbert, J. R. Gammon and W. Armstrong took part.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, October 20th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, F. J. Lewis, sen., 2, A. W. Bond 3, H. C. Bond 4, H. S. Parsons 5, H. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8. For evening service at the Parish Church, two courses of Grandsire Cinques: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis, jun., 2, H. L. Cook 3, A. W. Bond 4, F. J. Lewis, sen., 5, H. S. Parsons 6, J. C. Eden 7, F. E. Collins (Croydon) 8, H. C. Bond 9, H. Lewis 10, W. H. Hayward 11, F. Edwards 12.

THE BELLS OF ST. CLEMENT'S**RINGING DEFENDED AMONG NOISES OF LONDON.**

The bells of St. Clement Danes, London, have recently come under the lash of those who object to bellringing. One London newspaper gave great prominence to the complaint made against them, and the Rector, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, who is one of the best clerical friends that ringers have in London, has spiritedly defended the ringing.

The 'Daily Telegraph' has taken up the cudgels on behalf of the bells, and in a leading article said:—

'The bells of St. Clement's are famous, not only in the nursery rhyme, but in fact. Seven of the ten date from William III.'s day, and their music is sweet. Yet it appears that some of the few neighbouring residents object to their ringing. Bells, they think, are to be unheard as well as unseen. Barristers poring over their briefs by lamplight are disturbed by the pealing from St. Clement's spire. They do not share Trotty Veck's awed admiration for the deep, strong melody that Dickens has described so well in "The Chimes." They have no sympathy with the ancient and peculiarly English art of change ringing which the Rector of St. Clement Danes has encouraged at his church. Grandsires, Treble Bobs, and Plain Bobs are all equally abhorrent to them.

'There is no arguing with the indignant Templars who dislike church bells, but accept the roar of the street traffic as a matter of course. It may be suggested, however, that the evening peals which five Guilds of change ringers perform on Saturday afternoons and on occasional evenings at St. Clement's are so exceptional in modern London as to deserve encouragement rather than reproof. Travellers who have heard the nightly carillon in the towns of Belgium and Northern France often regret the silence of our London belfries, save for the Abbey. Many a good peal of bells, handed down from generations that delighted in their aerial melodies, hangs neglected. When there are enthusiasts who like the skilled team-work and hard exercise of change ringing, it would be a pity to deter them. London is noisy enough, in all conscience, but it would not willingly part with the bells of St. Clement's.'

The Rector, writing to the 'Daily Telegraph,' said: 'Having regard to what has appeared elsewhere, I think, in all fairness to our beautiful bells and to the public, it is due from me to say that I have had no complaints, written or verbal, from any resident of the Temple, excepting just one instance, which was settled most amiably, or from any of his Majesty's Judges at the Royal Courts of Justice, during the nineteen years that I have been Rector. On the contrary, when the famous peal was silent, some years before 1919, I found that these renowned bells had so many admirers, both far and near, that there was no difficulty whatever, in a very short space of time, in providing a new steel frame, which had become necessary in order that the London public could hear them again. The late Queen Alexandra set the bells ringing after this long period of silence, and the subscribers included some of his Majesty's judges and several residents of the Temple.'

BISHOP AND RINGERS.

A visit by the Bishop of Guildford to Haslemere on Thursday, December 19th, for the dedication of an organ, which an anonymous donor has given to the Parish Church, provided an opportunity for a small but happy gathering of ringers who met there to pay the usual compliment due to a prince of the Church when visiting in his own diocese.

Several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung before and after the dedication service, the following ringers being present: Messrs. A. Furlonger, B. Elliot, F. Bowden, R. Overy, J. H. B. Hesse, W. Eldridge and R. Hayes, of the local band, Messrs. A. J. Bartlett, Chiddingfold, W. and R. Melville, A. H. Pulling and C. Hazelden, Guildford.

After the service, the Bishop visited the ringing chamber and expressed his surprise and pleasure in finding a full company of ringers able to be present for a mid-week function. His Lordship concluded by wishing the ringers every success and happiness in their work for the Church.

A. C. H.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 21st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. H. Stebbings 1, T. Ringrose 2, S. Bigmore 3, W. G. Gridley 4, H. S. Barker (conductor) 5, H. Stebbings 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Thursday, November 14th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: W. Smoothey 1, L. Lilley 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, L. Flitton 4, R. Clements 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, A. Lilley 8. First quarter-peal by treble and 2nd ringers.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, November 13th, two 720's Grandsire Doubles, each in 24 mins. First 720: G. Palmer 1, E. Picton (first on a working bell) 2, A. V. Good 3, R. Bruce 4, F. Tompkins 5, C. J. Henley (conductor) 6. Second 720: R. Bruce 1, G. Palmer 2, C. J. Henley 3, A. V. Good 4, F. Tompkins (first 720 as conductor) 5, E. Picton 6.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met 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 Jan. 2nd, 16th, 30th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, or the Coffee Pot 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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch. — A special meeting, following the augmentation, will be held at Radstock on Saturday, Dec. 28th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, Bath.

RADSTOCK, Somt.—Ringers' opening day, Saturday, Dec. 28th, of the augmented peal of six hung with modern fittings in a new oak bell frame by Taylors, of Loughborough.

TILSWORTH, Beds.—Dedication of the recast and augmented peal of six peals hung with modern fittings in new cast-iron framework by Taylors, of Loughborough, is to take place on Sunday, Dec. 29th, at 6 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Wednesday, Jan. 1st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me not later than the 30th inst. All ringers welcome.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at the Cathedral, Derby. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in belfry. A good attendance is desired. Seats can be reserved and tea obtained at King's Café, St. Peter's Street, on notice being given in the belfry during the afternoon. — George Freebrey, Local Sec., 81, Roe Street.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4th, in the belfry of St. Martin's Church. Business to commence punctually at 5.30 p.m. Bells available later.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — The first meeting of the year 1930 will be held at Thurleigh (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Bedford.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Jan. 4th. The following bells are available: St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James' (6). Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Guild service at St. James' Church 4.40. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting, in St. James' Parish Room. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Dersingham on Saturday, Jan. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting in Parish Room.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlington on Jan. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 4.30. Meeting follows. — Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The usual arrangements. Trams pass church. Everyone welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 4 o'clock. Unveiling of peal tablet by Rev. P. McCormick at 4.30. Meeting in Church House at 7. Tea will be provided to all who send me a postcard not later than Jan. 6th.—J. Sparrow, Sec., 5, Bandon Rise, Wallington, Surrey.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Ninth Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d., now available from Messrs. Walker (Birmingham), Tanner (Weston), Hawkins (London), Grant (Bath), Austin (Gloucester), all Bristol tower officials, or direct from the hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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In honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Stopp, of Maids Moreton, Bucks, and Miss D. Whitehead, which took place on Saturday, December 7th, at Maids Moreton, a 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the local band, after the ceremony: H. Jones, sen., 1, H. Jones, jun., 2, C. Everett 3, W. Jones 4, H. Stopp (conductor) 5, T. Jones 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor, at Hemel Hempstead, on Thursday evening, December 12th, in 26 mins., with tenor behind: F. Tompkins 1, H. Gates 2, W. Shepherd 3, J. Floyd 4, H. Golding 5, A. V. Good (conductor) 6, E. J. Wynn 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EXETER.—At St. David's, for Confirmation service, on December 11th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) by St. David's Society: W. Webber 1, W. Lethbridge (conductor) 2, J. Hopkins 3, C. Carter 4, A. W. Searle 5, F. Gardner 6, F. J. Davey 7, W. Bewes 8.

MAISEYHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Thursday, November 28th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: E. Smith 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, H. Barnfield 3, H. Prophet 4, H. Day 5, G. Pearce 6. First quarter-peak since the 5th was recast, and all six hung with new fittings and ball bearings. All are Sunday service ringers except the conductor.

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